

GENERAL INFORMATION

Course information 1	
Name	Master's Thesis
Code	TFM
Degree	Master in the Electric Power Industry (MEPI)
Year	1 st
Semester	Annual
ECTS credits	6 ECTS
Type	Compulsory
Department	Electrical Engineering
Area	Power Systems
Coordinator	Luis Olmos Camacho

Course information 1	
Name	EMIN Master's Thesis Extension
Code	TFM
Degree	Master in the Electric Power Industry (MEPI)
Year	1 st
Semester	Annual 2 nd year EMIN
ECTS credits	24 ECTS
Type	Elective
Department	Electrical Engineering
Area	Power Systems
Coordinator	Luis Olmos Camacho

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DETAILED INFORMATION

Contextualization of the course

Contribution to the professional profile of the degree

The objective of the Master's Thesis is that the student demonstrates that she/he has reached the professional skills required to earn the Master degree. The outcome of this course will be a Master's Thesis Dissertation that will describe the work done and that may provide a starting point for further work.

Prerequisites

There are not any specific prerequisites for this subject.

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- 1.5. Thesis evaluation
- 1.6. Deadlines
- 1.7. Internship

Chapter 2. Definition of thesis and internship topics

- 2.1. Collection of proposals from companies/universities
- 2.2. Refinement of these
- 2.3. Presentation of topics to students
- 2.3. Allocation of topics

Chapter 3. Monitoring of the progress made with the thesis work

- 3.1. Presentations by students
- 3.2. Definition of changes to the planning of the thesis work

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- 4.1. MEPI theses
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Competences and Learning Outcomes

Competences

General Competences / Basic Competences

- CB5. Presenting in a clear, unambiguous, way in front of a specialized audience or a general one results of scientific and technological research, or most advanced innovation, as well as most relevant principles supporting these results.
- CB6. Being autonomous enough to participate in research projects and scientific and technological partnerships within the relevant field, in a multidisciplinary context, and, if applicable, with a large component of knowledge transfer.
- CB7. Being able to manage his/her own professional development and learning of the skills corresponding to one or more areas of knowledge.

Specific Competences

- CMT1. Undertaking, presenting and defending individually, once the rest of master subjects have been passed, a novel work in front of a jury. The work to be accomplished must correspond to that of Master Thesis of a professional type. The student should prove it has acquired competences corresponding to the several subjects in the program.
- CMT2. Those students taking the Master Thesis Extension (EMIN program) should prove their ability to carry out a more ambitious research work according to the EMIN program requirements. This work should be presented in an international event, where academic staff from the EMIN consortia shall assess and grade it.

Learning outcomes

Upon the completion of the Master's Thesis, the students will have to be able to:

- LO1. Present clearly and without ambiguities, both in the written document and in a public defense, the motivation and relevance of the selected topic, and the objectives and scope of the Master's Thesis.
- LO2. Present clearly and without ambiguities the main results and conclusions of Master's Thesis, being able to respond to a number of questions of the Tribunal regarding the methodology followed, the obtained results and the conclusions.
- LO3. Demonstrate a high level of autonomy when developing the Master's Thesis in such a multidisciplinary program, under the guidance of the supervisor.
- LO4. For the selected Master's Thesis topic, choose the methodologies and approaches that are mostly aligned with the future professional expectations according to the student background and preferences.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

General methodological aspects	
<p>The Master's Thesis is supervised by a University professor or by an experienced professional within the company where the student makes the internship. The individual work developed by the student is essential and it should cover the activities that follow.</p>	
In-class activities – Master's Thesis	Competences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thesis work monitoring (4 hours): Regular meetings shall be organized with the Master's Thesis Coordinator (Coordinador de Trabajos Fin de Máster) to assess the progress made with the thesis work throughout the course. 	CB5, CB6, CMT1.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tutoring for groups or individual students will be organized upon request. 	–
Out-of-class activities – Master's Thesis	Competences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identification of a topic (8 hours): This involves the identification/selection of a topic that is relevant for the electric power industry, in cooperation with the thesis Coordinator and thesis Supervisor. 	CB6, CB7, CMT1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of project work (80 hours): Development of theoretical studies, management of available information, use of available tools, and development of tailor-made models if necessary. 	CB6, CB7, CMT1.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Critical reflection on the obtained results (16 hours): the student must carefully reflect on results computed to determine whether they are in line with expectations and fully understand them and their implications. Possible changes to analyses may result from this reflection. 	CB6, CMT1.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regular meetings with the supervisor to discuss progress (8 hours): The Director of the Master's thesis will meet regularly with the student to provide feedback and guidance. 	CB5, CB6, CMT1.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drafting of the document (64 hours): the student shall write a document that is clear, and provides a faithful account of the objectives, methodologies applied, results obtained and their implications. 	CB5, CB6, CB7, CMT1.
In-class activities – EMIN Master's Thesis Extension	Competences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thesis work monitoring (16 hours): Regular meetings shall be organized with the Master's Thesis Coordinator (Coordinador de Trabajos Fin de Máster) to assess the progress made with the thesis work throughout the course. 	CB5, CB6, CMT1.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tutoring for groups or individual students will be organized upon request. 	–
Out-of-class activities – EMIN Master's Thesis Extension	Competences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identification of a topic (32 hours): This involves the identification/selection of a topic that is relevant for the electric power industry, in cooperation with the thesis Coordinator and thesis Supervisor. 	CB6, CB7, CMT1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of project work (512 hours): Development of theoretical studies, management of available information, use of available tools, and development of tailor-made models if necessary. 	CB6, CB7, CMT1.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Critical reflection on the obtained results (64 hours): the student must carefully reflect on results computed to determine whether they are in line with expectations and fully understand them and their implications. Possible changes to analyses may result from this reflection. 	CB6, CMT1.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regular meetings with the supervisor to discuss progress (32 hours): The Director of the Master's thesis will meet regularly with the student to provide feedback and guidance. 	CB5, CB6, CMT1.

- **Drafting of the document (64 hours):** the student shall write a document that is clear, and provides a faithful account of the objectives, methodologies applied, results obtained and their implications.

CB5, CB6, CB7, CMT1.

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING CRITERIA

Assessment activities	Grading criteria	Weight
Research work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quality of the work: level of accomplishment of objectives ▪ Amount of work involved (reasonable amount of time to be devoted to it) ▪ Originality: whether analyses are new or similar to previous ones ▪ Contributions: relevance of the results obtained to enrich the state of the art on the subject 	75%
Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clarity of the document: general structure ▪ Documentation provided, scientific format 	10%
Thesis defense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-verbal communication ▪ Quality and clarity of the oral-presentation ▪ Language, logical development 	15%

GRADING AND COURSE RULES

The student may be able to defend his work, provided it has the authorization of the thesis supervisor and the thesis coordinator, once in an academic year. This may take place in February (after the end of the first semester) or July (at the end of the academic year). In order for the thesis work to be approved, it should obtain 5 or more points. The dates of evaluation periods will be announced in the web page and directly by e-mail. The Master's Thesis will be presented and defended by the student to a Tribunal made of three members (University professors and/or professionals with accredited experience in the electric power industry).

Grading
Regular assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contents, will account for 75% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extent of work, will account for 10% ▪ Quality, novelty, and contributions of the work, will account for 65% ▪ This, together with the document shall be graded taking into account the assessment made by both the thesis supervisor and the thesis coordinator. ▪ Document, will account for 10% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General structure, will account for 5% ▪ Documentation, scientific format, will account for 5% ▪ Thesis defense, will account for 15% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Physical presentation, will account for 5% ▪ Quality and clarity of the oral-presentation, will account for 5% ▪ Language, logical development, will account for 5%
Course rules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Class attendance is mandatory according to Article 93 of the General Regulations (Reglamento General) of Comillas Pontifical University and Article 6 of the Academic Rules (Normas Academicas) of the ICAI School of Engineering. Not complying with this requirement may have the following consequences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students who fail to attend more than 15% of the lectures may be denied the right to take the final exam during the regular assessment period.

- Regarding laboratory, absence to more than 15% of the sessions can result in losing the right to take the final exam of the regular assessment period and the retake. Missed sessions must be made up for credit.

Students who commit an irregularity in any graded activity will receive a mark of zero in the activity and disciplinary procedure will follow (cf. Article 168 of the General Regulations (Reglamento General) of Comillas Pontifical University).

WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE¹

In and out-of-class activities	Date/Periodicity	Deadline
Presentation and discussion of planning and rules	Week 1	
Presentation of possible topics	Week 7 (discussion 1 st set), week 14 (discussion 2 nd set)	
Selection of topics		Week 10, week 18
Monitoring of work progress	Sessions 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10	
Research work	In between all sessions from the second one	
Thesis defense	Between 1 st and 15 th of July (separate for MEPI and EMIN)	

STUDENT WORK-TIME SUMMARY				
IN-CLASS HOURS – Master Thesis				
Regular meetings with master thesis coordinator				
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OUT-OF-CLASS HOURS – Master Thesis				
Identification of topic	Development of analyses	Reflection on results	Meetings with supervisor	Document drafting
8	80	16	8	64
ECTS credits:		6 (180 hours)		
IN-CLASS HOURS – EMIN Master's Thesis Extension				
Regular meetings with master thesis coordinator				
16				
OUT-OF-CLASS HOURS – EMIN Master's Thesis Extension				
Identification of topic	Development of analyses	Reflection on results	Meetings with supervisor	Document drafting
32	512	64	32	64
ECTS credits:		24 (720 hours)		

¹ A detailed work plan of the subject can be found in the course summary sheet (see following page). Nevertheless, this schedule is tentative and may vary to accommodate the rhythm of the class.

MASTER THESIS STRUCTURE

Brief description of the structure of the Master Thesis

The structure of the Master's Thesis dissertation that the students have to develop should be similar to the one indicated hereafter:

- Summary
- English (and Spanish if the doc is in English): 1 pages presenting the studied problem, a very brief summary of the approach followed, the main results, and conclusions
- Foreword (optional)
- Table of contents
- List of chapters and sections
- Chapter 1: Introduction
 - Preliminary works and motivation of this thesis. Why this problem is relevant?
 - Objectives. Keep in mind one main research question but organize it around 3-5 main objectives.
 - Structure of the report
- Chapter 2: State of the art
 - A survey of the literature (journals, conferences, book chapters) on the areas relevant to the research question.
 - Original conclusions from such review. Do not just summarize previous works. Identification of gaps to be overcome with this master's thesis.
- Chapter 3: Problem setting, description, etc.
 - Presentation of the problem
- Chapter 4: Proposed Method (model, analysis, solution, etc.)
- Chapter 5: Results
 - Provide a critic analysis of the numerical results
- Chapter 6: Conclusions
 - Summary of the problem, the main findings and the discussion. Structured according to the objectives stated in chapter 1-
- In which direction should further research go?
- References
- Annexes