320023 - CEER - Power Plants and Renewable Energies

**Degree competences to which the subject contributes**

**Specific:**
1. ELE: Ability to calculate and design electrical power lines and transmission.
2. ELE: Ability to calculate and design electrical machines.
3. ELE: Ability to calculate and design high-voltage electrical installations.

**Transversal:**
4. 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.
5. SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT - Level 3. Taking social, economic and environmental factors into account in the application of solutions. Undertaking projects that tie in with human development and sustainability.

**Teaching methodology**

- Face-to-face lecture sessions.
- Face-to-face practical work sessions.
- Independent learning and exercises.
- Preparation and completion of group activities subject to assessment.

In the face-to-face lecture sessions, the lecturer will introduce the basic theory, concepts, methods and results for the subject and use examples to facilitate students’ understanding.

There will be two types of practical class work sessions:
a) Sessions in which the lecturer will provide students with guidelines to analyse data for solving problems by applying methods, concepts and theoretical results (80%).
d) Sessions in which students give presentations of group work (20%).

Students will be expected to study in their own time so that they are familiar with concepts and are able to solve the exercises set, whether manually or with the help of a computer. In scheduled multiple-choice test sessions via the Digital Campus, students will be tested on their acquisition of knowledge, specific vocabulary related to power stations, and concepts of physics applied to power stations.

In small groups, students will carry out projects and present them publicly in applied sessions.

**Learning objectives of the subject**
This subject introduces students to the various available energy sources (in particular those used in present-day use), the operating principles of each source, the ways in which power stations transform this energy into electrical energy, the power dimensions of each energy source, the main elements of power stations, and the difference between macro and micro power stations.

Students will learn to design photovoltaic systems and select wind turbines and alternators, and will gain an understanding of the excitation, regulation and control of the various types of power stations.

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## TOPIC 1: WATER POWER STATIONS

**Description:**
- Description of a hydraulic power station.
- Catchment, dams and pumped storage.
- Turbines. Hydropower exploitation.
- Dynamo excitation.
- Generation values. Transformation, protection and control. Elevation and distribution.
- Pumping stations.
- Small water power stations.
- Water power stations in Spain.

**Learning time:** 20h
- Theory classes: 10h
- Self study: 10h

## TOPIC 2: THERMAL POWER STATIONS

**Description:**
- Description of a thermal power station.
- Operation and work cycles.
- Thermal power stations in Spain.
- Existing coal-fired thermal power stations.
- Fossil-fuel power stations.
- Cogeneration plants.
- Biomass power stations.
- Waste-to-energy incineration plants. Municipal solid waste.

**Learning time:** 16h
- Theory classes: 8h
- Self study: 8h

## TOPIC 3: Nuclear Power Plants

**Description:**
- Nuclear fission.
- Components of a nuclear power plant: fuel, moderator, control rods, coolant, containment building.
- Nuclear reactors.
- Largest nuclear power plants in Spain.

**Learning time:** 10h
- Theory classes: 5h
- Self study: 5h
### TOPIC 4: PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY

**Learning time:** 20h  
Theory classes: 10h  
Self study: 10h

**Description:**  
- The Sun: coordinates, position, spherical trigonometry.  
- Solar radiation.  
- Solar cells and panels.  
- Free-standing installations.  
- Grid-connected installations.  
- Solar power plants.

### TOPIC 5: Wind Energy

**Learning time:** 26h  
Theory classes: 13h  
Self study: 13h

**Description:**  
- Wind: Average values, turbulence, speed distribution. Extreme values, wake turbulence.  
- Wind turbines.  
- Regulation and control. Modes of operation.  
- Quality of energy produced by wind turbines.  
- Wind farm.  
- Largest wind farms in Spain.

### TOPIC 6: GENERATORS AND EXCITATION

**Learning time:** 16h  
Theory classes: 8h  
Self study: 8h

**Description:**  
- Vector diagram of currents and power.  
- Excitation systems.  
- Direct-current exciter.  
- Rectified excitation.  
- Brushless excitation.  
- System control: frequency and voltage.  
- Programming generation. Covering load demand.
### TOPIC 7: GENERAL CONCEPTS OF GENERATION

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<td>- Energy and society. Energy resources. Primary energy.</td>
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<td>- History of electrical energy generation.</td>
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<td>- Environmental problems in electrical energy generation.</td>
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<td>- The production market. Supply and demand. The market operator.</td>
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**Learning time:** 12h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Self study: 6h

### Qualification system

- 1st exam: 40%
- 2nd exam: 40%
- Workcalss: 20%
Bibliography

Basic:


Complementary:


