



El Camino College
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD – Official

Course Acronym:	ACRP
Course Number:	4C
Descriptive Title:	Intermediate Automotive Collision Repair I
Division:	Industry and Technology
Department:	Automotive Collision Repair/Painting
Course Disciplines:	Automotive Technology
Catalog Description:	This course provides instruction in structural plastic repair, surface and structural repair of fiberglass and composites, aluminum repair and surface treatment for refinishing, vehicle frame and structural parts nomenclature, frame and unibody damage identification and measurement, structural damage estimating, and replacement panel fitment and alignment. This course contains Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair (I-CAR) Professional Development Program curriculum.
Prerequisite:	
Co-requisite:	
Recommended Preparation:	
Enrollment Limitation:	
Hours Lecture (per week):	2
Hours Laboratory (per week):	7
Outside Study Hours:	4
Total Course Hours:	162
Course Units:	4
Grading Method:	Letter Grade only
Credit Status:	Credit, degree applicable
Transfer CSU:	Yes
Effective Date:	Proposed
Transfer UC:	No
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General Education: ECC	
Term:	
Other:	
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Student Learning Outcomes:	SLO #1 Plastic Repair Students will be able to locate a plastic part's type code and choose the appropriate repair method, tools, and materials. Students will then be able to apply the method and perform the repair. SLO #2 Panel Misalignment Students will be able to identify panel misalignment due to improper installation, prior damage, and/or improper repair and choose the proper repair steps to correct the misalignment. SLO #3 Structural Parts Students will be able to locate and properly name major unibody vehicle structural parts and assemblies.	
Course Objectives:	1. Complete a comprehensive automotive collision repair/painting safety test with 100% accuracy. 2. Perform a structural (two-sided) repair on a plastic part such as a bumper cover using a plastic welder, hot stapler or 2-part adhesive with reinforcement backing pad. 3. Perform a small dent repair on an aluminum body panel using hammer and dolly, oxygen-acetylene torch or induction heater. Metal finish the repair and coat with a corrosion-protective chemical suitable for aluminum. 4. Analyze a bolt-on panel's fitment on a vehicle. Determine if any misalignment present is due to incorrect installation, incorrect repair to the part, or prior damage to the vehicle. Create a step-by-step plan of what should be done to correct the misalignment. 5. Identify and describe the five types of frame damage a full-frame vehicle can incur. 6. Measure a structurally damaged unibody vehicle using a measuring tape or tram gauge and record data. Use the data to plan a pull using a power post.	
Major Topics:	I. PERSONAL SAFETY AND SAFE LAB PRACTICES (4 hours, lecture) 1. Shop tour 2. General safety practices and personal safety equipment II. PLASTIC REPAIR (4 hours, lecture) A. Plastic types B. Repair tools and methods C. Adhesives and chemicals for repair D. Single and double-sided repairs	

- E. 'Missing pieces' and live hinge repairs
- F. (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) Non-Structural Analysis and Repair tasks: Section F, numbers 1-5)

III. PLASTIC REPAIR (14 hours, lab)

- A. Plastic types
- B. Repair tools and methods
- C. Adhesives and chemicals for repair
- D. Single and double-sided repairs
- E. 'Missing pieces' and live hinge repairs
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IV. COMPOSITES - FIBERGLASS (4 hours, lecture)

- A. Fiberglass part construction and materials
- B. Fiberglass crack repair
- C. Fiberglass 'missing piece' repair
- D. Fiberglass shaping and finishing
- E. Moldmaking and fiberglass part production

V. COMPOSITES - FIBERGLASS (28 hours, lab)

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- D. Fiberglass shaping and finishing
- E. Moldmaking and fiberglass part production

VI. COMPOSITES - CARBON FIBER (4 hours, lecture)

- A. Carbon fiber materials and parts construction
- B. Advantages/disadvantages of carbon fiber for automotive use
- C. Carbon fiber repair
- D. Moldmaking and part production

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- A. Carbon fiber materials and parts construction
- B. Advantages/disadvantages of carbon fiber for automotive use
- C. Carbon fiber repair
- D. Moldmaking and part production

VIII. ALUMINUM REPAIR (4 hours, lecture)

- A. Characteristics of aluminum as compared to steel
- B. Where to find aluminum components on a vehicle
- C. Aluminum dent repair
- D. Special preparation for refinishing/rust prevention
- E. Special considerations for mounting/attaching aluminum parts and panels
- F. (NATEF Non-Structural Analysis and Repair tasks: Section C, numbers 9, 10)

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X. BOLT-ON PANELS (4 hours, lecture)

- A. Removal and safe installation
- B. Alignment
- C. Identifying poor fitment causes and corrections
- D. Identifying vehicle damage by panel misalignment
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XII. STRUCTURAL VEHICLE PARTS (4 hours, lecture)

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- D. Identifying damage
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XIV. VEHICLE DAMAGE TYPES (4 hours, lecture)

- A. Five damage types: side sway, kick-up/sag, mash, twist, diamond
- B. Identifying frame damage by visual cues
- C. Identifying frame damage by centering gauges
- D. Installing and using centering gauges
- E. Identifying frame damage by tram gauges
- F. Using tram gauges

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Total Lecture Hours:	36
Total Laboratory Hours:	126
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Primary Method of Evaluation:	3) Skills demonstration
Typical Assignment Using Primary Method of Evaluation:	Remove a small dent in an aluminum panel with no rear access (such as a hood) and prepare the area for primer application. Present the finished repair to the instructor for evaluation.
Critical Thinking Assignment 1:	Using a torn plastic bumper cover, determine the type of plastic the cover is made of, reference the correct repair method, and perform the repair so the cover is at least as strong as an undamaged cover. Finish the face of the cover in the repair area for primer.
Critical Thinking Assignment 2:	Given a poorly-fitting bolt-on panel such as a door, determine the cause of the misalignment (front/back, in/out, up/down, and/or misalignment of adjacent panels), make specific recommendations for correcting the misalignment, and explain in a one-page report or a five minute oral presentation why you made the recommendations you did.
Other Evaluation Methods:	Class Performance, Completion, Laboratory Reports, Multiple Choice, Objective Exam, Performance Exams, Quizzes
Instructional Methods:	Demonstration, Discussion, Group Activities, Guest Speakers, Lab, Lecture
If other:	
Work Outside of Class:	Answer questions, Observation of or participation in an activity related to course content (such as theatre event, museum, concert, debate, meeting), Required reading, Study

If Other:	
Up-To-Date Representative Textbooks:	Joe Baker. <u>Auto Collision Repair and Refinishing</u> . 4th ed. The Goodheart-Willcox Company, Inc., 2025.
Alternative Textbooks:	
Required Supplementary Readings:	
Other Required Materials:	Safety Glasses Leather Gloves Ear protection
Requisite:	
Category:	
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Enrollment Limitations and Category:	

Enrollment Limitations Impact:	
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