



# Course guide

## 820156 - GEO - Wind Energy Generation

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**Unit in charge:** Barcelona East School of Engineering  
**Teaching unit:** 709 - DEE - Department of Electrical Engineering.

**Degree:** BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Optional subject).

**Academic year:** 2023    **ECTS Credits:** 6.0    **Languages:** Catalan, Spanish, English

### LECTURER

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**Coordinating lecturer:** ÀNGEL SILOS SÁNCHEZ

**Others:** ÀNGEL SILOS SÁNCHEZ

### PRIOR SKILLS

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- Basic knowledge about generation and distribution of electric energy as well as applied knowledge of renewable energy.

### REQUIREMENTS

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- It is not necessary to have completed another previous subject.

### DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

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**Specific:**

CEELE-25. Understand the applications of power electronics.  
CEELE-28. Understand the applications of renewable energies.  
CEENE-250. Knowledge of the principles of operation of electric power transmission and distribution systems.

### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

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-In the theory classes, the theoretical foundations of programmed materials will be exposed and developed. They consist of theoretical explanations complemented by activities to encourage students' participation, discussion, and critical analysis.  
-In the classes, problems will arise and solve exercises related to the matters. Students should meet individually or in groups on these problems and deliver a report at the end of the course.  
-At the laboratory, students will conduct laboratory practices as required and submit the relevant report with all practices along with appropriate calculations and critical considerations at the end of the course.  
-A research report about a specific topic related to the subject will be done during the course with an oral presentation.  
-During the classes, a technical project will be carried out in a group to apply the exposed knowledge in the course.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

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- Understand world wind generation market.  
- Understand the different technologies of wind generation of electricity.  
- Know how to determine the location of wind resources.  
- Understand the different possibilities of control of wind turbines.  
- Understand its operation in the power system.  
- Know how to model, simulate the whole farm system.  
- Learn to perform a pre-dimensioning of wind systems.



## STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours small group	15,0	10.00
Hours large group	45,0	30.00
Self study	90,0	60.00

**Total learning time:** 150 h

## CONTENTS

### 1. General concepts

**Description:**

- 1.1 Overview of wind energy conversion systems
- 1.2 Wind energy technology
- 1.3 WECS configurations
- 1.4 Grid code
- 1.5 National and international wind generation market

**Specific objectives:**

- Acquire an overview of wind power generation.

**Related activities:**

- Related exercises and practice 1.

**Full-or-part-time:** 16h 40m

Theory classes: 3h  
Laboratory classes: 2h  
Self study : 11h 40m

### 2. The wind resource

**Description:**

- 2.1 General concepts
- 2.2 Variation in height and space
- 2.3 Variability of wind in time
- 2.4 Determination of gross energy yield
- 2.5 Assessment of resources
- 2.6 Wind measurements
- 2.7 Special offshore effects

**Specific objectives:**

- Define wind site resources taking account selected turbines.

**Related activities:**

- Related exercises and practices 2 and 3.

**Full-or-part-time:** 23h 20m

Theory classes: 3h  
Laboratory classes: 4h  
Self study : 16h 20m



### 3. Fundamentals of wind energy conversion system control

**Description:**

- 3.1 Wind turbine aerodynamics
- 3.2 Maximum power point tracking (MPPT) control
- 3.3 Wind turbine components

**Specific objectives:**

- Learn about aerodynamic control of the wind turbine.

**Related activities:**

- Related exercises and practices 4 and 5.

**Full-or-part-time:** 33h 20m

Theory classes: 6h

Practical classes: 4h

Self study : 23h 20m

### 4. Wind farm layout

**Description:**

- 4.1 Wind farm layout design
- 4.2 Electrical grid collector design
- 4.3 Wind farm connected to high voltage alternative current (HVAC)
- 4.4 Wind farm connected to high voltage direct current (HVDC)

**Specific objectives:**

- Understand the different layout designs and electrical infrastructure of a wind farm.

**Full-or-part-time:** 10h

Theory classes: 3h

Self study : 7h

### 5. Grid Integration

**Description:**

- 5.1 Power system concepts
- 5.2 Wind power variability and limited predictability
- 5.3 Grid codes for Wind Turbines
- 5.4 Grid code requirements

**Specific objectives:**

- Understand network codes for wind farms.

**Full-or-part-time:** 10h

Theory classes: 3h

Self study : 7h



## 6. Wind generators and modelling

### Description:

- 6.1 Reference frame transformations
- 6.2 Induction generator models
- 6.3 Synchronous generators

### Specific objectives:

- Understand synchronous and induction generator modeling.

### Related activities:

- Practice 6.

### Full-or-part-time: 16h 40m

Theory classes: 3h

Laboratory classes: 2h

Self study : 11h 40m

## 7. Power Converters in wind energy conversion systems

### Description:

- 7.1 Two-level voltage source converters
- 7.2 Three-level neutral point clamped converters
- 7.3 Comparison 2-level and 3-level converters
- 7.4 Converter control

### Specific objectives:

- Understand the differences between converter types.

### Full-or-part-time: 10h

Theory classes: 3h

Self study : 7h

## 8. Wind Energy Conversion System Configurations

### Description:

- 8.1 Fixed speed WECS
- 8.2 Variable speed induction generator WECS
- 8.3 Variable speed synchronous generator WECS

### Specific objectives:

- Understand different WECS systems and analyze future trends.

### Full-or-part-time: 10h

Theory classes: 3h

Self study : 7h



### A. Annex IEC 61850

**Description:**

- IEC 61850. Communication and automation standard for the electrical sector.

**Specific objectives:**

- Understand scope of the IEC 61850 for the electrical sector and for the wind sector.

**Full-or-part-time:** 10h

Theory classes: 3h

Self study : 7h

### B. Other annexes

**Description:**

- Wind Turbine classification
- Maintenance
- HVDC vs HVAC
- Wind farms architectures.

**Specific objectives:**

- Include new interesting topics proposed by students.

**Full-or-part-time:** 10h

Theory classes: 3h

Self study : 7h

## GRADING SYSTEM

- Research report with oral presentation (25%)
- Exercise report (5%)
- Final exam (30%)
- Laboratory report (20%)
- Technical project (20%)

Note 1: It's mandatory to perform a laboratory report to pass this subject.

Note 2: It's mandatory to perform all parts of this subject to pass it.

Nota 3: There is no reassessment test.

## EXAMINATION RULES.

- The written test is face-to-face and individual.
- The laboratory report is in a group, and the exercise report is individual.
- The research report with oral presentation is individual.
- The technical project is in a group.
- In exercise and laboratory reports will be assessed, where appropriate, the prior work with the presentation of results of each activity.

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## RESOURCES

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### Other resources:

- Papers, documentation and web pages of interest which will be delivered during the course.