



# Wood A / B Course Description

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**Student Grade Level:** All

**Textbook:** Provided in class and maintained in class.

**Major Emphasis of Course:** To allow students the opportunity to learn how to safely use woodworking tools and techniques to produce objects made primarily of wood.

**Objectives of Course:** Students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of safety techniques and rules, tool and machine identification and use, project planning, project assembly and project finishing techniques.

**Instructional Activities:** Assignments from text, lecture, demonstration videotapes, safety test, quizzes, individual work on projects, with individualized instruction as time allows. Shop cleanup.

**Homework:** Homework for this class will consist of having all materials available in class that a student might need to maintain production on their projects. It might be the student needs to buy special parts from a local vendor for a project and have them available so there is no work stoppage. Days where students cannot produce work due to lack of materials will negatively effect the student's grade in the class. Please plan ahead.

**Marking Policy:** Participation points for daily work. Projects graded by difficulty level / quality of work.

**Additional Requirements:**

1. This class uses heavy machinery and sharp tools as a routine part of instruction. These machines can injure the user or the people in the vicinity very quickly if the safety rules are not followed. Therefore, any student not following safety procedures / rules may be sent to the school administration. Possible removal from class may result.
2. Safety eyewear must be worn at all times when working, or when near somebody working. This eyewear will be described in class and the students will be required to purchase their eyewear at a local store of their choice. This must be done in the first few days of class.
3. It is suggested that students bring their own tape measure for use in class.
4. Students are to work only on teacher approved projects.
5. Students are to handle only their own property and keep away from the property of others.
6. Tools are to be used and then returned to their appropriate storage areas. Respect the shop.
7. Students will need to pay a fee for materials used in the projects they are to take home. This fee will change based on the project. The amount of the fee will be announced to students in class each semester. The fee is collected in the beginning of the semester and is due as a cash payment.

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