Course guide
820776 - ITCMM2 - Advanced Heat and Mass Transfer II

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Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Industrial Engineering
Teaching unit: 724 - MMT - Department of Heat Engines.

Degree: **Academic year:** 2026 **ECTS Credits:** 2.5
Languages: Catalan, Spanish, English

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: Jesús Castro Gonzàlez

Others: Carlos David Pérez Segarra, Assensi Oliva

PRIOR SKILLS

The general aspects of thermodynamics, fluid mechanics and heat transfer and mass.

REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge equivalent to having completed the course of levelling the Master?s

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:
CEMT-5. Employ technical and economic criteria to select the most appropriate thermal equipment for a given application, dimension thermal equipment and facilities, and recognise and evaluate the newest technological applications in the production, transportation, distribution, storage and use of thermal energy.
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Transversal:
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TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Teaching methodology:

The course teaching methodologies are as follows:

- Lectures and conferences: presentation of knowledge by lecturers or guest speakers.
- Participatory sessions: collective resolution of exercises, debates and group dynamics, with the lecturer and other students in the classroom; classroom presentation of an activity individually or in small groups.
- Theoretical/practical supervised work (TD): classroom activity carried out individually or in small groups, with the advice and supervision of the teacher.
- Homework assignment of reduced extension: carry out homework of reduced extension, individually or in groups.
- Homework assignment of broad extension: design, planning and implementation of a project or homework of broad extension by a group of students, and writing a report that should include the approach, results and conclusions.
- Evaluation activities (EV).

Training activities:

The course training activities are as follows:

- Face to face activities
o Lectures and conferences: learning based on understanding and synthesizing the knowledge presented by the teacher or by invited speakers.
o Participatory sessions: learning based on participating in the collective resolution of exercises, as well as in discussions and group dynamics, with the lecturer and other students in the classroom.
o Presentations (PS): learning based on presenting in the classroom an activity individually or in small groups.
o Theoretical/practical supervised work (TD): learning based on performing an activity in the classroom, or a theoretical or practical exercise, individually or in small groups, with the advice of the teacher.

- Study activities
o Homework assignment of reduced extension (PR): learning based on applying knowledge and presenting results.
o Homework assignment of broad extension (PA): learning based on applying and extending knowledge.
o Self-study (EA): learning based on studying or expanding the contents of the learning material, individually or in groups, understanding, assimilating, analysing and synthesizing knowledge.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

Objectives:

Formation, at a medium level, in heat transfer by conduction, convection and radiation and fluid dynamics: phenomenological aspects, mathematical formulation (basic conservation laws and constitutive laws) and analytical and numerical resolution techniques. Methodologies of resolution of problems of technological interest which different forms of combined heat transfer are presented.

Learning results:

At the end of the course, the / the student:
- Intensification in the physical description of the phenomena of heat and mass transfer and its mathematical formulation.
- Application of different computational techniques for the numerical solution of these phenomenologies.
- Development of in-house numerical codes to the study of fluid dynamic and thermal behaviour of different cases of technological interest and motivating for students. Emphasis is placed on aspects of code verification, verification of numerical solutions obtained, and validation of the mathematical formulation used.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Guided activities	0,8	1.28
Self study	46,7	74.72
Laboratory classes	15,0	24.00

Total learning time: 62.5 h

CONTENTS

Analysis of gas flows at high speeds

Description:
Mathematical formulations of gas flows at high speeds (Navier-Stokes equations with consideration of the compressibility effects and phenomena of viscous dissipation). Conditions of stagnation and adiabatic wall temperature. Redefinition of Newton's law of heat transfer by convection. Treatment of the equations of boundary layer flows outside and inside ducts. Description and mathematical treatment of the shock waves. Examples of application nozzles and diffusers.

Specific objectives:
- Mathematical formulation of gas flows at any speed. Possible presence of shock waves.
- Resolution methods of the exterior of surfaces and the interior of constant section or variable section pipes (e.g. nozzles and diffusers).

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Full-or-part-time: 21h 30m
Theory classes: 5h
Guided activities: 2h
Self study : 14h 30m

Heat transfer in rarefied gases

Description:
Review of the continuum hypothesis and description of the different processes which treat gases required considering their molecular structure. Mathematical description based on the kinetic theory. Boltzmann equation. Gas-surface interaction and boundary conditions of sliding. Fluid dynamic analysis and heat transfer of rarefied gas flows around different objects (plates, cylinders, spheres).

Specific objectives:
- Mathematical description of rarefied gases at arbitrary speeds. Treatment of the boundary conditions (especially fluid-solid interaction).
- Analysis of rarefied gas flows in plates, cylinders and spheres.

Related activities:
- Theory classes
- Practical classes
- Guided practical work
- Reduced scope work
- Broad scope work

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Theory classes: 5h
Guided activities: 1h 30m
Self study : 14h

Solid-liquid phase change

Description:
Description of the phenomenology of solid-liquid phase change (solidification, fusion) and application cases. Mathematical formulation and analytical methods of resolution. Current methods of numerical equations. Treatment of complex domains based on computational methods with mesh of fixed discretisation (VOF or Volume of Fluid). Examples of application in cases of accumulation with PCMs (Phase Change Materials) and melting cases.

Specific objectives:
- Description of the phenomenology and mathematical formulation of the phenomena of solid-liquid phase change.
- Analytical methods of resolution and numerical methods of VOF types. Examples of resolution.

Related activities:
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ACTIVITIES

Theory classes

Description:
Methodology in large group. The content of the course follows a model of exhibition and participatory classes. The material is organised into different groups of content according to the areas of knowledge of the course.

Specific objectives:
At the end of this activity, students should be able to master the knowledge, consolidate them and correctly apply them to different technical problems. Moreover, being a techno-scientific subject, the lectures should serve as a basis for the development of other more technical subjects in the related heat fields, such as Refrigeration, Thermal Motors or Solar Energy.

Material:
Recommended bibliography. Notes from professor (copies and/or ATENEA)

Delivery:
This activity is evaluated in conjunction with the second activity (problems) through coursework and written test.

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Theory classes: 10h
Self study: 10h

Practical classes

Description:
Methodology in large and medium groups, as long as the availability of the professor allows it. In regards to the themes, there will be some problems in class that students will acquire the necessary guidelines for carrying out this resolution: simplifying assumption, approach, numerical resolution, discussion of the results.

Specific objectives:
At the end of this activity, the student should be able to apply theoretical knowledge to solve different types of problems. Given the methodology the student should be able to:
1. Understand and analyse the problem.
2. Propose and develop a scheme resolver.
3. Solve the problem using the suggested equations with an adequate resolution algorithm.
4. Critically interpret the results.

Material:
Recommended bibliography. Notes from professor (copies and/or ATENEA)

Delivery:
This activity is evaluated in conjunction with the first activity (theory) through coursework and written test.

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Full-or-part-time: 11h
Theory classes: 5h
Guided activities: 1h
Self study: 5h

Guided practical work

Description:
Students must make theoretical-practical guided work. The work consists in solving small problems which data may be both from results of a laboratory experiment or from data suggested by the teacher. The structure to be followed:
- Preparation of the activity using a manual of practice.
- Groups of 2 or 3 people with a maximum duration of 2 hours.
- Discussion of the results obtained and the problems that have arisen during the course of the activity.
- Completion of a report on the activity carried out with results, questions and conclusions. This report will be evaluated together with the completion of the activity.

Specific objectives:
Consolidate the knowledge acquired in theory and practical classes.

Material:
Recommended bibliography. Notes from professor (copies and/or ATENEA)

Delivery:
The reports will follow guidelines given in class.

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Full-or-part-time: 6h
Theory classes: 1h
Self study: 5h

Reduced scope work

Description:
Resolution of two problems based on situations posed by the teacher.

Specific objectives:
Consolidate the knowledge acquired in theory and practical classes.

Material:
Recommended bibliography. Notes from professor (copies and/or ATENEA)

Delivery:
The reports will follow guidelines given in class.

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Full-or-part-time: 6h
Theory classes: 1h
Self study: 5h

Broad scope work

Description:
Resolution of a problem based on situations posed by the teacher or student.

Specific objectives:
Expand and consolidate the knowledge acquired in theory and practical classes.

Material:
Recommended bibliography. Notes from professor (copies and/or ATENEA)

Delivery:
The reports will follow guidelines given in class.

Related competencies :
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Full-or-part-time: 8h 30m
Theory classes: 1h
Self study: 7h 30m

Written Test

Description:
Development of the testing of the knowledge of the course content 1 and 2. It includes theoretical and development problems.

Specific objectives:
Show the level of knowledge achieved in theoretical activities and problems.

Material:
Recommended bibliography. Notes from professor (copies and/or ATENEA)

Delivery:
The exams will be held freely and delivered together with the duly completed statement with the personal data required.

Related competencies :
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Full-or-part-time: 11h
Guided activities: 1h
Self study: 10h

GRADING SYSTEM

Any academic fraud, plagiarism or use or possession of unauthorised means in an assessment activity leads to a mark of zero (0) for the affected test or assignment. Furthermore, in accordance with the University's regulations, if disciplinary proceedings are initiated the subject is recorded as "Pending Assessment" until a decision is reached. These incidents are managed in accordance with the **Action Framework for Academic Integrity in Assessment at the UPC**.

Written test (PE). 50%
Work performed individually or in groups (TR). 40%
Attendance and participation in practical activities (AP). 5%
Quality and performance of group work (TG) 5%

EXAMINATION RULES.

Here are the rules of the system for evaluating the educational activities of the course.

Written test (PE).

There will be a final exam for the course. Students must complete both theoretical questions and problems related to the theoretical and practical content of the course. Reviews and/or claims regarding the examinations will be conducted according to the dates and times established in the academic calendar.

Work done individually or in groups along the course (TR).

Students must follow the instructions explained in class and contained in the file for the work that will be proposed to the student in relation to different teaching content of the course. As a result of these activities, students must submit a report (preferably in PDF format) to the professor, with the deadline to be fixed for each activity. The evaluation work will involve both its realisation and a possible defense.

Attendance and participation in classes and laboratories (AP).

The labs will be assessed both in their implementation and in the implementation of practical exercises that will be proposed; they can begin during the class schedule planned for this type of activity to be completed (if applicable) as an autonomous activity, following the instructions given in class. The results of practical exercises delivered to the teacher must follow the instructions given in class.

The evaluation of the practice will involve both its realisation and a possible defense.

Quality and performance of group work (TG).

The reports of practices and/or group work will be assessed individually on the oral defense if necessary or of any single group on the report.

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RESOURCES

Audiovisual material:
- Transparencies from class. Resource
- Notes. Resource