

Clarendon College
WLDG 1202 Fundamentals of Gas Metal Arc (MIG)

I. General Course Information

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Course Number: WLDG 1202
Course Title: Intro to Gas Metal Arc (MIG)
Credit Hours: 2-8-4

Recommended Prerequisite: None

Course Description: Intro to Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW). Includes setup and safe use of GMAW equipment as well as instruction in various basic weld joints.

End-of-Course Outcomes: Describe welding positions of basic weld joints; describe safety rules, equipment use, and basic visual inspection; and demonstrate proper welding of basic joints in the flat position.

A series of basic intellectual competencies--reading, writing, speaking, listening, critical thinking, and computer literacy--are essential to the learning process in any discipline and thus should inform any core curriculum. Although students can be expected to come to college with some experience in exercising these competencies, they often need further instruction and practice to meet college standards and, later, to succeed in both their major field of academic study and their chosen career or profession. This course will further develop the following basic intellectual competencies:

READING: Reading at the college level means the ability to analyze and interpret a variety of printed materials--books, articles, and documents. A core curriculum should offer students the opportunity to master both general methods of analyzing printed materials and specific methods for analyzing the subject matter of individual disciplines.

WRITING: Competency in writing is the ability to produce clear, correct, and coherent prose adapted to purpose, occasion, and audience. Although correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation are each a sine qua non in any composition, they do not automatically ensure that the composition itself makes sense or that the writer has much of anything to say. Students need to be familiar with the writing process including how to discover a topic and how to develop and organize it, how to phrase it effectively for their audience. These abilities can be acquired only through practice and reflection.

SPEAKING: Competence in speaking is the ability to communicate orally in clear, coherent, and persuasive language appropriate to purpose, occasion, and audience. Developing this competency includes acquiring poise and developing control of the language through experience in making presentations to small groups, to large groups, and through the media.

LISTENING: Listening at the college level means the ability to analyze and interpret various forms of spoken communication.

CRITICAL THINKING: Critical thinking embraces methods for applying both qualitative and quantitative skills analytically and creatively to subject matter in order to evaluate arguments and to construct alternative strategies. Problem solving is one of the applications of critical thinking, used to address an identified task.

COMPUTER LITERACY: Computer literacy at the college level means the ability to use computer-based technology in communicating, solving problems, and acquiring information. Core-educated students should have an understanding of the limits, problems, and possibilities associated with the use of technology, and should have the tools necessary to evaluate and learn new technologies as they become available.

II. Objectives/Terminal Objectives

All Clarendon College courses work together to meet the following objectives:

1. Establish broad and multiple perspectives on the individual in relationship to the larger society and world in which he or she lives, and to understand the responsibilities of living in a culturally and ethnically diverse world;
2. Stimulate a capacity to discuss and reflect upon individual, political, economic, and social aspects of life in order to understand ways in which to be a responsible member of society;
3. Recognize the importance of maintaining health and wellness;
4. Develop a capacity to use knowledge of how technology and science affect their lives;
5. Develop personal values for ethical behavior;
6. Develop the ability to make aesthetic judgments;
7. Use logical reasoning in problem solving; and
8. Integrate knowledge and understand the interrelationships of scholarly disciplines.

In addition, the following objectives that are specific to Intro to Gas Metal Arc (MIG) Welding will be met:

Learning Outcomes.

1. Recognize and distinguish GMAW power sources and current properties.
2. Examine and identify parts of GMAW equipment
3. Identify gasses and wires utilized for various duties.
4. Compare setup of equipment for various duties.
5. Perform GMAW with solid wire.
6. Perform GMAW with Dual Shield wires.
7. Perform FCAW Flux Cored Arc Welding

III. Textbook and Other Required Materials

Welding Technology Fundamentals Textbook

Videos: Instructor Provided

IV. Classroom Policy and Instructor Expectations

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that promotes a safe learning environment for all students. Students should participate in classroom and lab activities/discussions, complete assignments on time and be prompt to class.

The use of a cell phone during shop classes is restricted only to when an instructor is actively instructing the student. The student will be asked to turn off the phone during this period.

V. Additional/Supplemental References

None

VI. Methods of Evaluation

Attendance = 70%

Exams = 30%

Grading

90 - 100 points = A

80 - 89 points = B

70 - 79 points = C

60 - 69 points = D

Below 60 = F

VII. Attendance Requirements

Attendance at all class sessions is expected of all students. This is a significant part of instilling a good work ethic for future employers. For this reason if a student must be absent for any reason he/she will be required to notify a welding instructor(s) as soon as practical for each absence and its reason. If a student is absent from class for four unexcused absences they will be placed on the “Attendance Probation List” for the Welding Program. After six unexcused absences the student will be administratively withdrawn from the entire welding program.

Attendance Percentage		Grade
90 – 100	=	100
80 – 90	=	90
70– 80	=	80
60 – 70	=	70

VIII. Scans/Or Core Competencies That Will Be Addressed in the Class

Information:

Acquires & Evaluates Information

Interpersonal:

Teaches Others

Negotiates to Arrive at a Decision

Systems:

Understands Systems

Monitor and Correct Performance

Technology:

Select Technology

Applies Technology

Maintain and Troubleshoot Equipment

Basic Skills:

Reading

Listening

Thinking Skills:

Creative Thinking

Decision Making

Problem Solving

Reasoning

Personal Qualities:

Self-Management

IX. Next Recommended Course in Sequence—N/A

X. Correlation to Stated Mission Goals of Clarendon College

- A. Provide general college academic course for students who plan to enter senior colleges and universities with junior standing.
- B. Provide a classroom setting that is conducive to learning.
- C. Provide, assist, and promote the use of learning resources.
- D. Participate in and contribute to the democratic society in which we live.
- E. Acquire skills, facts, values, and attitudes necessary to function and contribute to our society.

XI. Grievance Policy

If you have a dispute concerning your grade or policies in this class, it is your responsibility to FIRST contact the instructor, either by e-mail or in person, to discuss the matter. Should things remain unresolved after this initial contact, please follow the procedures described in the Clarendon College Catalogue. In the vast majority of cases, the matter can be

resolved at the instructor/student level, and learning to communicate your concerns in a civilized manner is part of the college experience.

XII. Instructor's Contact Information and Office Hours

My office is located in the Clarendon College Welding & Wind Center. I will be available during posted office hours, before and after class, or contact me by phone 806-669-1632. My e-mail address is jay.anders@clarendoncollege.edu.

Special Accommodations: Please see the instructor after class or during office hours if you have a disability that requires special accommodations.

Cell Phone & Electronic Device Policy

Personal computers are allowed. Cell phones will be allowed only on high priority bases if they are set on silent vibrate. They should be answered in a manner that is not disruptive to the class. If a person's cell phone becomes a nuisance they may be asked to leave the class with no opportunity for making that class up.