

Syllabus for CT 32 – Photovoltaic Design & Installation

Course Information

Semester & Year: **Spring 2025**

Course ID & Section #: E7664

Instructor's name: **Robert Satava**

Day/Time of required meetings: W 6:05pm-8:35pm

Location: **HU 129**

Course units: **1**

Instructor Contact Information

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Catalog Description

A basic overview of the design and installation of a utility-intertie Photovoltaic system. Successful completion of this course will provide the student with the entry-level skills of a Photovoltaic system installer.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Identify the components of a solar Photovoltaic (PV) system.
2. Design and construct solar PV system.
3. Evaluate a solar PV system

Prerequisites/corequisites/ recommended preparation

None

Textbook

Recommended Text:

The Electrician's Guide to Photovoltaic System Installation, by Greg Fletcher, ISBN: 978-1-111-63996-9

Educational Accessibility & Support

College of the Redwoods is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified students who could benefit from additional educational support and services. You may qualify if you have a physical, mental, sensory, or intellectual condition which causes you to struggle academically, including but not limited to:

- Mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, PTSD, or bipolar disorder
- Common ailments such as arthritis, asthma, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, and diseases
- Temporary impairments such as a broken bone, recovery from significant surgery, or a pregnancy-related disability
- Neurodevelopmental disorders such as a learning disability, intellectual disability, autism, acquired brain injury, or ADHD
- Vision, hearing, or mobility conditions

Available services include extended test time, quiet testing environments, academic assistance and tutoring through the [LIGHT Center](#), counseling and advising, alternate formats of course materials (e.g., audio books, braille, E-texts), assistive technology, learning disability assessments, approval for personal attendants, interpreters, priority registration, on-campus transportation, adaptive physical education and living skills courses, and more. If you believe you might benefit from disability- or health-related services and accommodations, please contact [Student Accessibility Support Services \(SASS\)](#). If you are unsure whether you qualify, please contact Student Accessibility Support Services (SASS) for a consultation: sass@redwoods.edu.

SASS office locations and phone numbers

Eureka campus

- Phone: 707-476-4280
- Location: Student Services building, first floor SS113

Del Norte campus

- Phone: 707-465-2353
- Location: main building, near the Library

Klamath-Trinity campus

- Phone: 707-476-4280

Canvas Information

- Log into Canvas at [My CR Portal](#)
- For help logging in to Canvas and general tech help, visit [Canvas Support Home](#)
- Once you're logged in to Canvas, you click on the Help icon on the left menu
- Canvas online orientation workshop: [Canvas Student Orientation Course](#)

Spring 2025 Dates

Date	To Remember
January 17	Last day to register for classes (day before the first class meeting)
January 18	Classes begin
January 20	Martin Luther King's Birthday (All Campuses Closed)
January 24	Last Day to add a class
January 31	Last Day to Drop & Receive a Refund
February 2	Last Day to Drop w/out a "W"
February 3	Census Date (20% of class)
February 14	Lincoln's Birthday (All Campuses Closed)
February 17	President's Day (All Campuses Closed)
March 6	Last Day to Petition to Graduate & Petition for Certificate
March 17 - 22	Spring Break (No Classes)
March 28	Last Day for Student/Faculty Withdrawal
March 31	Cesar Chavez Day (All Campuses Closed)
May 10 - 16	Final Examinations
May 16	Last Day to File P/NP Option
May 16	Semester Ends
May 23	Grades Due
May 26	Memorial Day (All Campuses Closed)
May 30	Grades Available for Transcript Release

Student Support Services

Good information and clear communication about your needs will help you be successful. Please let your instructor know about any specific challenges or technology limitations that might affect your participation in class. College of the Redwoods wants every student to be successful.

The following online resources are available to support your success as a student:

[CR Online Learning Support](#)

Tech support, laptop loans, guides to using Canvas, installing Office 365 for free, and more.

[Library Articles & Databases](#)

Find the best library databases for your research.

[Online Tutoring Resources](#)

Participate in tutoring over Zoom.

To learn more about the resources available to you, click on a title bar below, or click the down arrow to expand them all.

Klamath-Trinity students can contact the CR Klamath-Trinity Office for specific information about student support services at 530-625-4821.

Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Center includes the following resources for students:

Library Services

[Introduction - Library Services for Students - LibGuides at College of the Redwoods](#) promotes information literacy and provides organized information resources.

Multicultural and Equity Center (MCE)

The [Multicultural and Equity Center](#) is a dynamic and inclusive place that supports all students in their academic and personal journeys at the college. We do this by creating community, home away from home, and a safe place for cultural expression, cross-cultural learning, access to college and dignity resources, and social justice work opportunities. The MEC is committed to retention and student success by offering activities related to leadership development, student connectedness and student equity. We are a student-centered program that fosters respect for all people.

Academic Support Center

The [Academic Support Center](#) offers tutoring and test proctoring for CR students.

Student Tech Help

Technical [Support](#) provides students with assistance around a variety of tech problems.

Academic dishonesty

In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student's status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [2024-2025 College Catalog](#) and [CR Board and Administrative Policies](#).

AI Use Class Policy

Recent advancements in generative artificial intelligence (AI) have made large language models such as ChatGPT and Google's Bard widely available. Sometimes, using these tools appropriately can help us overcome barriers and allow us to focus on deeper learning. However, overuse of these tools can undermine the development of our critical and creative thinking skills. In addition, AI outputs are often unreliable and frequently subject to bias. For these reasons, it is sometimes appropriate and sometimes inappropriate to use generative AI in the completion of assignments or in discussion posts. For this class, please see the specific assignment instructions for guidance on how and when generative AI tools may be used appropriately as we're working on and learning from a particular assignment. Also, please keep in mind that you are responsible for anything you submit; please carefully review all AI-generated outputs, screening them for accuracy, bias, appropriateness, and fidelity to your perspective.

Disruptive Behavior

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor's directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process, a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, the student may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [2024-2025 College Catalog](#) and [CR Board and Administrative Policies](#).

Emergency Procedures / Everbridge

College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system called Everbridge. In the event of an emergency on campus you will receive an alert through your personal email and/or phones. Registration is not necessary in order to receive emergency alerts. Check to make sure your contact information is up-to-date by logging into [WebAdvisor](#) and selecting 'Students' then 'Academic Profile' then 'Current Information Update.'

Please contact Public Safety at 707-476-4112 or campus-safety@redwoods.edu if you have any questions. For more information visit [Campus Safety](#). Please review the [EurekaEmergencyMap S24.pdf](#) for campus evacuation sites, including the closet site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room).

In an emergency that requires an evacuation of the building anywhere in the District:

- Be aware of all marked exits from your area and building
- Once outside, move to the nearest evacuation point outside your building
- Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel

Do not leave campus, unless it has been deemed safe by the campus authorities.

Evaluation & Grading Policy

Student Contribution

Students are expected to spend time reading assigned material, answering chapter review questions, and studying for tests as necessary outside of normal class time. Attendance is critical in this course. Lectures may contain material not included in the textbook and students will be responsible for this material. The student will be expected to participate in all lectures, preferably as “interactive aides”, but minimally as “active listeners”. Each student is responsible for all material presented in this course regardless of class attendance. Students will be expected to adhere to the College of the Redwoods Student Code of Conduct and Discipline at all times.

Course Participation Policy

In every occupation participation is critical and this course is no different. Everyone has a task and something to contribute, we all depend on each other in order to realize our goals. In order to fully participate, students must be present and actively engaged in whatever the current task is. Punctuality is an important part of participation. If someone is late for work, it not only reflects poorly on their character, it puts the entire process behind schedule.

****Attendance is required: 10 points for each class attended (0 points if class is missed, 5 points if you are late or leave early)****

Safety

Workplace safety is of the highest priority in any industry. As we are learning, and in a sense training, to be electricians it is of the utmost importance that we discuss and practice workplace safety in everything we do. Some students may have taken courses designed for this while others have not. Therefore, while we are at the project house all students will conduct themselves in a safe and professional manner. Any lack of attention or regard for the safety of oneself or others can and will be handled by dismissal from the jobsite. We will cover many safe practices, but it is also the responsibility of the student to ask about proper safety practices before attempting any task that may be deemed “unsafe” without prior training. This includes, but is not limited to: climbing ladders, using power tools and working on or around live circuitry. **No student is authorized to energize any circuits without first receiving approval from the instructor. No student will ever be permitted to work on a circuit that is energized without first de-energizing the circuit.**

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol during class is unacceptable and is a violation of the student code of conduct. Any student suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave. Further action may include referral to the Chief Student Services Officer and/or removal from the program.

CT 32 Course Evaluation

Grades will be earned as follows:

Attendance - 10 points each/8 classes, 80 points possible
Chapter Quizzes/worksheets - 10 points each, (TBD) points possible
Late Homework submissions will be discounted 25%
Final - TBD
TOTAL – (TBD) points possible

A 90-100%
B 80-89%
C 70-79%
D 60-69%
F 59% and below

Course Calendar

Week 1	Course Introduction
Mar. 26	Intro to course/Solar design principles
Week 2	Solar design principles
Apr. 2	Meet HU 110
Apr. 6	***Possible weekend day option #1***
Sunday	Meet at project house in Eureka
Week 3	PV System Installation at Project House
Apr. 9	Meet at project house in Eureka
Apr. 13	***Possible weekend day option #2***
Sunday	Meet at project house in Eureka
Week 4	PV System Installation at Project House
Apr. 16	Meet at project house in Eureka
Week 5	PV System Installation at Project House
Apr. 23	Meet at project house in Eureka
Week 6	PV System Installation at Project House
Apr. 30	Meet at project house in Eureka
Week 7	PV System Installation at Project House
May 7	Meet at project house in Eureka
Week 8	Final Day
May 14	Meet at project house in Eureka

***This is a preliminary schedule and can be updated as needed.
Always check Canvas for the most current schedule.***
(in your pocket)