Applied Learning

2023-25 Cohort; 2025 HKDSE

Item	Description
1. Course Title	Railway Studies
2. Course Provider	Hong Kong College of Technology
3. Area of Studies/	Engineering and Production/
Course Cluster	Services Engineering
Medium of Instruction	Chinese or English
5. Learning Outcomes	 Upon completion of the course, students should be able to: (1) describe the structure and stakeholders of the railway industry, the functions and operations of various components of railway systems and the latest trend in railway services development; (2) explain the requirements for occupational safety and health related to the railway industry; (3) outline the concepts, techniques and functions of technology and operations in the railway industry; (4) apply knowledge of railway operations and technology to analyse or solve problems relevant to the railway industry; (5) demonstrate positive attitude, teamwork and communication skills required in the railway industry; and (6) develop self-understanding for further studies and career development in the related field.

6. Curriculum Map – Organisation and Structure

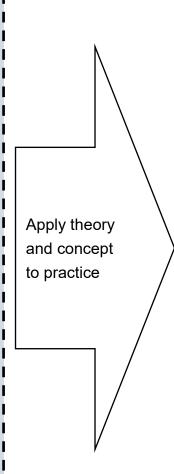
Concept and Theory

Module 1 Railway and Society (36 hours)

- Social development with railways
- Contemporary railway services
- Overview of the railway industry, regulatory agencies and related organisations
- Roles, responsibilities and work ethics of railway professionals

Module 2 Safety in Railway (24 hours)

- Basics of occupational safety and health
- Common occupational hazards and prevention in railway
- Safety measures, assessment and monitoring
- Safety in railway operations and technology
- Railway safety rules



Theory, Practice and Project

Module 3 Railway Technology (60 hours)

- Railway engineering systems
- Trains and infrastructure systems
- Signalling and train control
- System integration
- Railway technology project

Module 4 Railway Operations (60 hours)

- Daily operations of railway services
- Station facilities and operations
- Train operations and interfaces
- · Railway incident handling
- Case study on railway operations

7. The Context

- The information on possible further study and career pathways is provided to enhance students' understanding of the wider context of the specific Applied Learning course. Students who have successfully completed Applied Learning courses have to meet other entry requirements as specified by the institutions.
- The recognition of Applied Learning courses for admission to further studies and career opportunities is at the discretion of relevant institutions.

Possible further study and career pathways

Further studies

e.g. logistics, transport operations, electrical engineering, electronics engineering

Career development

e.g. positions at entry level (e.g. train captain, train station officer, assistant logistics officer, electrical
and mechanical tradesman or technician, operation officer or project officer in transport-related industry)
and positions at managerial level (e.g. senior station officer, station manager, train crew manager,
electrical and mechanical engineer, maintenance engineer, operation or project manager in transportrelated industry)

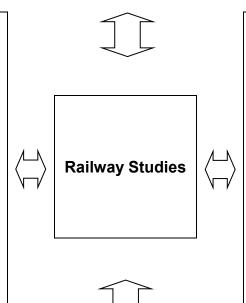
Relations with core subjects and other elective subjects

Enhancing and enriching, e.g.

 modules of railway technology and railway operation allows students to apply knowledge and skills learnt from Design and Applied Technology to develop technological responses to improve quality of living

Expanding horizons, e.g.

 students will have a broader view on how knowledge of operational management and applied technology apply in real life



Relations with other areas of studies/ courses of Applied Learning

e.g.

Business, Management and Law

 the concepts of marketing and customer relationship management are useful for understanding of railway operation

Engineering and Production

 the knowledge in electronics and mechanical principles is useful for understanding of railway technology

Foundation knowledge developed in junior secondary education

The course is built upon the foundation knowledge students acquired in, e.g.

- Chinese Language Education and English Language Education reading, verbal and written communication
- Mathematics Education basic geometry and statistical skills
- Technology Education systems & control, technology & living

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Learning and Teaching

Course Title : Railway Studies

Area of Studies : Engineering and Production

Course Provider : Hong Kong College of Technology

In Railway Studies, student-centred learning and teaching activities are designed to enable students to understand fundamental theories and concepts, develop their generic skills, and address their career aspirations in railway industry.

Different modes of activities are employed to provide students with a systematic understanding about the context (e.g. lectures on the overview of railway development) and eye-opening opportunities to experience the complexity of the context (e.g. visit to railway facilities, including Operation Control Centre, depot and stations, and sharing by practitioners).

Students acquire an understanding of the requirements, fundamental knowledge and skills essential for further learning within the area through learning-by-practising opportunities in an authentic or near-authentic environment (e.g. train driving simulation and practice in simulated work environment, practice on manual operation of platform screen doors).

Students are also encouraged to develop and apply conceptual, practical and reflective skills to demonstrate entrepreneurship and innovation. Students are given opportunities to integrate the knowledge and skills acquired and consolidate their learning (e.g. group discussion to evaluate railway operations and analyse railway incident handling. In a group project, students apply technologies to solve practical problems in railway; research on feasibility to adopt a new technology; and produce a preliminary design of a new metro line with appropriate technologies in a given city).

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Curriculum Pillars of Applied Learning in Context – Railway Studies

Through the specific contexts related to the course, students have different learning opportunities, for example:

1. Career-related Competencies

- outline the development of operations and technology systems adopted in railway;
- discuss the complexity of an issue in railway industry by referring to structure, stakeholders and safety requirements; and
- demonstrate the understanding of competency requirements through practical exercises which are set according to the railway industry standards.

2. Foundation Skills

- enhance communication skills both in verbal and written forms through working on self-reflection report, presentation, role play and project reports;
- apply mathematical skills in preparing data for case study analysis; and
- apply information technology skills in research for projects.

3. Thinking Skills

- analyse the benefits and development of railway operations and technology systems based on given and self-fetched information with independent and critical thinking skills;
- apply innovative and creative thinking skills in providing suggestions to improve operational efficiency and customer experience satisfaction; and
- analyse technological problems logically.

4. People Skills

- demonstrate collaborative skills through sharing knowledge and ideas, solving problems and settling conflicts in group projects;
- demonstrate self-management skills through planning, implementing and evaluating project outcomes; and
- demonstrate team spirit and interpersonal skills in group discussions and group projects through handling conflicts and misunderstandings.

5. Values and Attitudes

- demonstrate a basic understanding of social responsibilities, professional ethics and attitudes in railway industry; and
- develop enthusiasm and plan for career in the industry and further studies.