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Honors Clean Energy Systems Course Syllabus

Fall 2019

1 credit

Room 104

Planning : 6B & 8B

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course focuses on training students in the foundational concepts of alternative energy production and natural resource efficiency—no prior knowledge or experience is required. The Honors Clean Energy Systems course requires students to engage in authentic and realistic work assignments they might encounter in the workplace. Students will be engaged in a variety of challenging projects designed to prepare them for the workforce and for a variety of options for training and college after high school. The course will require the completion of varied learning activities that apply both technical and academic—reading, writing, mathematics and science—knowledge and skills to complete complex workplace-related projects. Students will regularly collect, interpret, and analyze data from numerous sources as well as acquire technical background information, prepare written journals, and make reflective oral presentations. Assessments will be differentiated to meet honors level expectations. Additionally, Honors specific assignments will be given throughout the duration of the course and require the student to read and report on a nonfiction book, keep a journal of current issues related to Clean Energy, attend approved presentations/lectures, and report on relevant news articles.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

Enrollment in the Honors Clean Energy Systems course carries the expectation that you plan to continue in the Advanced Career Clean Energy Technology sequence of courses, the sequence is as follows:

Semester 2: Honors Clean Energy Applications

Semester 3: Honors Clean Energy Strategies

Semester 4: Honors Clean Energy Innovations

*Students must earn a passing grade in Honors Clean Energy Systems to continue to Honors Clean Energy Applications

MATERIALS: (please bring to class each day)

3 ring binder (at least 1" is recommended)

Flash drive (first one will be provided)

Composition notebook with lined pages (first one will be provided)

Calculator with scientific notation and logarithmic function (graphing is fine)

Both pencils and pens

Honors Textbook: Renewable Energy: Power for a Sustainable Future, 3rd Edition by Godfrey Boyle

FEES: \$50.00 per course

SREB

MAJOR CURRICULAR TOPICS & PROJECT TITLES:

- Project 1: Motors & Generators
- Project 2: Solar Panel Design & Manufacturing
- Project 3: Solar Hot Water Heater
- Project 4: Biodiesel & Sustainability
- Project 5: Wind Turbine Blade Design
- Project 6: Drip Irrigation (required)



GRADING SYSTEM:

The **grading system** for Lexington Richland District Five:

A	90 – 100
B	80 – 89
C	70 – 79
D	60 – 69
F	0 – 59

50% Major Assignments (Project Reports & Presentations)

30% Minor Assignments (Quizzes, Activities, Homework, & Engineering Notebooks)

20% Employability Evaluations

Students will primarily work in two or three member teams, but are expected to complete individual assignments related to the team's work. Just like teams in the workplace, Honors Clean Energy Systems team members are collectively and individually responsible for the success of the overall project and for each member on the team mastering related academic and technical content. Students will be asked to participate in the evaluation of their own work as well as other's work using scoring guidelines provided by the instructor.

Parents will be informed of student achievement through graded work, interim and nine weeks grade reports, and periodic phone calls. I highly recommend students and their parents/guardians regularly check up-to-date student progress/grades through the PowerSchool Parent Portal system found on the district website. With this system you have the ability to register to receive regularly emailed progress notifications and the system can be accessed conveniently from any computer with an internet connection.

Since employers, customers and the public expect employees to take responsibility for doing things correctly and timely, as Honors Clean Energy Systems students you will be held to high expectations regarding quality of work and personal behavior. You are expected to arrive to class on time with all necessary materials. You are expected to take advantage of opportunities to redo major assignments until they meet standards which may sometimes require before or after school tutoring and academic assistance sessions.

MISSED WORK:

All assignments that are missed due to illness or other reasons must be made-up with two weeks of the absence. It is the student's responsibility to obtain all missed assignments and make-up work upon return to school. Most make-up work will require students to come before or after school to get caught up. Please plan to cancel or reschedule all extra-curricular, athletic, or club-related activities and place academic make-up work as the highest priority. Any work that is not completed after two weeks of the absence will be recorded as a zero. Since many of the projects require several class days, completion due dates are FIRM and late assignments will not be accepted for credit. The Center does not offer any type of attendance make-up for extensive absences.

REMIND:

Students and parents have the option to sign up for free text message and/or email notifications while enrolled in this course. This is optional, but notifications from the instructor will include important updates, changes, and reminders throughout the semester. You will be given a handout with instructions during the first class if you wish to utilize this free service.

THE ENGINEERING NOTEBOOK:

Students will be required to keep an updated Engineering Notebook for the duration of this course. This bound journal contains all written documentation as a student progresses through the research, design, and implementation of the course projects. The notebook will contain ideas & notes, data, observations, calculations, sources, and other relevant information concerning the experiment being conducted. A handout detailing the guidelines of the Engineering Notebook will be given to students on the first day so that it may be referenced throughout the semester.

PLAGARISM:

The Academic Honesty Policy is being implemented to ensure that students submit credible work that is evident of their content mastery. Students should seek to be totally honest in their dealings with others. They should complete their own work and be evaluated based upon its originality. They should avoid academic dishonesty and misconduct in all its forms, including plagiarism, fabrication or falsification, cheating, and other academic misconduct.

STANDARDS:

Standards for this course are taken from *National Science Standards*, *English Language Arts Common Core College & Career-Readiness Standards*, *Mathematics Common Core College & Career-Readiness Standards*, *Career and Technical Standards*, *Standards for 21st Century Skills*, and *Standards for All Aspects of Industry Attributes* and are available upon request.

GENERAL POLICIES:

CLASSROOM/ LABORATORY RULES:

1. **Be Here!** Do what you know is right!
2. Bring all classroom materials and a **good attitude** to class with you each day.
3. **Be ready** to learn when the bell rings.
4. **Respect** yourself, your classmates, and your school.
5. Wear your **safety equipment** at all required times. This includes correct shoes, labcoat, & eye protection
6. Do not speak out of turn - **Raise your hand** if you would like to speak.
7. **No food, drink, candy, gum, or cell phones.** This includes the classroom & laboratory.
8. **Display personal integrity at all times** – Be honest and do not plagiarize.
9. **Pull your own weight!** We will be doing a lot of group work – do your part as you would in a professional facility.
10. **Stay on task** when using district laptop computer or iPad!

Consequences of Non-compliance

1. Verbal Warning
2. Teacher – Student Conference after Class
3. Parent notification
4. Director/Assistant Director Involvement

Immediate parent phone call or referral to Director/Assistant Director may be needed for extreme disrespect, cheating, fighting, profanity, disruptions and for alcohol/tobacco offenses.



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LAB SAFETY POLICIES

PREPARE FOR LABORATORY WORK

- Study laboratory procedures prior to class.
- Be aware of safety factors before beginning daily activities in the lab.
- Never perform unauthorized experiments or use lab equipment inappropriately.
- Keep your lab table organized and free of apparel, books, and other clutter.
- Know the locations of, and how to use the safety shower, eyewash, fire blanket and first aid kit.

DRESS FOR LABORATORY WORK

- Wear closed-toe shoes and lab aprons/coats during laboratory activities as requested.
- Wear safety goggles during all required laboratory sessions.
- Wear gloves when using chemicals or handling materials that irritate or can be absorbed through skin.

AVOID CONTACT WITH CHEMICALS

- Never taste or "sniff" items in the laboratory setting.
- Never draw materials in a pipette with your mouth.
- Food or drink should never be around lab substances or equipment.
- Never carry dangerous chemicals or hot equipment near other people.

AVOID HAZARDS

- Never distract another student who is performing an experiment.
No roaming during a lab. Remain at your assigned lab table.
- Keep combustibles away from open flames.
- Use caution if handling hot glassware.
- Soldering irons should remain in stands when not in use.
- Keep water away from all electronics and power equipment.
- Turn off electrical equipment when not in use.
- Keep caps on reagent bottles. Never switch caps.
- Always read labels before using reagents.

CLEAN UP

- Leave laboratory bench clean and neat. Return goggles, aprons, & labcoats to proper area.
- Consult teacher for proper disposal of chemicals & other waste laboratory material.
- Wash hands thoroughly following experiments.

IN CASE OF ACCIDENT

- Report all accidents and spills immediately.
- Place broken glass in designated containers.
- Wash all acids and bases from your skin immediately with plenty of running water.
- If chemicals get in your eyes, wash them for at least 15 minutes at eyewash.



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Honors Enrichment Agreement

- Assessments will be differentiated to meet honors level expectations. For example, tests may include additional essay questions or more analytical questions than those receiving CP credit.
- Read a nonfiction book and complete corresponding assignments. This year's book choice is Plan B 4.0 Mobilizing to Save Civilization by Lester R. Brown.
- Keep a journal of current issues, problems, or areas of interest throughout course. This journal is to aide you in selecting a research topic in the future.
- Identify four current issues topics related to Clean Energy Development or Energy Conservation.
 - read and cite at least two articles on each topic
 - write summary
 - present one of the four to the class
- Attend two approved presentations/lectures that relate to Clean Energy and write reflections. Universities frequently have featured speakers that you can attend.

I understand that by enrolling in Honors Clean Energy Systems, I am agreeing to the commitments outlined above for the entire duration of the course. Failure to comply with all of the above criteria will result in grade penalties for each missing or incomplete Honors assignment.

Student Name

Student's Signature

Date

Parent Name

Parent's Signature

Date



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Lab Safety Agreement

I, _____, agree to: (a) Follow teacher instructions, (b) Protect my eyes, face, hands and body during laboratory, (c) Conduct myself in a responsible manner at all times in the laboratory, and (d) Abide by all of the safety regulations specified above. In doing so, I also realize that failure to conduct myself in a safe manner during laboratory activities will result in the forfeiture of my laboratory privileges for that day, and result in a zero for that activity without recourse.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Syllabus Acknowledgement

I have reviewed the attached course syllabus, classroom rules, and procedures for Honors Clean Energy Systems. I understand that I/ my child must comply with the expectations.

Student signature _____

Date _____

Parent signature _____

Date _____

Parent email address: _____

Phone# _____