## POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



## EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM (ECTS)

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS**

Course name

**Nuclear Power Engineering** 

**Course** 

Field of study Year/Semester

Power Engineering 2/4

Area of study (specialization) Profile of study

Level of study Course offered in

general academic

First-cycle studies Polish

Form of study Requirements full-time compulsory

**Number of hours** 

Lecture Laboratory classes Other (e.g. online)

0 0

Tutorials Projects/seminars

0 0

**Number of credit points** 

2

**Lecturers** 

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## **Prerequisites**

The student has basic knowledge of physics, chemistry, basics of power engineering and basics of thermal power plants. Student is able to solve mass and energy balance equations in simple thermal power plant's cycle. Is aware of the need to expand their competences, readiness to cooperate within a team.

#### **Course objective**

Acquiring basic knowledge in the field of physics of nuclear power reactors and becoming familiar with currently available technologies used in nuclear energy.

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### **Course-related learning outcomes**

## Knowledge

- 1. Student understands the essence of phenomena occurring in nuclear reactors and the technological process implemented in nuclear power plants.
- 2. Has basic knowledge about the construction of nuclear reactors and types of nuclear power plants and. Student knows the basic technical solutions that guarantee safe operation of a nuclear power plant.
- 3. Knows and understands the impact of energy transformation processes in a nuclear power plant on the natural environment.

### Skills

- 1. Student can carry out basic calculations of criticality conditions of a nuclear power reactor.
- 2. Student is able to calculate thermal cycles in nuclear power plants.

### Social competences

1. Is aware of the great responsibility of a power engineering engineer at a nuclear power plant for making decisions.

## Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows:

Assessment of knowledge and skills takes place at the written colloquium on the 13th lecture. The colloquium consists of 10 open questions, with various points. The minimum passing threshold is 51%.

#### **Programme content**

Nuclear fuels and their properties. The essence of fission of uranium nuclei, fission fragments, fission energy, radioactive chains of fission fragments. Interaction of neutrons with matter, active cross-sections, slowing down of neutrons, escape of neutrons from the reactor. Neutron life cycle, reactor criticality conditions. Equation of neutron balance in the reactor. Solution of the wave equation of the ball reactor. Types of nuclear reactors. Operation of nuclear blocks. Safety systems used in nuclear power plants. Fuel Cycle. Storage of nuclear waste.

### **Teaching methods**

Lecture with multimedia presentation with additional examples given on the board.

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## Breakdown of average student's workload

	Hours	ECTS
Total workload	50	2
Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher	35	1
Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for tests) <sup>1</sup>	15	1

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