## POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM (ECTS)

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS**

Course name

Nuclear power engineering [N1Energ2>EJ]

Course

Field of study Year/Semester

**Power Engineering** 4/7

Area of study (specialization) Profile of study

general academic

Level of study Course offered in

first-cycle Polish

Form of study Requirements part-time compulsory

Number of hours

Lecture Laboratory classes Other 0

20

**Tutorials** Projects/seminars

0 0

Number of credit points

3.00

Coordinators 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.

## 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:

#### Lecture

Assessment of knowledge and skills takes place at the written colloquium. The minimum passing threshold is 50%.

#### Tutorials:

Assessment on the basis of current checking of knowledge and a written test on accounting tasks. The minimum passing threshold is 50%.

## **Programme content**

Basics of the theory of nuclear reactors. Types of nuclear reactors. Calculation of critical dimensions of a reactor with a given geometry.

## Course topics

#### Lecture:

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. Safety systems used in nuclear power plants. Fuel Cycle. Storage of nuclear waste.

#### Tutorials:

Calculation of critical dimensions of a reactor with a given geometry made of U-235 Calculation of the critical dimensions of a reactor with a given geometry composed of U-235 and a moderator.

Calculation of the critical dimensions of a reactor with a given geometry made of U-238 enriched in U235 and a moderator.

# **Teaching methods**

#### Lecture:

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

#### Tutorials:

Tasks counted on the board.

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# Breakdown of average student's workload

	Hours	ECTS
Total workload	80	3,00
Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher	30	1,00
Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for laboratory classes/ tutorials, preparation for tests/exam, project preparation)	50	2,00