

Course guide

340125 - ELPO-K6O10 - Power Electronics

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Unit in charge: Vilanova i la Geltrú School of Engineering
Teaching unit: 710 - EEL - Department of Electronic Engineering.

Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS AND AUTOMATIC CONTROL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Compulsory subject).
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Optional subject).

Academic year: 2025 **ECTS Credits:** 6.0 **Languages:** Spanish

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: Castilla Fernandez, Miguel

Others: Castilla Fernandez, Miguel
Miret Tomas, Jaume

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:

11. CE22. Applied knowledge of power electronics.

Transversal:

1. 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.
5. TEAMWORK. Being able to work as a team player, either as a member or as a leader. Contributing to projects pragmatically and responsibly, by reaching commitments in accordance to the resources that are available.
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8. EFFICIENT ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION. Communicating verbally and in writing about learning outcomes, thought-building and decision-making. Taking part in debates about issues related to the own field of specialization.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course includes theory classes, which are oriented to introduce the initial knowledge, and exercises and laboratory classes, which are oriented to the application of the basic knowledge. The self study is guided by exercises and problems.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

The course is oriented to the study of power electronics devices, the analysis and design of power electronics circuits, and the description of the main industrial applications. The objectives include: 1) to know the principles of power electronics, 2) to classify the different kind of power electronics circuits as a function of the input source and loads, 3) to analyze the basic power electronics converters, 3) to design the control circuits that command the basic power electronics converters.

STUDY LOAD

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



Total learning time: 150 h

CONTENTS

1. Introduction to Power Electronics

Description:

To present the basic principles of Power Electronics

Specific objectives:

To understand the features and differences between a signal processor circuit and a power processor circuit.

To define the types of power conversion according to the nature of input energy sources and output loads.

To identify the current and future industrial applications of power electronics converters.

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Related activities:

Features of a power converter.

Classification of power converters.

Industrial applications of power converters.

Related competencies :

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Full-or-part-time: 9h

Theory classes: 3h

Self study : 6h

2. Power Electronics Devices

Description:

To present the features of the most significant power electronics devices.

Specific objectives:

To understand the features of passive components and semiconductor devices.

To define the static parameters and the switching behaviour of power devices.

To understand the operation of activation and protection circuits for power devices.

Related activities:

Passive components.

Semiconductor devices.

Activation and protection circuits.

Related competencies :

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Full-or-part-time: 18h

Theory classes: 6h

Self study : 12h

3. Rectifier Circuits

Description:

To present the basic configurations of rectifier circuits (single-phase, three-phase, circuits with diodes thyristors).
To analyze the properties of the circuits.

Specific objectives:

To understand the operation principle of the rectifier circuits.
To learn techniques to analyze rectifier circuits.
To understand the driving circuits of the controlled rectifiers

Related activities:

Exercices to analyze and design rectifier circuits.
Lab exercise. Measures and experimental verification. Report with the results and discussion.

Related competencies :

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Full-or-part-time: 31h

Theory classes: 9h

Laboratory classes: 4h

Guided activities: 8h

Self study : 10h

4. Voltage Regulators

Description:

To present the basic configurations of dc-dc switching regulators.

To introduce the basic tools to analyze dc-dc switching regulators in steady-state.

Specific objectives:

To identify the configurations of dc-dc switching regulators.

To learn on techniques to analyze dc-dc switching regulators in steady-state

To learn on programming tools to evaluate the dynamic performance of these converters

To learn how to design the control circuits

Related activities:

Exercises to analyze and design voltage regulators.

Lab exercise. Measures and experimental verification. Report with the results and discussion.

Related competencies :

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Full-or-part-time: 34h

Theory classes: 10h

Laboratory classes: 4h

Guided activities: 8h

Self study : 12h

5. Power Inverters

Description:

To present the principle of operation of single-phase and three-phase power inverters and their associated modulation techniques. To analyze the properties of these circuits. To introduce the main applications of the power inverters.

Specific objectives:

To learn how to analyze and design power inverters.

To know how to reduce the harmonic content in voltage and current waveforms.

To learn on the techniques to derive dynamic models.

Related activities:

Exercises to analyze and design power inverters.

Lab exercise. Measures and experimental verification. Report with the results and discussion.

Related competencies :

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Theory classes: 10h

Laboratory classes: 4h

Guided activities: 8h

Self study : 12h

6. AC/AC Power Circuits

Description:

To present the basic configurations and applications of the AC/AC converters.

Specific objectives:

To know the analysis and design techniques for AC regulators, DC coupling converters, and cyclo-converters.

To know the properties of basic AC/AC circuits by experimental tests

Related activities:

Exercises to analyze and design AC/AC converters.

Lab exercise. Measures and experimental verification. Report with the results and discussion.

Related competencies :

. CE22. Applied knowledge of power electronics.

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Full-or-part-time: 22h

Theory classes: 7h

Laboratory classes: 3h

Guided activities: 4h

Self study : 8h

GRADING SYSTEM

The course is evaluated according to the following items:

* A project developed during the course (PRO).

* Laboratory classes (LAB).

La final mark (FM) is obtained using the following equation:

$$FM=0.5*PRO+0.5*LAB$$

The improvements introduced in the project will be re-evaluated

EXAMINATION RULES.

None

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