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Degree: A.S. - Automotive Analysis  
 A.S. - Automotive Component Service Technician  
 A.S. - Automotive Technology

Certificates: Air Conditioning Service  
 Alternative Fuels and Green Vehicle Technology  
 Automotive Analysis  
 Automotive Component Service Technician  
 Automotive Emissions Inspection and Repair Technician  
 Automotive Service Technician  
 Automotive Technology  
 Extreme Tuner  
 Parts and Service  
 Transmission Service  
 Undercar Service

For additional Automotive programs see:  
 Automotive Collision Technology Program  
 Diesel Technology Program

The automotive technology program is a combination of classroom and hands-on shop experiences that prepare students for careers in all phases of automotive service and repair on all types of cars. Students are trained on the use of workshop manuals in traditional and computerized formats, hand held meters and scanners, and special shop tools including power and hand tools.

Highlights include:

- NATEF certified in: brakes, electrical/electronic systems, engine performance, suspension and steering, automatic transmission/transaxle, engine repair, heating and air conditioning, manual drive trains and axles.
- ASE certified instructors and programs.
- Students may begin 5-week courses 3 times during the semester.
- 5-week courses allow completion of some certificate programs in one semester.
- Small class size ensures individual attention and access to specialized equipment.
- Preparation for ASE and State Smog Certification (Emissions Control) exams.

## DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

### Automotive Analysis Degree and Certificate

Major Code, degree: 011480A01

Major Code, certificate: 011480C01

This Automotive Analysis degree and certificate prepares the student for entry level employment as a smog and driveability service technician. The program also prepares the student for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification in Engine Repair A1, Automatic Transmissions/Transaxles A2, Electrical A6, Engine Performance A8, Advanced Engine Performance L1 along with the California Enhanced Area (EA) Smog Check License.

### Student Learning Outcomes

*Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:*

- identify and implement safety procedures involved in the diagnosis, service and repair of all major automobile and light truck systems.
- describe the function, operation and characteristics of all major components in the following automotive systems: engines, automatic transmissions, electrical, air conditioning, emission control and computerized engine controls.
- identify and follow manufacture standards for proper automobile diagnosis and repair.
- operate hand and power tools necessary for automobile and light truck repair.
- operate diagnostic equipment and interpret test results.
- analyze, diagnose, and repair automotive engines, automatic transmissions, electrical systems, fuel delivery systems, ignition systems, emissions control systems and computerized engine controls.
- operate a variety of aftermarket and factory scan tools.

### Career Opportunities

Automotive Technician; Smog Check Technician

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Requirements for Degree or Certificate	41 Units
AT 100 Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional .....	4
AT 105 Mathematics for Automotive Technology.....	3
AT 180 Automotive Data Acquisition.....	3
AT 181 Snap-On Multimeter Basics.....	1
AT 186 Snap-On MODIS – Automotive Diagnostic Use and Operation.....	2
AT 188 Snap-On SOLUS– Automotive Diagnostic Use and Operation.....	1
AT 189 Snap-On VERUS – Automotive Diagnostic Use and Operation.....	2

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AT 330	Automotive Electrical Systems .....	6
AT 331	Advanced Automotive Electrical Systems .....	6
AT 332	Engine Performance & Electronic Engine Controls .....	6
AT 333	California State Smog Check Inspector Training .....	6

**A minimum of 1 unit from the following:** .....1  
 AT 298 Work Experience in Automotive Technology (1 - 4)  
 or AT 140 Advanced Automotive Skill and Speed Development (4)

**Associate Degree Requirements:** The Automotive Analysis Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

**Automotive Component Service Technician Degree and Certificate**

**Major Code, degree: 011269A01**  
**Major Code, certificate: 011269C01**

This degree or certificate prepares the student for employment repairing of various automobile components including those requiring computer technology.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

*Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:*

- diagnose and repair major automotive components.
- describe the relationships between automotive components.
- complete service and repair work to industry time and quality standards.
- follow Federal EPA guidelines for handling and use of hazardous material found in a automotive shop.
- demonstrate safe work practices in the auto shop.

**Career Opportunities**

Employment as a technician, shop foreman, service manager for new car dealers, automotive repair shops, fleet operators.

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**Requirements for Degree or Certificate 45 Units**

AT 100	Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional.....	4
AT 105	Mathematics for Automotive Technology .....	3
AT 110	Automotive Brakes.....	4
AT 130	Manual Drive Trains and Axles .....	4
AT 140	Advanced Automotive Skill and Speed Development .....	4
AT 180	Automotive Data Acquisition.....	3
AT 310	Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems.....	4
AT 311	Suspension and Steering Systems.....	4
AT 313	Automatic Transmission and Transaxles.....	4
AT 314	Automotive Engine Repair.....	4
AT 330	Automotive Electrical Systems .....	6

**A minimum of 1 unit from the following:** .....1  
 AT 298 Work Experience in Automotive Technology (1 - 4)

**Associate Degree Requirements:** The Automotive Component Service Technician Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

**Automotive Technology Degree and Certificate**

**Major Code, degree: 011037A01**  
**Major Code, certificate: 011037C01**

This program prepares students for entry-level positions in the automotive industry with emphasis on engine management systems, emission controls, and complete automotive systems diagnosis and repair. It prepares students for all nine Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications including Advanced Engine Performance (L-1). This program also fulfills the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) requirements for California State Smog Check Inspector and California State Smog Check Repair Technician test candidates.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

*Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:*

- apply algebraic and mathematical concepts essential to and for advancement in the automotive industry.
- operate equipment and tools safely.
- evaluate, adjust, test and diagnose components/system malfunctions.
- diagnose, assess and repair manual and automatic transmissions and transaxles.
- locate, download and analyze technical manuals from the Internet, cdroms, and text sources.
- analyze, diagnose, and repair automotive electrical and electronic systems to ASE performance level.
- diagnose, trouble shoot, and repair basic Air-Conditioning (AC) Systems.
- diagnose, disassemble, inspect, clean and reassemble components of the steering and suspension system.
- analyze, diagnose, and repair engines to ASE performance levels.
- analyze, and repair fuel injection systems to ASE standards.
- diagnose engine emission control systems to ASE standards.
- prepare for the state EA smog certification.

See [losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011037C01](http://losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011037C01) for Gainful Employment Disclosure.

**Requirements for Degree or Certificate 59 Units**

AT 100	Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional .....	4
AT 105	Mathematics for Automotive Technology .....	3
AT 110	Automotive Brakes .....	4
AT 130	Manual Drive Trains and Axles .....	4
AT 180	Automotive Data Acquisition .....	3
AT 310	Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems .....	4
AT 311	Suspension and Steering Systems .....	4
AT 313	Automatic Transmission and Transaxles .....	4
AT 314	Automotive Engine Repair .....	4
AT 330	Automotive Electrical Systems .....	6
AT 331	Advanced Automotive Electrical Systems .....	6
AT 332	Engine Performance & Electronic Engine Controls .....	6
AT 333	California State Smog Check Inspector Training .....	6

**A minimum of 1 unit from the following:** .....1  
 AT 298 Work Experience in Automotive Technology (1 - 4)  
 or AT 140 Advanced Automotive Skill and Speed Development (4)

**Associate Degree Requirements:** The Automotive Technology Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

## Air Conditioning Service Certificate

Major Code: 011315C01

This certificate program prepares the student for an entry level position in the automotive industry. This program also prepares the student for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification in Air Conditioning A-7.

### Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- identify and implement safety procedures involved in the service and repair of Automotive Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems.
- describe the function, operation and characteristics of each component in automotive HVAC systems.
- operate diagnostic equipment and interpret results from the equipment.
- diagnose automotive HVAC systems including manual, semi-automatic, and automatic.
- repair automotive HVAC systems including manual, semi-automatic, and automatic.
- diagnose engine cooling systems.
- repair engine cooling systems.
- follow Federal EPA guidelines for the handling and use of refrigerants.

See [losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011315C01](http://losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011315C01) for Gainful Employment Disclosure.

Requirements for Certificate	20 Units
AT 100	Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional.....4
AT 105	Mathematics for Automotive Technology.....3
AT 180	Automotive Data Acquisition.....3
AT 310	Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems.....4
AT 330	Automotive Electrical Systems .....6

## Alternative Fuels and Green Vehicle Technology Certificate

Major Code: 011036C01

This certificate covers the various technologies used in the alternative fuels vehicles of today. Topics include biodiesel production, hybrid electric vehicles, and fuel cell technology.

### Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- perform basic automotive services on alternative fuels vehicles.
- describe different alternative fuels vehicle designs.
- describe the process of making biodiesel.
- analyze electrical and electronic components and identify failures.
- use automotive test equipment such as digital multimeters and scan tools.
- perform high voltage system disable procedures on hybrid electric vehicles.

### Career Opportunities

Alternative fuels is an emerging career field that is rapidly growing. This certificate prepares automotive technology students for entrance into this field, from servicing alternative fuels vehicles to developing alternative fuels technology. Additional career opportunities are likely as the industry continues to grow.

Requirements for Certificate	28 Units
AT 100	Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional.....4
AT 307	Biodiesel Technology .....4
AT 309	Introduction to Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Technology .....4
AT 330	Automotive Electrical Systems .....6
AT 331	Advanced Automotive Electrical Systems .....6
AT 316	Alternative Fuels and Advanced Technology Vehicles .....4

## Automotive Emissions Inspection and Repair Technician Certificate

Major Code: 011272C01

This certificate prepares students for entry-level positions in the automotive industry as emissions inspectors or emissions repair technicians. It meets the state of California requirements for students seeking to apply for a California state smog inspector and/or repair license(s).

### Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- operate emission analyzers and tools safely.
- evaluate, adjust, test, and diagnose components/system malfunctions.
- research, download, and analyze technical manuals from the Internet, digital, and text sources.
- inspect, diagnose, and repair automotive electrical and electronic systems at Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) performance level.
- inspect, diagnose, and repair engines to ASE performance levels.
- inspect, diagnose, and repair fuel injection systems to ASE and BAR standards.
- diagnose engine emission systems to ASE and Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) standards.
- prepare for state smog inspector and repair technician certifications.

### Career Opportunities

- California State Smog Inspector
- California State Smog Repair Technician

Requirements for Certificate	42 Units
AT 100	Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional.....4
AT 105	Mathematics for Automotive Technology.....3
AT 180	Automotive Data Acquisition.....3
AT 314	Automotive Engine Repair.....4
AT 330	Automotive Electrical Systems .....6
AT 331	Advanced Automotive Electrical Systems .....6
AT 332	Engine Performance & Electronic Engine Controls.....6
AT 333	California State Smog Check Inspector Training .....6
AT 334	BAR Specified Diagnostic and Repair Training.....4

## Automotive Service Technician Certificate

Major Code: 011271C01

This certificate prepares the student for an entry-level position in the automotive industry. It also prepares the student for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications in Automotive Brakes, Manual Drive Trains and Axles, Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems, Suspension and Steering Systems, Electrical Systems, Automatic Transmission and Transaxles, and Automotive Engine Repair.

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**(Automotive Service Technician Certificate continued)**

**Student Learning Outcomes**

*Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:*

- apply essential algebraic and mathematical concepts in the automotive industry.
- operate equipment and tools safely.
- evaluate, adjust, test and diagnose brake components/system malfunctions.
- diagnose, assess and repair manual transmission and transaxles.
- locate, download, and analyze technical manuals from the Internet, CDROM, and text sources.
- diagnose and troubleshoot basic Air Conditioning systems.
- diagnose malfunctions and disassemble, inspect, clean and reassemble all components of the steering and suspension systems in accordance with service manual procedures.
- diagnose and repair electrical systems at industry ASE performance standard levels.
- diagnose and assess transmission and transaxle mechanical, electrical and hydraulic systems.
- repair and diagnose engines at ASE performance standard levels.

**Career Opportunities**

The Automotive Service Technician certificate prepares the student for entry level-positions in the fields of Auto Technician, Auto/Truck Specialist, Field Service, Sales Representative, Tune-up and Electrical Specialist.

See [losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011271C01](http://losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011271C01) for Gainful Employment Disclosure.

Requirements for Certificate		40 Units
AT 100	Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional.....	4
AT 105	Mathematics for Automotive Technology.....	3
AT 110	Automotive Brakes.....	4
AT 130	Manual Drive Trains and Axles.....	4
AT 180	Automotive Data Acquisition.....	3
AT 310	Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems.....	4
AT 311	Suspension and Steering Systems.....	4
AT 313	Automatic Transmission and Transaxles.....	4
AT 314	Automotive Engine Repair.....	4
AT 330	Automotive Electrical Systems.....	6

**Extreme Tuner Certificate**

**Major Code: 011482C01**

This program covers advanced applications of emissions related principles including fuel control and efficiency management of modern automobiles. Topics include brakes, repair of electrical systems, suspension, steering, and engine repairs.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

*Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:*

- evaluate vehicle horsepower safely and effectively by use of diagnostic equipment.
- analyze and demonstrate safe operating practices both in the shop and track environment with stock and modified vehicles.
- validate and summarize outcomes of fuel, timing and power band modifications through hands-on exposure to live data derived before and after modifications.
- apply performance based principles to construct and operate a vehicle for competition, including classification divisions within a sanctioned racing organization.

- organize maintenance schedules and record keeping in order to keep vehicle competitive throughout a season.
- accurately interpret computer software data to make adjustments and modifications to improve performance and/or economy of a modern vehicle.

**Career Opportunities**

The “Tuner” industry is a rapidly growing industry. Professional technicians today are modifying vehicles for both on and off road application. This certificate prepares the students for the following career opportunities: alternative fuels diagnostic technician, off-road performance tuner, and a racing team crew member.

Requirements for Certificate		38 Units
AT 100	Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional.....	4
AT 110	Automotive Brakes.....	4
AT 130	Manual Drive Trains and Axles.....	4
AT 311	Suspension and Steering Systems.....	4
AT 314	Automotive Engine Repair.....	4
AT 316	Alternative Fuels and Advanced Technology Vehicles.....	4
AT 325	Engine Performance Testing & Tuning.....	4
AT 327	Introduction to Motorsports.....	4
AT 330	Automotive Electrical Systems.....	6

**Parts and Service Certificate**

**Major Code: 011504C01**

This certificate provides training for automotive parts and service advisors. Topics include parts knowledge, integrated computer management software, scheduling, inventory control, hazardous materials and warranty documentation requirements.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

*Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:*

- apply established procedures in the automotive industry.
- ensure the satisfactory resolution of service-related customer issues.
- create a service work including dispatching and invoicing.

**Career Opportunities**

Various entry level positions in the automotive parts and service industry, such as service writers and parts specialists.

See [losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011504C01](http://losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011504C01) for Gainful Employment Disclosure.

Requirements for Certificate		19 Units
AT 100	Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional.....	4
AT 105	Mathematics for Automotive Technology.....	3
AT 107	Employability Skills for Technical Careers.....	2
AT 143	Automotive Parts.....	3
AT 146	Automotive Service Consultant.....	3
AT 180	Automotive Data Acquisition.....	3
<b>And a minimum of 1 unit from the following:</b> .....		1
AT 298	Work Experience in Automotive Technology (1 - 4)	

**Transmission Service Certificate**

**Major Code: 011316C01**

This certificate program prepares the student for an entry-level position in the automotive industry. This program includes Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification in A-2 automatic transmission and A-3 manual drive-train.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- analyze an automotive transmission, applying elements of drive-train theory.
- investigate an automotive electrical malfunction by locating, testing and identifying the failure in order to make the necessary repairs.
- research on-line and computer based automotive data sources in order to identify the correct repair procedure, and locate safety campaigns and bulletins.
- describe the operation of drive-train components in order to report and justify a recommended repair procedure.
- apply gear theory to drive-train malfunction.
- evaluate and recognize the drive-train malfunction.

## Career Opportunities

Entry-level positions in automatic transmission, clutch, and drive-train repair.

See [losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011316C01](http://losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011316C01) for Gainful Employment Disclosure.

Requirements for Certificate	32 Units
AT 100	Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional.....4
AT 105	Mathematics for Automotive Technology.....3
AT 130	Manual Drive Trains and Axles.....4
AT 140	Advanced Automotive Skill and Speed Development.....4
AT 180	Automotive Data Acquisition.....3
AT 313	Automatic Transmission and Transaxles.....4
AT 317	Advanced Drivetrain .....4
AT 330	Automotive Electrical Systems .....6

## Undercar Service Certificate

Major Code: 011305C01

The Undercar Service certificate provides entry-level training to perform repairs in automotive suspension, brake and exhaust service facilities.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- develop a resume and cover letter to plan for future career opportunities.
- perform run-out and parallelism evaluations on brake rotors and machine to manufacturer's specifications.
- measure and analyze suspension angles of a modern automobile and make adjustments necessary to bring the angle within manufacturer's specifications.
- identify modern exhaust system components and demonstrate how they relate to California emission control laws.
- research and synthesize brake, suspension and exhaust system information on electronic service manuals to provide information on repairs to meet industry standards.

## Career Opportunities

This certificate provides students with knowledge for entry-level careers in the automotive suspension, brake and exhaust repair facilities.

See [losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011305C01](http://losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=011305C01) for Gainful Employment Disclosure.

Requirements for Certificate:	21 Units
AT 100	Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional .....4
AT 106	Automotive Shop Operations .....2
AT 110	Automotive Brakes .....4
AT 145	Automotive Exhaust System .....4
AT 180	Automotive Data Acquisition .....3
AT 311	Suspension and Steering Systems .....4

## Automotive Technology

### AT 100 Technical Basics for the Automotive Professional 4 Units

Hours: 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course presents theoretical and practical training for entry-level automotive technicians. It presents basic automotive diagnosis and service procedures used in automotive shops. Projects performed in an automotive shop environment provide hands-on experience with industry shop tools. Shop service operations which meet Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) standards including safety, electrical, and other general automotive procedures are covered.

### AT 105 Mathematics for Automotive Technology 3 Units

Corequisite: AT 100

General Education: AA/AS Area II(b)

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course covers mathematics relative to the automotive trades. Course topics include the metric system, fraction, decimal equivalents, basic equations, ratio and proportion, gear ratio calculations, power, efficiency, and torque. This course is designed for Automotive Technology majors and covers all automotive-related mathematical areas from basic technician calculations to shop money management.

### AT 106 Automotive Shop Operations 2 Units

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This course introduces operations of automotive dealerships, independent shops, and fleet shops. Emphasis is placed on the various influences that affect the technician's position within the operation. Topics include service, sales, parts, and financial operations. Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) and the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) are discussed. Field trips to local shops may be required.

### AT 107 Employability Skills for Technical Careers 2 Units

Same As: ET 250 and WELD 150

Advisory: ENGWR 102 or 103, and ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better; OR ESLR 320, ESLL 320, and ESLW 320 with a grade of "C" or better.

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)

Hours: 36 hours LEC

This course provides the opportunity to explore technical careers while developing valuable work and life skills. It is an introduction to a variety of technically-related occupations, emphasizing technical careers in the Sacramento area. Activities are designed to enhance personal development, employability skills, and self esteem through leadership, citizenship, and character development. This course is not open to students who have completed ET 250 or WELD 150.

**AT 108 Successful Automobile Selling Skills 1.5 Units***Hours: 27 hours LEC*

This course covers successful automobile sales techniques. Topics include the process of selling cars, from greeting the consumer to closing the sale. It also covers understanding today's information age consumer.

**AT 110 Automotive Brakes 4 Units***Corequisite: AT 100 and 180**Advisory: AT 181 and 188**Hours: 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB*

This course covers the theory, design, adjustment, and repair or overhaul of brake systems and components. The proper operation of power and hand devices used in the servicing of brake systems and components is covered. This course meets Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) A5 standards.

**AT 130 Manual Drive Trains and Axles 4 Units***Corequisite: AT 100 and 180**Advisory: AT 181 and 188**Hours: 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB*

This course covers the basic principles of manual transmissions and transaxles and service. Topics include clutches, manual transmissions and transaxles, drive line and shafts, differentials/limited slip differentials, and four-wheel drive/all-wheel drive. This course meets Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) standard A3.

**AT 140 Advanced Automotive Skill and Speed Development 4 Units***Corequisite: AT 110, 130, 311, 312, and 314**Hours: 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB*

This course covers automotive component diagnosis and repair, including brakes, suspension, heating and air conditioning, engine, transmissions, and other areas in preparation for competing in the regional, state, and national Skills USA competition. This course may be taken up to four times with different competitions.

**AT 143 Automotive Parts 3 Units***Corequisite: AT 100**Hours: 45 hours LEC; 27 hours LAB*

This course introduces the key workings of automotive systems and their related parts. It also offers preparation for the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) P-2 Parts Specialist test. Topics include suspension systems, hazardous waste regulations, and inventory management.

**AT 145 Automotive Exhaust System 4 Units***Prerequisite: AT 100 with a grade of "C" or better**Hours: 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB*

This course is an introduction to the principles and service of exhaust systems, including pipe bending, cutting, welding, installation, repair, and inspection. This course offers preparation to students for the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE X1) exhaust systems test, which is required for the ASE Under-Car Specialist Certificate. Various welding techniques are covered during the semester.

**AT 146 Automotive Service Consultant 3 Units***Corequisite: AT 180**Advisory: AT 100**Hours: 45 hours LEC; 27 hours LAB*

This course introduces the basic requirements needed to perform the duties of an automotive service consultant. It also offers preparation for the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) C-1 Service Consultant exam. Topics include utilization of diagnostic flow charts, recruiting techniques, and small business operations.

**AT 156 Light Duty Diesel /Green Diesel Technology 4 Units***Advisory: AT 314**Hours: 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB*

This course introduces the diagnosis and repair of light duty diesel vehicles and covers the theory and operation of light duty diesel engines and their fuel delivery systems. Topics include diesel engine characteristics, early mechanical fuel delivery systems, early cylinder head design, and early engine construction. It also covers how to prepare these engines for conversion to green technology, such as low sulfur fuel, biodiesel, and alternative fuels. This course along with AT 157 is applicable for the field technician seeking training for ASE A9 certification and preparation for green technologies.

**AT 157 Advanced Light Duty Diesel /Green Diesel Technology 4 Units***Advisory: AT 156 and 330**Hours: 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB*

This course focuses on late model turbocharged light duty diesel vehicles operating on low sulfur, biodiesel, or alternative fuels. Topics include computer controlled injection, emission control systems, sensors, actuators, computer modules, exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) systems, particulate traps, selective catalytic reduction (SCR) systems, and lean oxides of nitrogen (NOx) traps. Diagnosis and repair of these systems are covered using computer diagnostic equipment to meet state emission compliance. This course along with AT 156 is applicable for the field technician seeking training for ASE A9 certification and preparation for green technologies.

**AT 177 Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) Emissions Update UT032 1 Unit***Advisory: AT 332 with a grade of "C" or better**Hours: 18 hours LEC*

This course improves technicians' abilities to diagnose and repair emissions failures on complex computer-controlled vehicles.

**AT 180 Automotive Data Acquisition 3 Units***Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course covers the skills needed to adequately retrieve and apply automotive data, including on-line technical manuals and computerized shop management programs. Computer-based automotive service repair order generation is covered as well as usage and application currently utilized in many automotive repair facilities.

**AT 181 Snap-On Multimeter Basics 1 Unit***Hours: 18 hours LEC; 9 hours LAB*

This course explores the functionality and capability of the digital multimeter to improve technicians' diagnostic expertise when working with electrical related problems and prepares them for the Snap-on certification.

**AT 182 General Motors Diagnostic Tools 2 Units***Hours: 27 hours LEC; 27 hours LAB*

This course explores the functionality and capability of General Motors diagnostic tools to improve technicians' expertise when working with On-Board computer-related problems.

**AT 184 Toyota Techstream – Automotive Diagnostic Use and Operation 2 Units***Hours: 27 hours LEC; 27 hours LAB*

This course explores the functionality and capability of Toyota's Techstream to improve technicians' diagnostic expertise when working with On-Board computer-related problems.

**AT 186 Snap-On MODIS – Automotive Diagnostic Use and Operation 2 Units**

Hours: 27 hours LEC; 27 hours LAB

This course explores the functionality and capability of Snap-On's MODIS (Modular Diagnostic Information System) to improve the technician's diagnostic expertise when working with On-Board computer related problems.

**AT 188 Snap-On SOLUS – Automotive Diagnostic Use and Operation 1 Unit**

Hours: 18 hours LEC; 9 hours LAB

This course explores the functionality and capability of Snap-On's SOLUS to improve the technician's diagnostic expertise when working with On-Board computer-related problems.

**AT 189 Snap-On VERUS – Automotive Diagnostic Use and Operation 2 Units**

Hours: 27 hours LEC; 27 hours LAB

This course explores the functionality and capability of Snap-On's VERUS to improve technicians' diagnostic expertise when working with on-board computer-related problems.

**AT 190 Advanced Student Projects 2 Units**

Prerequisite: AT 100 with a grade of "C" or better

Hours: 108 hours LAB

This course provides opportunities to pursue advanced laboratory projects in all eight of the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) educational areas. Projects are selected by the Automotive Department.

**AT 251 Automotive Electronic Accessories and Installation 3 Units**

Same As: ET 251

Corequisite: AT 330 or ET 302

Hours: 36 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course covers the principles and processes involved in the installation of mobile entertainment, security, positioning, and other electrical and electronic related systems and components. Safety, circuit diagrams, inspection, wiring, installation, and troubleshooting techniques are covered along with the operational characteristics of the various electrical circuits. This course offers preparation to become a qualified Mobile Electronics Certified Professional (MECP) installer. This course is not open to students who have taken ET 251. Field trips are required.

**AT 295 Independent Studies in Automotive Technology 1-3 Units**

Prerequisite: None

Hours: 54-162 hours LAB

Independent Study is an opportunity for the student to extend classroom experience in this subject, while working independently of a formal classroom situation. Independent study is an extension of work offered in a specific class in the college catalog. To be eligible for independent study, students must have completed the basic regular catalog course at American River College. They must also discuss the study with a professor in this subject and secure approval. Only one independent study for each catalog course will be allowed.

**AT 298 Work Experience in Automotive Technology 1-4 Units**

Advisory: AT 100; and eligible for ENGRD 310 or ENGRD 312 AND ENGWR 300; OR ESLR 340 AND ESLW 340.

Enrollment Limitation: Students must be in a paid or unpaid internship, volunteer position, or job related to the automotive industry with a cooperating site supervisor. Students are advised to consult with the Automotive Department faculty to review specific certificate and degree work experience requirements.

General Education: AA/AS Area III(b)

Hours: 60-300 hours LAB

This course provides students with opportunities to develop marketable skills in preparation for employment or advancement within the automotive field. It is designed for students interested in work experience and/or internships in associate degree level or certificate occupational programs. Course content includes understanding the application of education to the workforce, completion of Title 5 required forms which document the student's progress and hours spent at the work site, and developing workplace skills and competencies. During the semester, the student is required to complete 75 hours of related paid work experience, or 60 hours of related unpaid work experience for one unit. An additional 75 or 60 hours of related work experience is required for each additional unit. All students are required to attend the first class meeting, a mid-semester meeting, and a final meeting. Additionally, students who have not already successfully completed a Work Experience course will be required to attend weekly orientations while returning participants may meet individually with the instructor as needed. Students may take up to 16 units total across all Work Experience course offerings. This course may be taken up to four times when there are new or expanded learning objectives. Only one Work Experience course may be taken per semester.

**AT 301 Small Gas Engines, Outdoor Power Equipment 4 Units**

Same As: HORT 330

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course covers the basic operational theory, servicing, adjusting, and maintenance of 2-cycle and 4-cycle small gas engines as they pertain to the automotive and horticulture industries. In addition, the small engine repair skill areas included in the regional, state, and national Skills USA competitions are covered. AT 301 and/or HORT 330 may be taken two times for credit for a maximum of 8 units, using different equipment.

**AT 307 Biodiesel Technology 4 Units**

Corequisite: AT 100

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course covers the chemistry, production, and impact of biodiesel technology. It also covers how to convert vehicle fuel systems to biodiesel and how this process affects warranties.

**AT 309 Introduction to Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Technology 4 Units**

*Prerequisite:* AT 315 with a grade of "C" or better  
*Advisory:* AT 110, 310, 313, 314, and 322  
*Course Transferable to CSU*  
*Hours:* 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course covers the theory and operation of hybrid and electric vehicle operation. Each of the major manufacturers' vehicles is discussed along with the safety and service procedures that apply to these vehicles. Hands-on activities include major service procedures and basic diagnostics on the most common hybrid and electric vehicles in the market today. It is recommended that a student take the electrical, brakes, and air conditioning courses or a have previous field experience before taking this course.

**AT 310 Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems 4 Units**

*Corequisite:* AT 100  
*Advisory:* AT 181 and 188  
*Course Transferable to CSU*  
*Hours:* 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course is an introduction to automotive heating and air conditioning theory. It meets Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) standard A7 and combines performance testing and repair practices as utilized in the industry.

**AT 311 Suspension and Steering Systems 4 Units**

*Corequisite:* AT 100  
*Advisory:* AT 181 and 188  
*Course Transferable to CSU*  
*Hours:* 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course is an introduction to advanced principles and service of suspension and steering systems, including alignment of equipment, alignment procedures, and the diagnosis and repair of suspension components. It meets Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) A4 certification standards.

**AT 313 Automatic Transmission and Transaxles 4 Units**

*Corequisite:* AT 100  
*Advisory:* AT 181 and 188  
*Course Transferable to CSU*  
*Hours:* 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course covers the basics of automatic transmission and transaxle principles and service. Topics include hydraulic principles, diagnosis and service, power conversion, and automatic transmission operation. AT 313 and AT 317 together meet Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) standard A2.

**AT 314 Automotive Engine Repair 4 Units**

*Corequisite:* AT 100 and 105  
*Course Transferable to CSU*  
*Hours:* 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course covers the principles, operation, and diagnosis of automotive engines, including basic engine operation and construction, parts identification and location, engine dis-assembly procedures, engine diagnosis, engine repair and rebuilding procedures, and engine reassembly procedures. Completion of AT 314 and AT 332 meets Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) A1 standards.

**AT 316 Alternative Fuels and Advanced Technology Vehicles 4 Units**

*Corequisite:* AT 100  
*Course Transferable to CSU*  
*Hours:* 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This hands-on course provides an overview of both conventional and alternative fuels with their impact on vehicle emissions in both gasoline and diesel engines. In addition, advanced vehicle technologies such as hybrid electric, direct injection, and fuel cells are explored. Topics include gasoline, E85, M85, diesel, biodiesel, CNG, LPG, LNG, RNG, EVs, HEVs, fuel cells, and dynamometer testing. Completion of this course helps students prepare for the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) F1 Alternative Fuels Certification in addition to the ASE L3 Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Specialist Certification. Field trips may be required.

**AT 317 Advanced Drivetrain 4 Units**

*Prerequisite:* AT 313 with a grade of "C" or better  
*Course Transferable to CSU*  
*Hours:* 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course covers advanced aspects of automatic transmissions, automatic transaxles, manual drivetrains, diagnosis, service, and repair. Topics include mechanical, electrical, and electronic diagnosis, diagnosis and repair of vibration problems, advanced scan tool operation, and dynamometer testing. AT 317 and AT 313 together meet Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) standard A2.

**AT 325 Engine Performance Testing & Tuning 4 Units**

*Prerequisite:* AT 301, 316, and 333 with grades of "C" or better  
*Course Transferable to CSU*  
*Hours:* 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course explores the performance and efficiency of modern vehicle engine systems through the use of engine dynamometers and flowbench test equipment. Course topics include dynamometer performance testing, high performance engine assembly, engine computer reprogramming, fuel injector flow testing, forced induction systems and how to achieve maximum performance by choosing components that complement each other. Field trips may be required.

**AT 327 Introduction to Motorsports 4 Units**

*Prerequisite:* AT 110, 130, and 311 with grades of "C" or better  
*Advisory:* AT 325, 330, and 333  
*Course Transferable to CSU*  
*Hours:* 54 hours LEC; 54 hours LAB

This course is an introduction to motorsports through lecture, hands-on activities, and raceway experience. It discusses the operation of a race team, racing events, and race track operation. Course topics include the setup and modification of vehicle safety equipment, suspension, braking, and data acquisition systems. Field trips may be required.

**AT 330 Automotive Electrical Systems 6 Units**

*Corequisite:* AT 100, 105, and 180  
*Course Transferable to CSU*  
*Hours:* 81 hours LEC; 81 hours LAB

This course covers the principles, operation, and diagnosis of automotive electrical systems including fundamentals of electricity (DC), electrical circuits, battery operation, fundamentals of magnetism, charging systems, starting systems, and electrical schematics. Along with completion of AT 331, this course meets Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification standards for the A6 Electrical Systems certification.



**AT 331 Advanced Automotive Electrical Systems 6 Units**

*Prerequisite:* AT 180 and 330 with grades of "C" or better

*Advisory:* AT 110 and 310

*Course Transferable to CSU*

*Hours:* 81 hours LEC; 81 hours LAB

This course covers the principles of advanced electrical diagnostics. Topics include automotive computers, vehicle networks, driver information systems and accessories, supplemental restraint systems, antilock brakes, tire pressure monitoring systems, and climate control. Along with completion of AT 330, this course meets Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification standards for the A6 Electrical Systems certification.

**AT 332 Engine Performance & Electronic Engine Controls 6 Units**

*Prerequisite:* AT 331 and AT 333 with grades of "C" or better

*Course Transferable to CSU*

*Hours:* 81 hours LEC; 81 hours LAB

This course covers the principles, operation, and diagnosis of automotive engine performance systems including engine mechanics, ignition, fuel delivery, and electronic engine controls. It includes extensive troubleshooting, use of diagnostic test equipment, lab oscilloscopes, scantools, and emission analyzers. Along with completion of AT 333, this course meets Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification standards for the A8 Engine Performance certification. This course is formerly known as AT 326.

**AT 333 California State Smog Check Inspector Training 6 Units**

*Prerequisite:* AT 314 with a grade of "C" or better

*Course Transferable to CSU*

*Hours:* 81 hours LEC; 81 hours LAB

This course covers the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) certified Level 1 and Level 2 smog inspector training. Topics include smog check laws, rules and regulations; standards of practice; engine theory, design, and operation; emission control theory, design, identification, operation, and testing; smog inspection visual and functional testing procedures; and loaded mode emission testing. It is required for first-time licensed inspection technicians. Along with completion of AT 332, this course meets Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification standards for the A8 Engine Performance certification. This course is formerly known as AT 323.

**AT 334 BAR Specified Diagnostic and Repair Training 4 Units**

*Course Transferable to CSU*

*Hours:* 72 hours LEC

State law currently requires that applicants for a Smog Check Repair license possesses Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications in the following areas: A6 – Automotive Electrical/Electronic systems; A8 – Automotive Engine Performance; L1 – Advanced Engine Performance. This course is an intensive review of automotive electrical/electronic systems, engine mechanical systems, emission control systems, and computer control systems as they relate to automotive emissions controls. It satisfies the ASE certification requirement when applying for a Smog Check technician license and may be used by the applicant in lieu of the ASE certifications.

**AT 495 Independent Studies in Automotive Technology 1-3 Units**

*Course Transferable to CSU*

*Hours:* 54-162 hours LAB

Independent Study is an opportunity for the student to extend classroom experience in this subject, while working independently of a formal classroom situation. Independent study is an extension of work offered in a specific class in the college catalog. To be eligible for independent study, students must have completed the basic regular catalog course at American River College. They must also discuss the study with a professor in this subject and secure approval. Only one independent study for each catalog course will be allowed.