

**King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals**  
**Electrical Engineering Department**  
**Course Syllabus – Tentative Schedule – Semester 042**

**Title of the Course:** EE446 Programmable Logic Controllers                      **Credit Hours: 3.0**  
**Resources Needed:** Material provided by the Instructor

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**Course Goal:** To familiarize the student with fundamentals of programmable logic controllers, including the design and implementation of basic PLC ladder diagrams.

**I. Subject to be cover in class<sup>1</sup>:**

- Basic Concepts of Programmable Logic Controllers.
- The Structure of Programmable Logic Controllers.
- Basic Functions:
  - a. Binary Logic Operations.
  - b. Memory Operations.
  - c. Timer & Counter Operations.
  - d. Data Types & Data Transfer Functions.
- Digital Functions:
  - Compare Functions.
  - Arithmetic Functions.
  - Math Functions.
  - Conversion Functions.
  - Logic Functions.
- Program Flow Control:
  - Status Bits.
  - Jump Functions.
  - Master Control Relays.
  - Block Functions.
- Analog Processing:
  - Digital-to-Analog Conversion.
  - Analog-to-Digital Conversion.

**II. Major Exam (15 points):**

- There is major exam. Grading the major exam problems may be associated with problems implementation in the lab.

**III. Homework & Quizzes (15 points):**

- The same lab group must conduct homework. Each problem must be tested on the PLC systems. Any similarity between two groups homework will lead to zero for both groups.

**IV. Laboratory<sup>2</sup> (25 points):**

- Introduction to Programmable Logic Controller.
- Programmable Logic Controller Basic Instructions.
- Digital Functions.
- Arithmetic Functions.
- Program Flow Control Functions.
- Practical Automation Systems from Industry.

**V. Projects (15 points):**

- Each three students must form a group to design and implement a class project. The project must be presented in the class at the end of the semester. Alternative form the project is to present an existing industrial plant automation systems.

**VI. Final Exam (30 points):**

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<sup>1</sup> There is no specific textbook. Material will be handed to you in form of handouts.

<sup>2</sup> Siemens S7-PLC will be used mainly and Logo PLC as an extra tools in the projects.

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**EE446 – LAB Schedule - Tentative**

- Week 2: Lab1: Introduction to Lab Equipments and Siemens Trainer System.
- Week 3: Lab2: Hardware Configuration for Training Station.
- Week 4: Lab3: Boolean Operation and Their Applications.
- Week 5: Lab4: Timer Functions with Exercises.
- Week 6: Lab5: Loading and Transferring Data & Counter Functions with Applications.
- Week 7: Field Trips
- Week 8: Lab6: Conversion Operation & Basic Mathematical Functions.
- Week 9: Lab7: PLC Programming Application I.
- Week 10: Lab8: PLC Programming Application II Flashing and Traffic Lights.
- Week 11: Lab9: Using Function “FC”.
- Week 12: Lab10: Solenoid Valve.
- Week 13: Field Trips.
- Week 14: Lab final exam.
- Week 15: Presentation for projects