295114 - 295I134 - Fuel Cells

Coordinating unit: 295 - EEBE - Barcelona East School of Engineering
Teaching unit: 713 - EQ - Department of Chemical Engineering
Academic year: 2018
Degree: 
ECTS credits: 6  Teaching languages: English

Teaching staff
Coordinator: Llorca Pique, Jordi
Others: Margalef, Pere
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Opening hours
Timetable: To be determined by students and faculty

Prior skills
Basic knowledge of thermodynamics and chemical engineering

Requirements
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Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Specific:
CEMUEII-13. Design industrial applications that use physical-chemical processes that optimize the efficiency and sustainability of the systems. (Specific competence of the Efficient Systems specialty).

General:
CGMUEII-01. Participate in technological innovation projects in multidisciplinary problems, applying mathematical, analytical, scientific, instrumental, technological and management knowledge.
CGMUEII-05. To communicate hypotheses, procedures and results to specialized and non-specialized audiences in a clear and unambiguous way, both orally and through reports and diagrams, in the context of the development of technical solutions for problems of an interdisciplinary nature.

Transversal:
05 TEQ. 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.
06 URI. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES. Managing the acquisition, structure, analysis and display of information from the own field of specialization. Taking a critical stance with regard to the results obtained.
03 TLG. THIRD LANGUAGE. Learning a third language, preferably English, to a degree of oral and written fluency that fits in with the future needs of the graduates of each course.

Teaching methodology
Classroom. Self-study. Learning from projects and study cases

Learning objectives of the subject
Learn the basic thermodynamics, physics, chemistry and electrochemistry principles that govern fuel cell and hydrogen technologies
Learn the existing fuel cell types and main attributes and applications for stationary power and mobility
Understand the economics, challenges and opportunities for their commercialization in the industrial sector
Knowledge of advanced applications such as carbon capture, polygeneration and energy storage with fuel cells
Understand the environmental, sustainability and energy security impacts of fuel cell and hydrogen technologies

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## Content

### Introduction to fuel cell technologies

**Learning time:** 45h  
Theory classes: 15h  
Self study: 30h

**Description:**  
Description of fuel cell principles. Types of fuel cells and applications for the electricity, mobility and portable sectors. Hydrogen technologies: production, storage and transportation

**Related activities:**  
Patents and peer-reviewed articles search and analysis

**Specific objectives:**  
To understand how fuel cells work. To identify which type of fuel cell type is better for each application. To learn the basic principles of hydrogen technologies

### Advanced fuel cell applications

**Learning time:** 54h  
Theory classes: 18h  
Self study: 36h

**Description:**  
Economic analysis of fuel cell systems. Carbon capture and polygeneration of electricity, hydrogen and water with carbonate fuel cells (MCFC). Energy storage and power-to-gas (P2G) with proton-exchange membrane (PEM) and solid oxide (SOFC) fuel cells and electrolyzers

**Related activities:**  
Learn about the European Union research and innovation financing program Horizon 2020. Selection and evaluation of one existing project related with fuel cells or hydrogen technologies

**Specific objectives:**  
To be able to include fuel cell and hydrogen technologies to decarbonize a specific industrial sector and analyze the economic and environmental impacts. To evaluate advanced energy storage solutions with hydrogen and fuel cell technologies to allow higher penetrations of renewable energy to the electric grid

## Qualification system

50% written exam and 50% group project

## Regulations for carrying out activities

Written exams are individual. Group project will be evaluated with a final report
Bibliography

Basic:


Complementary:


Others resources:

Notes from class and other documents from the Digital Campus