

ELC305 Power Electronics and System Analysis

School: School of Science, Technology and Engineering

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UniSC Moreton Bay

BLENDDED
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

In this course you will develop an understanding of basic theory and fundamental concepts of modelling and analysis of the power electronic components that comprise power electronic devices such as power supplies, inverters, converters and their control systems. You will learn about the physical concepts and mathematical models behind each of the basic components and of their functionality within a system, such as a high voltage DC transmission system. The course further demonstrates use of power electronics to real world engineering applications and the underpinning theories.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – Asynchronous weekly learning material	1hr	Week 1	12 times
Seminar – On campus	1hr	Week 1	3 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – On campus	2hrs	Week 1	10 times
Laboratory 1 – On campus	2hrs	Week 2	5 times

1.3. Course Topics

Topics may include:

- Overview of modern power grid and role of power electronics
- Basics of three phase circuit and power flow.
- Introduction to Power Electronics
- Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)
- DC-DC converter Part 1
- DC-DC converter Part 2
- DC-AC converter
- Integration of Renewable energy systems to power grid using power electronic interface. Part 1
- Integration of Renewable energy systems to power grid using power electronic interface. Part 2
- Stability of power grid with increased uptake of power electronic based energy systems, Part 1
- Stability of power grid with increased uptake of power electronic based energy systems, Part 2

2. What level is this course?

300 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

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...	Competencies from multiple Professional Bodies (see below) *
1 Explain the operational principles of different power electronic systems and devices and different power converters and switching power supplies.	Knowledgeable	1, 1, 1.3.a, 1.3.a, 1.3, 1.3
2 Evaluate the operation of power semiconductor devices in a range of operational settings.	Creative and critical thinker	2, 2, 2.1.a, 2.1.a, 2.1, 2.1
3 Analyse driver and trigger circuits for power electronic devices by translating principles, fundamental theories and modelling techniques.	Creative and critical thinker	2, 2, 2.1.a, 2.1.a, 2.1, 2.1
4 Investigate performances of different power electronic devices, including drives and converters.	Creative and critical thinker	2, 2, 2.1.d, 2.1.d, 2.1, 2.1
5 Apply computer simulation tools to analyse power electronic systems and devices.	Empowered	2, 2, 2.2.c, 2.2.c, 2.2, 2.2
6 Apply power electronics theory to design, construct and analyse different power electronic systems and circuits to synthesize optimal solutions to meet specifications.	Creative and critical thinker	2, 2, 2.2.a, 2.2.a, 2.2.f, 2.2.f, 2.2, 2.2

* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA STAGE 1 ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIST COMPETENCY STANDARDS	
1	Elements of competency: Knowledge and Skill Base
1.3.a	Knowledge and Skill Base - In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge within the technology domain: Proficiently applies advanced technical knowledge and skills to deliver engineering outcomes in specialist area(s) of the technology domain and associated industry, commercial and community sectors.
1.3	Knowledge and Skill Base: In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge within the technology domain.
2	Elements of competency: Engineering Application Ability
2.1.a	Engineering Application Ability - Application of established engineering methods to broadly-defined problem solving within the technology domain: Identifies, discerns and characterises salient issues, determines and analyses causes and effects, justifies and applies appropriate simplifying assumptions, predicts performance and behaviour, synthesises solution strategies and develops substantiated conclusions.

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2.1.d Engineering Application Ability - Application of established engineering methods to broadly-defined problem solving within the technology domain: Recognises problems which have component elements and/or implications beyond the engineering technologist's personal expertise and correctly identifies the need for supplementary professional input.

2.2.c Engineering Application Ability - Application of engineering techniques, tools and resources within the technology domain: Selects and applies such models in the representation of phenomenon, processes, systems, components or devices.

2.2.a Engineering Application Ability - Application of engineering techniques, tools and resources within the technology domain: Proficiently identifies, selects and applies the materials, components, devices, systems, processes, resources, plant and equipment relevant to the technology domain.

2.2.f Engineering Application Ability - Application of engineering techniques, tools and resources within the technology domain: Designs and conducts experiments, analyses and interprets result data and formulates reliable conclusions.

2.1 Engineering Application Ability: Application of established engineering methods to broadly-defined problem solving within the technology domain.

2.2 Engineering Application Ability: Application of engineering techniques, tools and resources within the technology domain.

ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA STAGE 1 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER COMPETENCY STANDARDS**1 Elements of competency: Knowledge and Skill Base**

1.3.a Knowledge and Skill Base - In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge within the engineering discipline: Proficiently applies advanced technical knowledge and skills in at least one specialist practice domain of the engineering discipline.

1.3 Knowledge and Skill Base: In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge within the engineering discipline.**2 Elements of competency: Engineering Application Ability**

2.1.a Engineering Application Ability - Application of established engineering methods to complex engineering problem solving: Identifies, discerns and characterises salient issues, determines and analyses causes and effects, justifies and applies appropriate simplifying assumptions, predicts performance and behaviour, synthesises solution strategies and develops substantiated conclusions.

2.1.d Engineering Application Ability - Application of established engineering methods to complex engineering problem solving: Investigates complex problems using research-based knowledge and research methods.

2.2.c Engineering Application Ability - Fluent application of engineering techniques, tools and resources: Determines properties, performance, safe working limits, failure modes, and other inherent parameters of materials, components and systems relevant to the engineering discipline.

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

5.1. Pre-requisites

Not applicable

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

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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	Quiz/zes	Individual	30%	2 hours	Week 7	Online Test (Quiz)
All	2	Report	Individual	30%	1500 words	Week 10	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	3	Examination - Centrally Scheduled	Individual	40%	2 hours	Exam Period	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check

All - Assessment Task 1: Mid Trimester Test

GOAL:	Questions and problems related to the course contents		
PRODUCT:	Quiz/zes		
FORMAT:	Questions and problems related to the course contents		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Discernment between and explanation of the operational principles of different power electronic systems and devices and different power converters and switching power supplies.	1
	2	Analysis of driver and trigger circuits for power electronic devices by translating principles, fundamental theories and modelling techniques.	1 3
GENERIC SKILLS:	Problem solving, Information literacy		

All - Assessment Task 2: Lab Report

GOAL:	To investigate power electronic systems	
PRODUCT:	Report	
FORMAT:	Lab report	
CRITERIA:	No. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Analysis of driver and trigger circuits for power electronic devices by translating principles, fundamental theories and modelling techniques. 1 3 2 Investigation of performances of different power electronic devices, including drives and converters. 2 4 3 Application of computer simulation tools to analyse power electronic systems and devices. 5 4 Application of power electronics theory to design, construct and analyse different power electronic systems and circuits to synthesize optimal solutions to meet specifications. 2 3 6 	Learning Outcome assessed
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving, Organisation, Applying technologies, Information literacy	

All - Assessment Task 3: Final exam

GOAL:	Questions and problems related to the course contents	
PRODUCT:	Examination - Centrally Scheduled	
FORMAT:	Questions and problems related to the course contents	
CRITERIA:	No. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Discernment between and explanation of the operational principles of different power electronic systems and devices and different power converters and switching power supplies. 1 2 Evaluation of the operation of power semiconductor devices in a range of operational settings. 2 3 Analysis of driver and trigger circuits for power electronic devices by translating principles, fundamental theories and modelling techniques. 3 4 Application of computer simulation tools to analyse power electronic systems and devices. 5 	Learning Outcome assessed
GENERIC SKILLS:	Problem solving, Applying technologies, Information literacy	

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?

Risk assessments have been performed for all studio and laboratory classes and a low level of health and safety risk exists. Some risk concerns may include equipment, instruments, and tools; as well as manual handling items within the laboratory. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the 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:

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- (b) The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

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

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submissions may be penalised up to and including the following maximum percentage of the assessment task's identified value, with weekdays and weekends included in the calculation of days late:

- (a) One day: deduct 5%;
- (b) Two days: deduct 10%;
- (c) Three days: deduct 20%;
- (d) Four days: deduct 40%;
- (e) Five days: deduct 60%;
- (f) Six days: deduct 80%;
- (g) Seven days: A result of zero is awarded for the assessment task.

The following penalties will apply for a late submission for an online examination:

Less than 15 minutes: No penalty

From 15 minutes to 30 minutes: 20% penalty

More than 30 minutes: 100% penalty

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](#) or using the [SafeZone](#) app. For general enquires contact the SafeUniSC team by phone [07 5456 3864](#) 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](#) 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
- **UniSC Caboolture** - Student Central, Level 1 Building J, Cnr Manley and Tallon Street, Caboolture

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