

## **Activity: Learning Objectives**

Listed below are learning objectives from a course on introductory circuits and electronics. Each participant group has been given three of these objectives to consider. 1) 5-8; 2) 3-5; 3) 1-3; 4) 7-1; 5) 6-8; 6) 8-2. Identify at least one from your list that needs improvement and propose an alternative:

- 1. Students will understand the behavior of simple DC and AC circuits and will be familiar with AC steady-state responses of resistance, inductance and capacitance.
- 2. Students will learn the basic properties of operational amplifiers and develop an understanding of how to analyze simple operational amplifier circuits.
- 3. Students will be familiar with common circuit symbols and understand the operations of logic gates.
- 4. Students will study the functions and characteristics of basic circuit elements.
- 5. Students will understand the frequency and transient responses of capacitors and inductors.
- 6. Students will be able to draw schematics and use them in experiments and simulation.
- 7. Students will understand electrical instruments
- 8. Students will understand sensors and actuators in electrical systems.

Discuss with your partners, come to a consensus on your responses and share with the group.

Below you will find catalog descriptions for 3 circuits courses. Choose a topic from one of the descriptions and write 2 or 3 learning objectives.

**Introduction to circuit analysis:** Circuit analysis concepts and their extension to mechanical and thermal systems by analogy; electrical instruments and measurements.

**Introduction to electronic circuits:** Basic concepts of voltage and current; Kirchhoff's voltage and current laws; Ohm's law; voltage and current sources; Thevenin and Norton equivalent circuits. DC and low frequency active circuits using operational amplifiers, diodes, and transistors; small-signal analysis; energy and power. Time-and frequency-domain analysis of RLC circuits. Basic passive and active electronic filters. Laboratory experience with electrical signals and circuits.

**Introduction to circuit analysis:** Circuit laws and nomenclature, resistive circuits with DC sources, ideal operational amplifier, controlled sources, natural and complete response of simple circuits, steady-state sinusoidal analysis and power calculations.