# 220108 - Power Converters

**Coordinating unit:** 205 - ESEIAAT - Terrassa School of Industrial, Aerospace and Audiovisual Engineering  
**Teaching unit:** 710 - EEL - Department of Electronic Engineering  
**Academic year:** 2019  
**Degree:** BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Teaching unit Compulsory)  
**ECTS credits:** 4,5  
**Teaching languages:** Catalan, Spanish, English

## Teaching staff

**Coordinator:** Lamich Arocas, Manuel  
**Others:** Arias Pujol, Antoni  
José Luis Romeral Martínez

## Prior skills

- Good knowledge of Circuits Theory  
- Basic knowledge of electronic devices. (Diodes, Transistors, MOS-FET).  
- Basic knowledge of Fourier analysis, (as given in Calculus Subject)

## Degree competences to which the subject contributes

**Specific:**  
1. Applied knowledge of power electronics.

## Teaching methodology

Activities:  
- Lectures on theoretical matters and practical exercises.  
- Laboratory Sessions. During the laboratory sessions, different applications with converters will be developed at the simulation level.

## Learning objectives of the subject

Show the students the structure and applications of different types of power converters and enable them to choose the suitable components. Study of converters used to drive electric machines, to link renewable sources to the grid, to built uninterrupted sources (UPS) and power supplies in general. Provide the basis for designing the control of these converters (related with the subjects of Automatic Control). Study of power transfer between electrical systems and electromechanical systems by means of converters. Study the performance of previous systems. Study of disturbances generated by electrical converters on the mains and electromagnetic fields in the environment.
# Study load

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<td>Self study: 67h 30m 60.00%</td>
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## Content

### Power devices

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<td>MOS-FET, IGBT and MCT</td>
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<td>Switching characteristics of power devices</td>
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<td>Conduction and commutation loses</td>
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<td>Describe the behaviour and characteristics of the different power devices</td>
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### Simulation tools

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<td>ORCAD PSPICE circuits simulator</td>
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<td>Matlab-Simulink systems simulator</td>
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<td>&quot;Sim Power Systems&quot; toolbox</td>
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<td>Provide simulation tools to evaluate the behaviour of power devices and power systems.</td>
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### Uncontrolled rectifiers

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### Controlled rectifiers

**Learning time:** 20h  
Theory classes: 6h  
Laboratory classes: 2h  
Self study: 12h

### DC-DC Converters

**Learning time:** 20h  
Theory classes: 6h  
Laboratory classes: 2h  
Self study: 12h

### Inverters

**Learning time:** 26h  
Theory classes: 9h  
Laboratory classes: 3h  
Self study: 14h

**Description:**  
Types and calculations of voltages and currents  
Control methods: Vector control  
Resonant converters

**Related activities:**  
Activity 1 and 2

**Specific objectives:**  
Learn about DC-AC conversion  
Learn the calculations and sizing of DC-AC converters

### Static switches and regulators to phase control

**Learning time:** 4h 30m  
Theory classes: 2h  
Self study: 2h 30m

**Description:**  
Types. Voltages and currents calculations  
Control Methods

**Related activities:**  
Activity 1

**Specific objectives:**  
Knowing the structure and control techniques of AC-AC converters by means of phase control.  
Learn the calculations and dimensioning of AC-AC converters by means of phase control.
Planning of activities

ACTIVITY 1: THEORY AND PROBLEM LESSONS

Hours: 73h 30m
- Theory classes: 28h
- Self study: 45h 30m

Description:
Teaching of theoretical concepts and realization of numerical exercises on different topics. Proposal of new numerical exercises or design tips.

Support materials:
Classroom with audiovisual media (PC and overhead projector)

Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:
Design exercises or numerical calculations will be proposed to ensure that students take the time to learn by themselves.

Specific objectives:
Teach the necessary theoretical knowledge and solve practical exercises to link the theory, the calculation methods and the design of power converters.

2. LABORATORY PRACTICE

Hours: 20h
- Laboratory classes: 10h
- Self study: 10h

3. SMALL DESIGN PROJECTS

Hours: 16h
- Laboratory classes: 4h
- Self study: 12h

4. MID-TERM EXAM

Hours: 1h
- Theory classes: 1h

5. FINAL EXAM

Hours: 2h
- Theory classes: 2h

Qualification system

- Partial exam 25%
- Final Exam 40%
- Practices consisting on simulation of several converters: 35%
Bibliography

Basic:

Complementary:

Others resources:

Audiovisual material
Apunts

Computer material
Software Matlab-Simulink amb Toolbox "Sim Power Systems"

Software ORCAD=PSpice