

ELC203 Power Systems

School: School of Science, Technology and Engineering

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UniSC Moreton Bay

**BLENDED
LEARNING**

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Please go to usc.edu.au for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

Modern power engineering is concerned with the generation, transmission, and distribution of electrical power within a large interconnected network. You will learn the principles of classical and modern power systems and develop an understanding of the theory and modelling of component behaviour under steady-state and transient conditions. You will also explore the challenges faced by the electricity industry from distributed generation and storage of electricity by PV cells. You will also learn how to use sophisticated software tools to design and evaluate the performance of power systems.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – Asynchronous Learning Material	1hr	Week 1	13 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – On campus tutorial	2hrs	Week 2	10 times
Laboratory 1 – On campus lab	2hrs	Week 4	5 times
Seminar – On campus seminar	1hr	Week 1	Once Only

1.3. Course Topics

- Magnetic circuit theory
- Synchronous machines
- Induction and PM machines
- Generator and Transformer Models
- Power generation
- Load flow and load flow analysis
- Power system stability
- Distribution network
- Renewable energy systems

2. What level is this course?

200 Level (Developing)

Building on and expanding the scope of introductory knowledge and skills, developing breadth or depth and applying knowledge and skills in a new context. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally, undertaken in the second or third full-time year of an undergraduate programs.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES MAPPING	PROFESSIONAL STANDARD MAPPING *
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...	Engineers Australia Stage 1 Professional Engineer Competency Standards
1 Investigate the essential components of steady state power systems through the application of theories and modelling.	Creative and critical thinker	1.1, 1.2
2 Solve load-flow problems of large power systems with appropriate models of transmission lines, transformers, generators and loads.	Empowered	1.3
3 Demonstrate knowledge and apply theories in power distribution networks, system stability, energy storage and voltage regulation in the system.	Knowledgeable	1.5
4 Communicate using appropriate engineering terminology, symbols and diagrams.	Engaged	3.2, 3.4
5 Develop power system structures and appreciate the role of the main elements.	Empowered	2.3
6 Work collaboratively in teams to design control system to meet specified requirements.	Empowered	3.6

* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA STAGE 1 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER COMPETENCY STANDARDS	
1.1	Knowledge and Skill Base: Comprehensive, theory based understanding of the underpinning natural and physical sciences and the engineering fundamentals applicable to the engineering discipline.
1.2	Knowledge and Skill Base: Conceptual understanding of the mathematics, numerical analysis, statistics, and computer and information sciences which underpin the engineering discipline.
1.3	Knowledge and Skill Base: In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge within the engineering discipline.
1.5	Knowledge and Skill Base: Knowledge of engineering design practice and contextual factors impacting the engineering discipline.
2.3	Engineering Application Ability: Application of systematic engineering synthesis and design processes.
3.2	Professional and Personal Attributes: Effective oral and written communication in professional and lay domains.
3.4	Professional and Personal Attributes: Professional use and management of information.
3.6	Professional and Personal Attributes: Effective team membership and team leadership.

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

ELC202 and must be enrolled in Program SC404, SC405, SC410, SC411, SC425 or AB101

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Performance and feedback from the workshop tasks will demonstrate the level of proficiency and understanding of the course material.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Portfolio	Group	30%	In this assessment, you will submit group report for each of the lab activities carried out for this course. The maximum page limit of the report is 15 pages including diagrams, calculations and references.	Throughout teaching period (refer to Format)	Online Submission
All	2	Artefact - Technical and Scientific, and Written Piece	Individual	30%	The project-based design / case Study report is to be written with a maximum page limit of 10 pages.	Week 11	Online Submission
All	3	Examination - Centrally Scheduled	Individual	40%	2 hours	Exam Period	Exam Venue

All - Assessment Task 1: Reports -workshop and site visit

GOAL:	You'll develop your practical problem-solving skills through experiments using hardware and computer simulation on machine characteristics and power system design. You'll design and operate simple power system equipment and networks, analyse data obtained from the experiments, compare and use industrial practices, and document your scientific conclusions in a report. Site visit will allow you to work in a group to characterise a specific component of a power system in a large network.		
PRODUCT:	Portfolio		
FORMAT:	<p>You are required to submit group reports for four lab activities carried out for this course. Format of the report will be provided in the course site. The maximum length of each of the reports is 15 pages including diagrams, calculations and references. You are required to submit a report one week after finishing a lab activity. The due dates for the Lab reports are:</p> <p>For Lab 1: Week 5. For Lab 2: Week 7. For Lab 3: Week 9. For Lab 4: Week 11.</p>		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Investigation of the essential components of steady state power systems through the application of theories and modelling	1 5
	2	Demonstration of knowledge and application of theories in power distribution networks, system stability, energy storage and voltage regulation in the system	2 3
	3	Communication using appropriate engineering terminology, symbols and diagrams	4
	4	Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in teams to design control system to meet specified requirements	6
GENERIC SKILLS:			

All - Assessment Task 2: Project-based Design / Case Study

GOAL:	This task will develop your skills in critical thinking and the evaluation of engineering systems, and formulate and apply appropriate analytical principles to describe, design and utilize the appropriate industry Standard or grid code.		
PRODUCT:	Artefact - Technical and Scientific, and Written Piece		
FORMAT:	1500 words equivalent including diagrams and calculations.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Solution of load-flow problems of large power systems with essential components.	2
	2	Demonstration of knowledge and application of theories in power distribution networks, system stability, energy storage and voltage regulation in the system	3
	3	Communication using appropriate engineering terminology, symbols and diagrams	4
	4	Development of power system structures and appreciate the role of the main elements	5
	5	Critical analysis and evaluation of project or case study	6
GENERIC SKILLS:			

All - Assessment Task 3: Final Exam

GOAL:	The final exam will develop your ability to independently apply your skills and knowledge to solve familiar problem-based questions with confidence within a set time limit and without access to additional resources.	
PRODUCT:	Examination - Centrally Scheduled	
FORMAT:	Centrally-scheduled exam.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Investigation of the essential components of steady state power systems through the application of theories and modelling
	2	Correct solutions to load-flow problems of large power systems with essential components.
	3	Demonstration of knowledge and application of theories in power distribution networks, system stability, energy storage and voltage regulation in the system
	4	Communication using appropriate engineering terminology, symbols and diagrams
GENERIC SKILLS:		

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

Fully enclosed shoes must be worn in the engineering laboratory. If you do not have the correct shoes you will not be allowed to do the practical. You must also undertake the laboratory induction before you can undertake any practical.

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%

The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submission of assessment tasks may be penalised at the following maximum rate:

- 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day - 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late. To request an extension you must contact your course coordinator to negotiate an outcome.

10.4. SafeUniSC

UniSC is committed to a culture of respect and providing a safe and supportive environment for all members of our community. For immediate assistance on campus contact SafeUniSC by phone: [07 5430 1168](tel:0754301168) or using the [SafeZone](#) app. For general enquires contact the SafeUniSC team by phone [07 5456 3864](tel:0754563864) or email safe@usc.edu.au.

The SafeUniSC Specialist Service is a Student Wellbeing service that provides free and confidential support to students who may have experienced or observed behaviour that could cause fear, offence or trauma. To contact the service call [07 5430 1226](tel:0754301226) or email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.6. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.7. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.8. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.9. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.10.General Enquiries

In person:

- **UniSC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **UniSC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **UniSC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **UniSC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **UniSC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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