

COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE: **Propeller Operation Maintenance and Controls**

PROGRAM: 280.C0 Aircraft Maintenance Technology

DISCIPLINE: 280 Aeronautics

WEIGHTING: Theory: 1 Practical Work: 2 Personal Study : 1

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CONTEXT OF THIS COURSE IN THE PROGRAM

This course is offered during the fifth session of the program. By the end of the course, students will have developed the ability to:

- Gather the necessary information for propeller maintenance
- Perform the removal and disassembly of propellers and their systems
- Perform an inspection and repair propellers and their systems
- Perform the assembly and installation of propellers and their systems
- Perform a compliance inspection for propeller installation

Students must keep this course outline for the duration of their studies as it will be useful for the comprehensive assessment at the end of the program.

MINISTERIAL OBJECTIVE(S) AND COMPETENCIES

0264 To maintain propellers and propeller-related systems.

TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES

Theory:

Students will enrich their course notes with the multi-media presentations that will be followed by formal lectures

Practical Work:

This part consists mainly of laboratory work where students must refer to manufacturer's manuals by following procedures and theoretical notes while using the equipment and precision tools.

COURSE PLAN – THEORY

0264 To maintain propellers and propeller-related systems.

Activity Periods: Weeks 1, 2, 3

Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
1.1 Explain the factors that influence the performance and design of a propeller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Definition of blade profiles, lift, angle of attack, blade angle, plane of rotation, relative wind ▪ Effects of various forces at play on the design (pitch, twist and shape of the blades) ▪ Materials used for construction; advantages and disadvantages ▪ Effects on the airplane, dissymmetry of thrust, critical power, gyroscopic effect 	
1.2 Explain the principles of operation of various types of propellers and propeller systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Definition and use of propellers and systems : fixed pitch, variable pitch or constant speed ▪ Examples of application of the different types 	
1.3 Explain the different modes of operation of a propeller or a propeller system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Definition of : feathering, reverse thrust, propulsion ▪ Examples of applications of the different modes 	
1.4 Describe the devices used at the base of propeller systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Springs and basic forces on the blade angle ▪ Usefulness of the other hydraulic, pneumatic or electric devices on the blade angle 	
1.5 Explain the control and security systems of propeller systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Definition and effects of the regulator, synchronizer and synchrophasor systems 	

Activity Periods: Weeks 5, 6, 7

Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
1.5 Explain the control and security systems of a propeller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Definition and effects of the regulator, synchronizer and synchrophasor systems 	
1.6 Describe measuring and control devices for the performance of a propeller and a propeller system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Definitions of speedometer, torque and angle of incidence ▪ Examples of instrument use 	
1.8 Identify the propellers and the propeller systems according to the manufacturer's specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finding the serial and model number of the propeller or the system 	

COURSE PLAN – PRACTICAL WORK

Activity Periods: Weeks 1 to 15

Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
1.7 Identify the safety requirements for work on propellers and propeller systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Determining whether the propeller must be removed or not according to the work plan ▪ If the propeller is not removed, putting it in a safe position (angle of incidence); make sure that the engine cannot start (remove magnetos and spark plugs); wear safety glasses ▪ If the propeller is removed, making sure that the engine cannot start ; wear safety glasses, secure the propeller on the work bench 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
1.9 Identify relevant information in the documentation of regulations for the maintenance of propellers and propeller systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special documents (measurement recording and inspection sheets, and work documents) ▪ Laws and regulations specific to the maintenance of propellers and propeller systems ▪ Logbooks and entries to make during maintenance 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories

Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
2.1 Use relevant documentation for the maintenance of propellers or propeller systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifying the propeller or the system according to the model or the serial number ▪ Finding allowable limits when conducting an inspection ▪ Validating the application of the propeller or propeller system using logbooks. 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
2.2 Apply the laws and regulations relevant to maintenance of propellers or propeller systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Researching laws and regulations that apply to particular cases ▪ Tracking using logbooks 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
2.3 Plan the logical sequence of operations for maintenance of propellers or propeller systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using the documentation that accompanies propellers, deciding the sequence of operations according to those possible: removal, disassembly, balancing, cleaning, repairing, assembling, installing, adjusting linkages 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
2.4 Plan and identify the use of material necessary for maintenance of propellers or propeller systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using the documents and the logical sequence of operations, finding equipment, material and hardware necessary and arranging them in a safe manner 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories

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Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
3.1 Apply safety rules for removing propellers or propeller systems.	Steps to follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using protective equipment (goggles, gloves, etc.) ▪ Establishing a safety zone ▪ Ensuring that the propeller is correctly positioned for removal according to the manufacturer's manual ▪ Ensuring that the engine will not start 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
3.2 Use the procedure described in the manufacturer's manuals for removing propellers or propeller systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visual inspection of propellers, propeller systems and/or linkages ▪ Identification of useful reference points (position marks) Removal as per the procedure ▪ Visual inspection of the removed pieces 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
3.3 Analyze inspection results and the guidelines on relevant documents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Learning to write inspection results in special documents or in the logbooks according to the limitations described in the manuals or the documents that accompany the propeller or propeller system 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories

Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
4.1 Apply safety rules for dismantling propellers or propeller systems.	Steps to follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using protective equipment (goggles, gloves, etc.) ▪ Establishing a safety zone ▪ Installing parts on an appropriate table 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
4.2 Use the procedure written in the manufacturer's manual for the disassembly	Steps to follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using the specialized equipment and tools that are recommended in the manual ▪ Making sure to record the position marks ▪ Removal, inspecting and handling of equipment according to procedures ▪ Cleaning, identifying and storing parts according to procedures ▪ Recording work done in appropriate documents 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories

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Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
5.1 Apply safety rules for inspecting propellers and propeller systems	Steps to follow : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using protective equipment (goggles) ▪ Establishing a safety zone ▪ Installing parts on an appropriate support (inspection table) 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
5.2 Follow the inspection rules in the manufacturer's manual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Choosing appropriate tools and gauges based on the inspections to be performed: measuring the angle of incidence, the blade angle, the thickness, the depth, the diameter and performing a visual inspection ▪ Carrying out the inspection 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
5.3 Analyse the inspection results and the guidelines in relevant documents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comparing the results with the standards in specialized documents and/or logbooks ▪ Making a diagnosis that describes the defect ▪ Recording inspection maintenance results in appropriate tracking document 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories

Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
6.1 Apply safety rules for repairing propellers and propeller systems	Steps to follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using protective equipment (goggles, gloves, etc.) ▪ Establishing a safety zone ▪ Installing parts on an appropriate support 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
6.2 Analyze defects in the propeller or propeller system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ identifying and describing the defect found on the part during the visual inspection by using the diagnosis written in the documentation 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
6.3 Suggest a solution for the defect that was found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Solutions: adjusting linkages; repairing surface defects; balancing, adjusting alignment, or indicating not reparable 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
6.4 Make the repair and record the results in the relevant documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Choosing the necessary specialized equipment or tools ▪ Using the manufacturer's manual to perform the repair ▪ Visual inspection or using instruments to check the results of the repair ▪ Recording results in writing in the documentation 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
6.5 Analyze the results of the repair and record them in the relevant documents	Determining the success of the repair Recording the decision in writing in the documents and logbooks	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories

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Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
7.1 Apply safety rules for installing propellers and propeller systems	Steps to follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using protective equipment (goggles, gloves, etc.) ▪ Establishing a safety zone ▪ Installing parts on an appropriate support 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
7.2 Use the procedure described in the manufacturer's manual for installing propellers or propeller systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using the specialized equipment and tools recommended in the manual ▪ Using position marks already recorded, torques ▪ Checking results and balance if necessary 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
7.3 Record the results of the installation in the appropriate documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specialized documents and logbooks must contain information on installation 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories

Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
8.1 Apply safety rules for installing helicopters and helicopter systems	Steps to follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using protective equipment (goggles, gloves, etc.) ▪ Establishing a safety zone ▪ Ensuring that the propeller is correctly positioned for installation according to the manufacturer's manual ▪ Making sure that the engine cannot start 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
8.2 Use the procedure described in the manufacturer's manual for installing propellers or propeller systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using appropriate specialized equipment and tools ▪ Using reference points already recorded ▪ Carefully following the procedure according to the type of shaft splined or tapered ▪ Adjusting parts (linkages, regulators, etc.) ▪ Visual inspection of the propeller, the linkages, the controls and the regulators 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
8.3 Analyze the inspection results and the guidelines in the relevant documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Determining the success of the installation after inspecting and writing the results in the specialized documents and/or logbooks 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories

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Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
9.1 Apply safety rules for checking compliance on the installation of helicopters and helicopter systems	<p>Steps to follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using protective equipment (glasses, gloves, etc.) ▪ Establishing a safety zone ▪ Installing the propeller or the system safely on a test apparatus according to established procedures 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
9.2 Use the procedure described in the manufacturer's manual for checking compliance of the installation of propellers and propeller systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Researching the procedure in the documents and using the necessary tools ▪ Running the system on the mockup test bench or aircraft engine ▪ Checking and recording results in the appropriate documents 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
9.3 Analyze the results of the inspection and the guidelines in the relevant documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Determining if the check was successful or not according to the standards ▪ If successful, recording it in the specialized documents and the logbooks. ▪ If not successful, returning it for inspection 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories

Learning Objectives	Content	Personal Study Activities
10.1 Apply rules related to health and safety in the workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using necessary protective equipment (glasses, gloves, dust masks, etc.) ▪ Storing tools and equipment a 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories
10.2 Apply environmental rules for the workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disposal of fluids in an appropriate place ▪ Storing cleaning cloths in the provided bin ▪ Making certain the workplace is clean 	Laboratory notebook: see exercises related to laboratories

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Weeks	Learning Objectives
1	2.1- 2.2- 2.3- 1.7- 1.9
2	2.1- 2.2- 2.3
3	2.1-2.2-10.1-2.3-2.4-5.2-5.3-3.3-10.2
4	2.1-2.2-1.7-1.9
5	2.1-2.2-10.1-2.3-2.4-5.2-5.3-3.3-10.2
6	4.1-4.2
7	6.1-6.2-6.3-6.4-6.5-10.1-10.2
8	EXAM
9	4.1-4.2-7.1-7.2-10.1-10.2-5.1-7.3
10	4.1-4.2-7.1-7.2-10.1-10.2-5.1-7.3
11	4.1-4.2-7.1-7.2-10.1-10.2-5.1-7.3
12	9.1-9.2-9.3
13	8.1-8.2-8.3-9.1
14	9.1-9.2-9.3
15	EXAM

SYNTHESIS OF EVALUATION METHODS

Theory

Description of the evaluation activity	Context	Learning Objective(s)	Due Date (date assignment is due or exam date)	Weighting (%)
Written exam: multiple choice answers and short answers	Individual. 2-hour duration without documentation	1.1 to 1.5	Week 4	25%
Written exam: multiple choice answers	Individual 2-hour duration without documentation	All	Week 8	25%

Sous-total : 50%

Practical Work

Description of the evaluation activity	Context	Learning Objective(s)	Due Date (date assignment is due or exam date)	Weighting (%)
Propeller blades blending	Individual In the laboratory	6.1 to 6.5	Laboratory 8	10%
Documentation research work using assigned questions (cases)	In teams, during the course	1.9	Laboratory 14	10%
Written exam: short answer responses	Individual, 2-hour duration	Objectives for Weeks 1 to 8 (see chart)	Week 9	10%
Comprehensive Exam	Individual, 2-hour duration Access to documentation permitted	All	Final week	20%

Subtotal : 50%

TOTAL: 100%

EXPECTATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN CLASS

Everyone is required to wear a shopcoat, safety glasses and safety shoes in the laboratory. Smoking in the lab is prohibited (could cause an explosion) as well as eating and drinking (risk of contamination).

REQUIRED MATERIAL

Laboratory manual and a SHARP EL 531 calculator.
Coop Course Manual #3752.
AIRCRAFT PROPELLERS AND CONTROLS.

MEDIAGRAPHY

F. Delp, Aircraft Propellers and Controls, Basin, WY, Aviation Maintenance Publish, 1979, 156 pages.
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Bent, R.D. et McKinley J.L., Aircraft Powerplants, 5e éd., McGraw-Hill, Montréal, 1985, 596 pages.
Pratt and Whitney, PT6-A Descriptive Notes.
Pratt and Whitney, PW-100 Descriptive Notes.
General Aviation Efficiency System. Light Aircraft Microfiche Library System. Propellers, V.6.
Federal Aviation Administration, AC43-13-1A/2A: Acceptable Methods, Techniques and Practices : Aircraft Inspection, Repair & Alterations.

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OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REGULATIONS

Students are encouraged to consult the website for this course:
www.college-em.qc.ca/ena/propulseur/reglements

ANNEX

Activity periods written in the course outline for the Propulsion Department serve as a general guideline. Modifications may be made to accommodate any logistical problems that may arise.

NOTE: This Course Outline is a translation of the *Plan de cours* for 280-365-EM: *Fonctionnement de moteurs à turbine d'aéronefs*. If there is a discrepancy, then the original French version will be considered the official version for legal purposes.