

Course guide

330125 - EF - Fluid Dynamics Engineering

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Unit in charge: Manresa School of Engineering
Teaching unit: 750 - EMIT - Department of Mining, Industrial and ICT Engineering.

Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Compulsory subject).
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Academic year: 2025 **ECTS Credits:** 6.0 **Languages:** Catalan, Spanish

LECTURER

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DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:

1. Understanding the basics of fluid dynamics. Understanding and mastery of the fundamental concepts of hydraulic machines.

Transversal:

2. SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING - Level 3. Applying the knowledge gained in completing a task according to its relevance and importance. Deciding how to carry out a task, the amount of time to be devoted to it and the most suitable information sources.
3. EFFICIENT ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - Level 3. Communicating clearly and efficiently in oral and written presentations. Adapting to audiences and communication aims by using suitable strategies and means.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course consists of two hours of theory per week in classroom classes (large groups), with lectures with audiovisual support, and two hours per week in small groups dedicated to laboratory practice and problem solving using CFD techniques in a computer classroom.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

At the end of the course the student must be able to:

- Know, understand and apply the principles of external flows.
- Understand and apply the principles of internal flows.
- Understand and apply the principles of free surface flows.
- Understand and apply the principles of operation of the different hydraulic machines (pumps and turbines).
- Prepare technical reports and resolution of technical application problems.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours large group	30,0	20.00
Hours medium group	30,0	20.00
Self study	90,0	60.00

Total learning time: 150 h

CONTENTS

Content Title 1: External Flows: Principles of Aerodynamics and Hydrodynamics

Description:

Boundary layer theory. Application to external understandable fluid flows. Application to external incompressible fluid flows.

Specific objectives:

Know and understand the principles of aerodynamics and hydrodynamics.

Related activities:

CFD Modeling of External and Internal Flow (Activity 1)

Wind Tunnel Experimentation (Activity 2)

Continuous assessment test (Activity 6).

Full-or-part-time: 30h

Theory classes: 6h

Practical classes: 6h

Self study : 18h

Content Title 2: Internal Flows: Sizing of Piping Systems

Description:

Sizing of pipe systems and pipe networks.

Specific objectives:

Understanding, analysis and application of the different calculation methodologies to dimension pipe systems and networks.

Related activities:

Pressure Loss Experimentation (Activity 3)

Continuous assessment test (Activity 6).

Full-or-part-time: 30h

Theory classes: 6h

Practical classes: 6h

Self study : 18h

Content title 3: Flows with free surface: channels

Description:

Flows with free surface. Channels. Spillways.

Specific objectives:

Understanding, analysis and application of the principles of free surface flows.

Related activities:

Free Surface Flow Experimentation (Activity 4)

Continuous assessment test (Activity 7).

Full-or-part-time: 30h

Theory classes: 6h

Practical classes: 6h

Self study : 18h

Content title 4: Hydraulic machines: hydraulic pumps and turbines

Description:

Principles of operation of rotodynamic and volumetric hydraulic machines. Volumetric and rotodynamic hydraulic pumps. Rotodynamic hydraulic turbines.

Specific objectives:

Understanding and application of the principles of operation of volumetric and rotodynamic hydraulic machines. Hydraulic pumps and turbines.

Related activities:

Pump Characteristic Curves Experimentation (Activity 5)
Continuous assessment test (Activity 7).

Full-or-part-time: 60h

Theory classes: 12h

Practical classes: 12h

Self study : 36h

ACTIVITIES

TITLE OF ACTIVITY 1: CFD MODELLING OF EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL FLOW PROBLEMS

Description:

Application of CFD techniques in the computer classroom for solving external flow and internal flow problems.

Specific objectives:

Experimental learning.

Material:

Computers and software, computer room.

Related competencies :

. Understanding the basics of fluid dynamics. Understanding and mastery of the fundamental concepts of hydraulic machines.

Full-or-part-time: 18h

Practical classes: 18h

TITLE OF THE ACTIVITY 2: LABORATORY PRACTICE WIND TUNNEL EXPERIMENTATION

Description:

Experiment with the aerodynamic forces around bodies of different shapes.

Specific objectives:

Experimentation in the wind tunnel of the phenomena typical of Aerodynamics.

Material:

Laboratory equipment

Full-or-part-time: 4h

Laboratory classes: 4h

TITLE OF ACTIVITY 3: LABORATORY PRACTICE: EXPERIMENTATION OF PRESSURE DROPS IN DUCTS AND FITTINGS

Description:

The unit consists of the experimental study of pressure losses in pipes and fittings.

Specific objectives:

Experimentally check the influence of diameter, roughness, shape and other characteristics of ducts as they affect head losses.
Experimentally check the pressure drop of fittings such as valves, elbows, etc.

Material:

Laboratory equipment

Related competencies :

. Understanding the basics of fluid dynamics. Understanding and mastery of the fundamental concepts of hydraulic machines.

Full-or-part-time: 4h

Laboratory classes: 4h

TITLE OF ACTIVITY 4: LABORATORY PRACTICAL: FREE SURFACE FLOW EXPERIMENTATION

Description:

The practice consists of experimenting with the Chézy equations for free surface flow in open channels and spillways.

Specific objectives:

Experimentally verify the laws governing open channel flow

Material:

Laboratory Equipment

Related competencies :

. Understanding the basics of fluid dynamics. Understanding and mastery of the fundamental concepts of hydraulic machines.

Full-or-part-time: 4h

Laboratory classes: 4h

TITLE OF ACTIVITY 5: DETERMINATION OF THE CHARACTERISTIC CURVES OF A PUMP

Full-or-part-time: 2h

Laboratory classes: 2h

TITLE OF ACTIVITY 6: CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST

Description:

Taking a written problem-solving test.

Material:

Statements problems and calculator.

Delivery:

35% of the final grade.

Full-or-part-time: 5h

Self study: 3h

Practical classes: 2h



TITLE OF ACTIVITY 7: FINAL ASSESSMENT TEST

Description:

Carrying out a written problem-solving test for groups of students.

Specific objectives:

Upon completion of the activity, the student should be able to:

Understand the fundamentals of indirect thermal machines and direct endothermic machines.

Material:

Statements problems and calculator.

Delivery:

35 % of the final grade.

Full-or-part-time: 12h

Self study: 10h

Practical classes: 2h

GRADING SYSTEM

Activity 1: 10 % of the final mark

Activities 2, 3, 4 5 and 8: 20 % of the final mark.

Activity 6: 35 % of the final mark

Activity 7 : 35 % of the final mark

EXAMINATION RULES.

Activities not submitted will be considered a "0".

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Complementary:

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RESOURCES

Other resources:

Non-tabulated resources: Notes on digital campuses

Audiovisual material: Presentations on the digital campus

Laboratory equipment