



WLDG 1430 - Introduction to Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) 101,102 Course Syllabus

Description

A study of the principles of gas metal arc welding, setup and use of Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) equipment and safe use of tools and equipment. Instruction in various joint designs.

Credits 4

Lecture Hours 3

Lab Hours 2

Extended Hours 0

Contact Hours 80

State Approval Code 48.0508

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Semester/Year Fall 2025

Meeting Time and Location

T9=1:10 TR 1:15-3:20

Alternate Operations During Campus Closure

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, it may be necessary for Panola College to move to altered operations. During this time, Panola College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to: online learning management system (CANVAS), online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Panola College's website (www.panola.edu) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, CANVAS for each class for course-specific communication, and Panola College email for important general information.

Student Basic Needs

Unexpected circumstances may arise, but Panola College offers various resources to support students. If you need mental health services or are facing challenges with transportation, affording class materials and supplies, or accessing food regularly—issues that may impact your class performance—please visit panola.edu/resources.

Class Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance of classes and laboratories is required of all students. When a student has been ill or absent from class for approved extracurricular activities, he or she should be allowed, as far as possible, to make up for the missed work. If a student has not actively participated by the census date, they will be dropped by the instructor for non-attendance. This policy applies to courses that are in-person, online, hybrid, and hybrid.

Attendance in online courses is determined by submission of an assignment or participation in an activity. According to federal guidelines, simply logging into a distance learning course without participating in an academic assignment does not constitute attendance. Distance learning is defined as when a majority (more than 50%) of instruction occurs when the instructor and students are in separate physical locations. Students must engage in an academic activity prior to the course census date.

When an instructor feels that a student has been absent to such a degree as to invalidate the learning experience, the instructor may recommend to the Vice President of Instruction that the student be withdrawn from the course. Instructors may seek to withdraw students for non-attendance after they have accumulated the following number of absences:

Fall or spring semesters:

3 or more class meeting times per week - 5 absences

2 class meeting times per week - 3 absences

1 class meeting per week - 2 absences

The student is responsible for seeing that he or she has been officially withdrawn from a class. A student who stops attendance in a class without officially withdrawing from that class will be given a failing grade; consequently, the student must follow official withdrawal procedures in the Admissions/Records Office.

Please note: Health Science and Cosmetology courses may require more stringent attendance policies based on their accreditation agencies. Please see the addendum and/or program handbook for further information concerning attendance.

Pregnant/Parenting Policy

Panola College welcomes pregnant and parenting students as a part of the student body. This institution is committed to providing support and adaptations for a successful educational experience for pregnant and parenting students. Students experiencing a need for accommodations related to pregnancy or parenting will find a Pregnancy and Parenting Accommodations Request form in the Student Handbook or may request the form from the course instructor.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Course Policy

Use of generated AI Permitted under some classroom circumstances with permission.

There are situations throughout the course where you may be asked to use artificial intelligence (AI) tools to explore how they can be used. Outside of those circumstances, you should not use AI tools to generate content that will end up in any student work (assignments, activities, discussion responses, etc.). In such cases for Option #2, no more than 25% of the student work should be generated by AI. Use of any AI-generated content in this course without the instructor's consent qualifies as academic dishonesty and violates Panola College's standards of academic integrity.

Instructional Goals and Purposes

The purpose of this course is to...

Describe welding positions with various joint designs on plate; describe the effects of welding parameters in GMAW; apply safety rules; troubleshoot equipment used; perform visual inspection; weld various types of structural material; diagnose welding problems.

Learning Outcomes

1. Describe the more commonly used GMA welding filler metals
2. Define deposition efficiency, and tell how a welder can control the deposition rate
3. Tell how wire-feed speed is determined and what it affects
4. Discuss how the GMAW molten weld pool can be controlled by varying the shielding gas, power settings, weave pattern, travel speed, electrode extension, and gun angle.
5. List and describe the basic GMAW equipment
6. Demonstrate how to properly set up a GMA welding installation
7. Tell what must be considered when selecting the right shielding gas for a particular application
8. Evaluate weld beads made with various shielding gas mixtures.
9. Demonstrate how to properly make GMA welds in butt joints, lap joints, and tee joints in all positions that can pass the specified standard

Specific Course Objectives (includes SCANS)

After studying all materials and resources presented in the course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the more commonly used GMA welding filler metals (1ai, 1aii, 1aiii, 1aiv, 1av, 1bi, 1bii, 1biii, 1bv, 1bvi, 1ci, 1cii, 1ciii, 1civ, 1cv, 2ai, 2aii, 2aiii, 1aiv, 2bi, 2bii, 2biii, 2bv, 2bvi, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii, 2civ, 2di, 2dii, 2diii, 2ei, 2eii, 2eiii)
2. Define deposition efficiency, and tell how a welder can control the deposition rate (1 ai, 1aii, 1aiii, 1aiv, 1av, 1bi, 1bii, 1biii, 1bv, 1bvi, 1ci, 1cii, 1ciii, 1civ, 1cv, 2ai, 2aii, 2aiii, 1aiv, 2bi, 2bii, 2biii, 2bv, 2bvi, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii, 2civ, 2di, 2dii, 2diii, 2ei, 2eii, 2eiii)
3. Discuss how the GMAW molten weld pool can be controlled by varying the shielding gas, power settings, weave pattern, travel speed, electrode extension, and gun angle. (1ai, 1aii, 1aiii, 1aiv, 1av, 1bi, 1bii, 1biii, 1bv, 1bvi, 1ci, 1cii, 1ciii, 1civ, 1cv, 2ai, 2aii, 2aiii, 1aiv, 2bi, 2bii, 2biii, 2bv, 2bvi, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii, 2civ, 2di, 2dii, 2diii, 2ei, 2eii, 2eiii)
4. List and describe the basic GMAW equipment (1ai, 1aii, 1aiii, 1aiv, 1av, 1bi, 1bii, 1biii, 1bv, 1bvi, 1ci, 1cii, 1ciii, 1civ, 1cv, 2ai, 2aii, 2aiii, 1aiv, 2bi, 2bii, 2biii, 2bv, 2bvi, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii, 2civ, 2di, 2dii, 2diii, 2ei, 2eii, 2eiii)
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6. Demonstrate how to properly set up a GMA welding installation (1ai, 1aii, 1aiii, 1aiv, 1av, 1bi, 1bii, 1biii, 1bv, 1bvi, 1ci, 1cii, 1ciii, 1civ, 1cv, 2ai, 2aii, 2aiii, 1aiv, 2bi, 2bii, 2biii, 2bv, 2bvi, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii, 2civ, 2di, 2dii, 2diii, 2ei, 2eii, 2eiii)
7. Evaluate weld beads made with various shielding gas mixtures (1ai, 1aii, 1aiii, 1aiv, 1av, 1bi, 1bii, 1biii, 1bv, 1bvi, 1ci, 1cii, 1ciii, 1civ, 1cv, 2ai, 2aii, 2aiii, 1aiv, 2bi, 2bii, 2biii, 2bv, 2bvi, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii, 2civ, 2di, 2dii, 2diii, 2ei, 2eii, 2eiii)
8. Evaluate weld beads made with various shielding gas mixtures (1ai, 1aii, 1aiii, 1aiv, 1av, 1bi, 1bii, 1biii, 1bv, 1bvi, 1ci, 1cii, 1ciii, 1civ, 1cv, 2ai, 2aii, 2aiii, 1aiv, 2bi, 2bii, 2biii, 2bv, 2bvi, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii, 2civ, 2di, 2dii, 2diii, 2ei, 2eii, 2eiii)
9. Demonstrate how to properly make GMA welds in butt joints, lap joints, and tee joints in all positions that can pass the specified standard (1ai, 1aii, 1aiii, 1aiv, 1av, 1bi, 1bii, 1biii, 1bv, 1bvi, 1ci, 1cii, 1ciii, 1civ, 1cv, 2ai, 2aii, 2aiii, 1aiv, 2bi, 2bii, 2biii, 2bv, 2bvi, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii, 2civ, 2di, 2dii, 2diii, 2ei, 2eii, 2eiii)

Course Content

A general description of lecture/discussion topics included in this course are listed in the Learning Objectives / Specific Course Objectives sections of this syllabus.

Students in all sections of this course will be required to do the following:

1. Students will study assigned materials and complete quizzes and exams to assess understanding and comprehension.
2. Students will complete all lab assignments as scheduled and all students are required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the lab.

Methods of Instruction/Course Format/Delivery

Students in traditional, hybrid and Internet classes will have access to courses via Canvas. Students in the traditional class will meet regularly for lecture. Students in the Internet class will be required to take quizzes and exams at an approved testing facility or, they may also be administered by the instructor. Students in hybrid classes will have both in class and online assignments. Hybrid classes are required to read assigned material, take quizzes and exams as assigned by instructor, and complete assigned homework prior to meeting for the face to face labs. Resources for this course, provided through Canvas, include the following Sections in Canvas...

- Modules: Chapter study materials, self-assessment exercises, quizzes and exams
- Announcements and Recent Activities List: Instructor Announcements
- Inbox: Email (to communicate with instructor and classmates inside Canvas)
- Grades: Student grades
- Other sections, as assigned by the Instructor: Students in both the traditional and Internet classes should use the People feature within Canvas (includes Canvas Email) to communicate with the instructor. Using Canvas Email located in the "In Box" menu, gives the student access to the instructor and other classmates without having to remember or type email addresses; the student just selects a name from the list. The instructor will attempt to respond to all Canvas email within 24 hours. For

example, if a student makes an appointment with the instructor through Canvas email to take an exam, the instructor will reply to the student's Canvas email – if the instructor does not reply within the time needed, call the instructor's at his or her office. Please, always include in the subject line of the Canvas email, the student's name, course number and course section number.

Major Assignments/Assessments

The following items are assigned and assessed during the semester and used to calculate the student's final grade.

Assignments

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EXAMS

Multiple exams may be given during the semester with the final exam being cumulative in one or two parts, will assess the students various skills and may include lab exercises.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Students are expected to attend face to face classes and labs, and be on time. Students are also required to participate with other students during class exercises. Students are expected to attend face to face classes and labs, and be on time. Students are also required to participate with other students during class exercises. Attendance is based on the student missing no more than 10% out of the semester without a valid excuse. After the 10% the instructor may withdraw the student at their discretion. Any student thirty or more minutes late will be counted absent. Students that leave before class is

QUIZZES

After working through the chapter or chapters and completing the assignments, the student will take online or paper quizzes over the chapters studied. Quizzes will generally contain True/False, Multiple Choice, Matching and/or Fill In-The-Blank questions.

ASSIGNMENTS

Students are provided with step-by-step instructions for completing each assignment. Assignments may include laboratory exercises, case studies, team-group assignments and other instructor assigned work. The student may be required to compile and turn in a notebook containing the completed performance sheets along with the student's tabulated data or as otherwise directed by the instructor. Throughout the semester there will be lab exercises both virtual and hands on.

Assessments

Assessments

Grading Notes:

(Late Assignments are subject to an automatic 5% deduction for each day the assignment is late)

Missed Exams: Missed exams due to legitimate reasons should be taken prior to the reporting of mid-term or final grades as applicable. It is the responsibility of the student to reschedule the makeup with the instructor. The Instructor reserves the right to change the test format of any makeup. Instructors are not required to makeup work for an unexcused class absence. The Instructor also reserves the right to give full or partial credit for any makeup work that is allowed and that resulted from an unexcused absence.

Missed Quizzes: Missed quizzes due to legitimate reasons should be rescheduled within one week of the scheduled quiz or a date assigned by the Instructor. It is the responsibility of the student to reschedule makeup quizzes. The Instructor reserves the right to change the test format of the makeup quiz. Instructor is not required to makeup work for unexcused class absences. Instructor reserves the right to give full or partial credit for any make up work that is allowed and that resulted from an unexcused absence.

Attendance: Attendance is based on the student missing no more than 10% out of the semester without a valid excuse. After the 10% the instructor may withdraw the student at their discretion. Any student thirty or more minutes late will be counted absent. Students that leave before class is dismissed will be counted absent. The Instructor reserves the right to dock points for any missed class without a legitimate excuse.

Missed Lab Exercises: Students will have one day out of the semester assigned by the instructor to make up any lab exercises missed due to the student being absent for legitimate reasons. Instructors are not required to make up work for unexcused class absences. Instructors reserve the right to give full or partial credit for makeup work that is given because of unexcused absences.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism shall be defined as appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift or obtaining by any other means, another person's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own written work. All papers submitted to Canvas will be scanned with *turnitin.com* and the instructor reserves the right to dock points based on the results.

Cheating: Cheating on a test shall include:

- a. Copying from another student's test
- b. Using test materials not authorized by the person administering the test
- c. Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test without permission from the test administrator
- d. Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an unadministered test.
- e. The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the unadministered test.
- f. Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for one's self, to take a test.
- g. Bribing another person to obtain an unadministered test or information about an unadministered test
Absolutely no cheating is tolerated.
- h. If a student is observed cheating they will be sent home immediately counted absent and given a zero on the assignment they were cheating on.

Safety: All students are required in lab exercises to bring and wear the proper PPE as instructed by your instructor. Failure to do so will result in one warning; if a student continues to violate safety rules the student will be sent home and counted absent.

Class Conduct: All cell phones should be turned off in all classes. If you must receive a call notify your instructor and step out of the the classroom. No cell phones are allowed during testing. No disruptive behavior is allowed in class; if a student is being disruptive as determined by the instructor one warning will be given. If behavior persist student will be sent home and counted absent.

Course Grade

The grading scale for this course is as follows:

Category Percentage:

Exams = 20%

Quizzes and Assignments = 60%

Attendance = 20%

Texts Materials, and Supplies

Texts, Materials, and Supplies:

- Welding Skills 5th Edition
- Leather Gloves
- Welding Hood
- Safety Glass
- Leather Boots
- Long Sleeve Denim Shirt
- Notepad

Required Readings

Welding Skills 5th Edition

Other

- Courses conducted via video conferencing may be recorded and shared for instructional purposes by the instructor.
- For current texts and materials, use the following link to access bookstore listings: <https://www.panolacollegestore.com>.
- For testing services, use the following link: <https://www.panola.edu/student-services/studentssupport/academic-testing-center>.
- The Accommodations & Disability Support (A&DS) Office at Panola College provides and facilitates support services and accommodations for students with disabilities. The A&DS office works under the federal guidelines included in Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act. Please contact the Accommodations & Disability Support (A&DS) Office located in the Charles C. Matthews Student Center or go to <https://www.panola.edu/disabilitysupport> for more information.
- Withdrawing from a course is the student's responsibility. Students who do not attend class and who do not withdraw will receive the grade earned for the course.
- Student Handbook: <https://www.panola.edu/> (located on at the bottom under student)

SCANS Criteria

1. Foundation skills are defined in three areas: basic skills, thinking skills, and personal qualities.
 1. Basic Skills: A worker must read, write, perform arithmetic and mathematical operations, listen, and speak effectively. These skills include:
 1. Reading: locate, understand, and interpret written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.
 2. Writing: communicate thoughts, ideas, information, and messages in writing, and create documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.
 3. Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations: perform basic computations and approach practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.
 4. Listening: receive, attend to, interpret, and respond to verbal messages and other cues.
 5. Speaking: Organize ideas and communicate orally.
 2. Thinking Skills: A worker must think creatively, make decisions, solve problems, visualize, know how to learn, and reason effectively. These skills include:
 1. Creative Thinking: generate new ideas.
 2. Decision Making: specify goals and constraints, generate alternatives, consider risks, and evaluate and choose the best alternative.
 3. Problem Solving: recognize problems and devise and implement plan of action.
 4. Visualize ("Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye"): organize and process symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.
 5. Knowing How to Learn: use efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.
 6. Reasoning: discover a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and apply it when solving a problem.
 3. Personal Qualities: A worker must display responsibility, self-esteem, sociability, self management, integrity, and honesty.
 1. Responsibility: exert a high level of effort and persevere toward goal attainment.
 2. Self-Esteem: believe in one's own self-worth and maintain a positive view of oneself.
 3. Sociability: demonstrate understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy, and politeness in group settings.
 4. Self-Management: assess oneself accurately, set personal goals, monitor progress, and exhibit self-control.
 5. Integrity and Honesty: choose ethical courses of action.
2. Workplace competencies are defined in five areas: resources, interpersonal skills, information, systems, and technology.
 1. Resources: A worker must identify, organize, plan, and allocate resources effectively.
 1. Time: select goal-relevant activities, rank them, allocate time, and prepare and follow schedules.

2. Money: Use or prepare budgets, make forecasts, keep records, and make adjustments to meet objectives.
3. Material and Facilities: Acquire, store, allocate, and use materials or space efficiently. Examples: construct a decision timeline chart; use computer software to plan a project; prepare a budget; conduct a cost/benefits analysis; design an RFP process; write a job description; develop a staffing plan.
2. Interpersonal Skills: A worker must work with others effectively.
 1. Participate as a Member of a Team: contribute to group effort.
 2. Teach Others New Skills.
 3. Serve Clients/Customers: work to satisfy customer's expectations.
 4. Exercise Leadership: communicate ideas to justify position, persuade and convince others, responsibly challenge existing procedures and policies.
 5. Negotiate: work toward agreements involving exchange of resources, resolve divergent interests.
 6. Work with Diversity: work well with men and women from diverse backgrounds. Examples: collaborate with a group member to solve a problem; work through a group conflict situation, train a colleague; deal with a dissatisfied customer in person; select and use appropriate leadership styles; use effective delegation techniques; conduct an individual or team negotiation; demonstrate an understanding of how people from different cultural backgrounds might behave in various situations.
3. Information: A worker must be able to acquire and use information.
 1. Acquire and Evaluate Information.
 2. Organize and Maintain Information.
 3. Interpret and Communicate Information.
 4. Use Computers to Process Information. Examples: research and collect data from various sources; develop a form to collect data; develop an inventory record-keeping system; produce a report using graphics; make an oral presentation using various media; use on-line computer databases to research a report; use a computer spreadsheet to develop a budget.
4. Systems: A worker must understand complex interrelationships.
 1. Understand Systems: know how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operate effectively with them.
 2. Monitor and Correct Performance: distinguish trends, predict impacts on system operations, diagnose deviations in systems' performance and correct malfunctions.
 3. Improve or Design Systems: suggest modifications to existing systems and develop new or alternative systems to improve performance. Examples: draw and interpret an organizational chart; develop a monitoring process; choose a situation needing improvement, break it down, examine it, propose an improvement, and implement it.
5. Technology: A worker must be able to work with a variety of technologies.
 1. Select Technology: choose procedures, tools or equipment including computers and related technologies.
 2. Apply Technologies to Task: understand overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.
 3. Maintain and Troubleshoot Equipment: Prevent, identify, or solve problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies. Examples: read equipment descriptions and technical specifications to select equipment to meet needs; set up and assemble appropriate equipment from instructions; read and follow directions for troubleshooting and repairing equipment.