Course guide
820325 - GETF - Thermal and Fluid Dynamic Power Generation

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Unit in charge: Barcelona East School of Engineering
Teaching unit: 729 - MF - Department of Fluid Mechanics.

Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENERGY ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Compulsory subject).

Academic year: 2026 **ECTS Credits:** 6.0 **Languages:** Catalan

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REQUIREMENTS

MECÀNICA DE FLUIDS - Prerequisit
TERMODINÀMICA I TRANSFERÈNCIA DE CALOR - Precorequisit

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:
CEENE-190. (ENG) Analizar los principios de operación de centrales termofluidodinámicas.
CEENE-13. Analyse the principles of operation of generators and boilers.

Transversal:
3. EFFICIENT ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - Level 2. Using strategies for preparing and giving oral presentations. Writing texts and documents whose content is coherent, well structured and free of spelling and grammatical errors.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course content will develop a methodology and participatory exhibits when taught the theoretical content. Students will work individually to make the understanding, analysis and synthesis of theory. In addition, teamwork will be necessary to address complex problems (theoretical and laboratory).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

To know the operation and the dimensioning of heat engines and hydraulic and heat transfer equipment commonly used in industry.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours small group	15,0	10.00
Hours large group	45,0	30.00
Self study	90,0	60.00

Total learning time: 150 h

CONTENTS

-1. Thermal generation: Combustion. Steam boilers. Solar thermal energy applications.

Description:
Fuels' properties and classification. Normatives. Mass and energy balances in combustion. Steam boilers. Seasonal efficiency. Thermal uses of solar radiation. Greenhouse effect. Solar concentrators. Solar-thermal panles. Solar-thermal heat production systems.

Specific objectives:
After completing this section, the student will recognize different heat generation systems, including the use of fuels and solar radiation in thermal systems. The student will also be able to perform basic design tasks for heat generation systems.

Related activities:
Laboratory: Solar Thermal Installation

Full-or-part-time: 36h
Theory classes: 12h
Laboratory classes: 2h 30m
Self study : 21h 30m

- 2. Hydraulics machines. Turbomachines and volumetrics machines

Description:
Classification of fluid machines. Turbomachinery: basic functional description of the elements, principles of operation and operating environments. Characteristic curve of a real centrifugal pump. Similarity laws for pumps and turbines. Hydraulic turbines and wind turbines. Volumetric machines: types. Description of functional elements. Characteristic curves of pumps and volumetric motors. Selection criteria

Specific objectives:
Get classification criteria of the hydraulic machines. Knowing the kinematics of flow in the impeller of turbomachines and their influence on energy transfer in the impeller. Understand the different types of pumps, their essential functional elements and their application areas. Understand the different types of turbines, their essential functional elements and their operating environments. Knowing how to use the similarity to redesign pumps and turbines similar to other existing

Related activities:
Laboratory: Pelton turbine

Full-or-part-time: 27h 30m
Theory classes: 9h
Laboratory classes: 2h
Self study : 16h 30m

- 3. Heat transfer equipment. Heat exchangers. Cooling towers. Psicrometry.

Description:
Heat exchanger classification. Energy balances and overall coefficients. Efficiency. Heat transfer area calculation. Selection and sizing criteria. Heat transfer involving phase changes. Moist air thermodynamics. Mass and energy balances in psicrometric systems. Psicrometric processes and diagrams. Cooling towers.

Specific objectives:
After completing this section the student will understand the operation and basic design principles of heat exchangers, the thermodynamics of moist air and its application to the design of cooling towers.

Related activities:
Laboratory: Heat exchanger, exerimental and numerical study (2 sessions)

Full-or-part-time: 26h 30m
Theory classes: 6h
Laboratory classes: 4h 30m
Self study : 16h

- 4. Gas power plant generation cycles. Alternative compressors and turbomachines. Gas turbines. Combustion engines.

Description:
Alternative compressors. Diagrams. Adiabatic compressors. Rotative compressors. Gas turbines. Brayton cycle. Simple and imroved cycles. Efficiencies. Semi-ideal gas calculation method. Internal combustion engines. External combustion engines.

Specific objectives:
After completing this section, the student will recognize different gas power generation cycles and equipments and the required criteria to perform basic design tasks.

Related activities:
Laboratory: alternative compressor

Full-or-part-time: 15h
Theory classes: 6h
Self study : 9h

- 5. Steam power plant generation cycles. Steam turbines. Cogeneration.

Description:
Steam turbines. Rankine cycle. Overheating and reheating. Regenerative cycles. Open and closed reheaters. Other steam cycles. Cogeneration.

Specific objectives:
After completing this section, the student will recognize different steam power generation cycles and equipment and the required criteria to perform basic design tasks.

Related activities:
Laboratory: Thermal power plant I and II (2 sessions)

Full-or-part-time: 25h
Theory classes: 6h
Laboratory classes: 4h
Self study : 15h

- 6. Refrigeration cycles and heat pumps.

Description:
Steam compression refrigeration cycles. Refrigerants and its properties. Cascade and multi-stage steam compression systems. Absorption refrigeration cycles. Heat pumps. Other refrigeration technologies: gas turbines and adsorption cycles.

Specific objectives:
After completing this section, the student will recognize different refrigeration cycles and equipent and the required criteria to perform basic design tasks.

Related activities:
Laboratory: Heat pump

Full-or-part-time: 20h
Theory classes: 6h
Laboratory classes: 2h
Self study : 12h

GRADING SYSTEM

Any academic fraud, plagiarism or use or possession of unauthorised means in an assessment activity leads to a mark of zero (0) for the affected test or assignment. Furthermore, in accordance with the University's regulations, if disciplinary proceedings are initiated the subject is recorded as "Pending Assessment" until a decision is reached. These incidents are managed in accordance with the **Action Framework for Academic Integrity in Assessment at the UPC**.

The evaluation will be conducted through written tests in the partials and final tests. The exercises and problems will be assessed from the delivery of material by students. Practices will be assessed based on attendance and activity performed in the laboratory together with the preparation and delivery of practice reports.
The students will be carried out an interdisciplinar project together with other subjects of the specialty.
Partials tests: 30%
Exercises / problems: 10%
Practices: 15%
Final test: 40%
Generical competence: 5%

A necessary condition to pass the subject is attending all practices and the completion and delivery of the reports.
The subject have a reevaluation test, following the conditions defined in the academic regulations. The students will be able to access the re-assessment test that meets the requirements set by the EEBE in its Assessment and Permanence Regulations

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