

EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM (ECTS) pl. M. Skłodowskiej-Curie 5, 60-965 Poznań

# **COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS**

Course name		
Vehicle chassis construction		
Course		
Field of study		Year/Semester
Construction and Exploitation of Means of Transport		3/6
Area of study (specialization)		Profile of study
Motor vehicles		general academic
Level of study		Course offered in
First-cycle studies		Polish
Form of study		Requirements
full-time		elective
Number of hours		
Lecture	Laboratory classes	Other (e.g. online)
30	15	0
Tutorials	Projects/seminars	
0	0	
Number of credit points 2		
Lecturers		
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Prerequisites		

The student has a basic knowledge of machine science, mechanics, the basics of machine construction and the laws of physics.

The student is able to integrate the obtained information, interpret it, draw conclusions, read diagrams and technical drawings.

The student is aware of the role of means of transport in human economic activity.

# **Course objective**

Providing students with information on the construction and operation of vehicle chassis systems.



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# **Course-related learning outcomes**

#### Knowledge

The student knows the tasks, structure and properties of various types of basic vehicle systems.

The student knows the range of applications of particular varieties of basic vehicle systems.

The student knows the influence of individual systems on the road safety of a motor vehicle.

#### Skills

He can interpret the phenomena accompanying the movement of the car in terms of its physical foundations and limitations.

The student can describe the tasks, principles of operation, design and functional variations, properties and the scope of applications of various solutions of mechanisms and assemblies of the main vehicle systems.

# Social competences

The student knows the impact of vehicles on the efficiency of human operation and the environment.

The student is able to independently develop his knowledge of the construction and properties of vehicles and their components.

### Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows:

The knowledge acquired during the lecture is verified by a written exam.

Mandatory individual reports on laboratory activities. Final credit of laboratory classes.

# Programme content

Tasks and general construction of the chassis structural systems.

Braking system - tasks and general structure. The course of the braking process and the forces acting on the vehicle during braking.

Braking mechanisms. Drum brakes. Disc brakes. Self-regulating clearance mechanisms.

Mechanisms that actuate the brakes. The mechanism of hydraulic actuation of the main brake. Mechanism of electrohydraulic and electromechanical brake actuation.

Mechanism of pneumatic actuation of brakes in trucks and buses. Electropneumatic brake actuators.

Parking brake actuators. Mechanical and electro-mechanical parking brakes.

Braking force distribution systems. Car anti-lock systems.

Long-term brakes. Electromagnetic retarders. Hydrodynamic brakes.



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Steering system - requirements and general structure of the steering system. Forces acting on a vehicle moving in a curve. Car movement stability.

Types of steering systems. Basic quantities determining the alignment of wheels and axles of the vehicle.

Steering mechanism. Steering wheel, steering shaft, steering gear. Worm, ball screw, rack and pinion steering gears.

The steering mechanism. Linkage trapezoid. Steering knuckles, steering link rods, steering linkage joints.

Power steering mechanisms. Hydraulic, electro-hydraulic, electric power steering.

Active steering systems. Steer by wire systems.

The steering systems of four steered wheels and the systems of automatic steering of the rear axle wheels

Special steering systems. Steering systems of trucks ensuring the turning of the wheels of several axles of a vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer.

Suspension tasks and suspension classification. Vehicle vibrations and their influence on driving comfort and safety.

Types of vehicle suspensions. Dependent, independent, semi-independent suspensions.

Suspension guiding elements. Suspension arms, reaction rods, metal and rubber suspension elements.

Spring elements of suspensions (steel, pneumatic, rubber) and spring characteristics. Suspension travel limiters.

Damping elements and damping characteristics. Single-tube, two-tube shock absorbers.

Stabilizers - elements reducing the lateral tilt of the vehicle body.

Adjustable and active suspensions. Methods of adjusting the damping force.

Wheels. Requirements for tires. Construction and types of tires. Tire markings. Rims.

# **Teaching methods**

Lecture with multimedia presentation.

Laboratory classes: independent performance of tasks given by the teacher - practical exercises.

#### **Bibliography**

#### Basic

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#### Breakdown of average student's workload

	Hours	ECTS
Total workload	75	2,0
Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher	45	1,0
Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for	30	10,0
laboratory classes, preparation for exam) <sup>1</sup>		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> delete or add other activities as appropriate