

WELDING, A.A.S.

The **Associate of Applied Science in Welding** prepares graduates for the variety of opportunities in different industries, such as construction, oil & gas industry, and many more. Welding is the backbone of the world and is an essential component in many industries and art forms. Buildings, cars, planes and machines are just a few instances of where welding is utilized. Due to a consistent demand for certified welders, there is potential to experience stability and progress throughout your career.

Coursework involves physical mastery of the many facets of the field as well as the practical knowledge needed to pass the certification exams. By the time you have completed the program, students learn techniques in multiple areas of the industry. Below is a list of the 4 main welding techniques utilized most and students have the opportunity to become AWS certified in each.

- Metal arc welding, both gas and shielded
- Flux cord and gas tungsten arc welding
- Reading and interpretation of blueprints
- Welding tool and equipment maintenance

Milestone Course

These courses are the keys to graduation and certification. Courses should be taken in the recommended semesters to stay on time for completion.

Career Planning

Plant maintenance jobs, pipeline welders, field and shop welders, mobile welders, and pipe fitters in local fabrication shops make an average wage of \$12.90 - \$27.33/hour

Capstone Course

The capstone is a semester-long project that must be taken in the graduation semester.

Students should average 15 credit hours per semester, or 30 per year, to graduate on time.

Total Degree Credits: 60

Course	Title	Hours
Semester 1		
COLL 101	ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE	1
MTEC 102	INTRODUCTORY CRAFT SKILLS ^{1,2}	2
WELD 111	BASIC OXYACETYLENE WELDING	3
WELD 171	WELDING THEORY	1
WELD 160	WELDING BLUEPRINT READING	2
WELD 121	BASIC SHIELDED METAL ARC(SMAW)	3
Quantitative Reasoning (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr) (Math 125 Preferred)		3-4
Hours		15-16
Semester 2		
WELD 131	BASIC GAS TUNGSTEN ARC (GTAW) ^{1,3}	3
WELD 133	BASIC FLUX CORE ARC WELD(FCAW) ^{1,3}	3
WELD 134	BASIC GAS METAL ARC WELD(GMAW) ^{1,3}	3
WELD 279	WELDING INSPECTION	2
Writing and Rhetoric (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr) (ENGL 107 Preferred)		3
Hours		14
Semester 3		
WELD 261	STEEL FABRICATION	3
WELD 221	ADV SHIELDED METAL ARC (SMAW) ^{1,3}	3
WELD 132	ADV GAS TUNGSTEN ARC (GTAW) ^{1,3}	3
Scientific Inquiry (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si) Elective		4
Select one of the following:		3
Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca)		
Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci)		
People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw)		
Hours		16
Semester 4		
Select one of the following, not already taken:		3
Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca)		
Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci)		

People and Their Worlds (https://vvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw)		
WELD 135	ADV GAS METAL ARC WELD (GMAW) ^{1,3}	3
WELD 136	ADV FLUX CORE ARC WELD (FCAW) ^{1,3}	3
WELD 291	FABRICATION SHOP	3
WELD 260	WELDING CAPSTONE ⁴	2
Free Elective		1
Hours		15
Total Hours		60-61

- ¹ Milestone Course
² NCCER Core
³ AWS Certificate
⁴ Capstone Course

Degree requires a total of 60 credit hours. [Core Course Credit Hours : 17]

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Core Courses		
COLL 101	ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE ¹	1
	Writing and Rhetoric (https://vvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (https://vvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr)	3
	Scientific Inquiry (https://vvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si)	4
	Select two of the following:	6
	Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://vvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca)	
	Human Communication and Interaction (https://vvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci)	
	People and Their Worlds (https://vvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw)	
Program Courses		
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¹ Institutional Graduation Requirement.