

Syllabus

1. Data about the program of study

1.1 Institution	Technical University of Cluj-Napoca
1.2 Faculty	Automation and Computer Science
1.3 Department	Automation
1.4 Field of study	Automation, Applied Informatics and Intelligent Systems
1.5 Cycle of study	Bachelor of Science
1.6 Program of study/Qualification	Automation and Applied Informatics (English)
1.7 Form of education	Full time

2. Data about the subject

2.1 Subject name	System Theory I	Discipline code	24.00
2.2 Course responsible/lecturer	Assist. Prof. Mirela Dobra – mirela.trusca@aut.utcluj.ro		
2.3 Teachers in charge of applications	Assist. Prof. Mirela Dobra – mirela.trusca@aut.utcluj.ro		
2.4 Year of study	2	2.5 Semester	2
2.6 Assessment (E/C/V)			E
2.7 Type of subject	DF – fundamental, DS – specialty, DC – complementary		DF
	DOB – compulsory, DOP – elective, DFA – optional		DOB

3. Estimated total time

3.1 Number of hours per week	5	of which:	3.2 Course	3	3.3 Seminar	0	3.3 Laboratory	2	3.3 Project	0
3.4 Number of hours per semester	70	of which:	3.5 course	42	3.6 Seminar	0	3.6 Laboratory	28	3.6 Project	0
3.7 Individual study										
(a) Manual, lecture material and notes, bibliography										10
(b) Supplementary study in the library, online and in the field										6
(c) Preparation for seminars/laboratory works, homework, reports, portfolios, essays										20
(d) Tutoring										14
(e) Exams and tests										5
(f) Other activities:										0
3.8 Total hours of individual study (sum of (3.3(a)...)3.3(f)))				55						
3.9 Total hours per semester (3.2+3.4)				125						
3.10 Number of credit points				5						

4. Pre-requisites (where appropriate)

4.1 Curriculum	Mathematical analysis I (Differential calculus); Special mathematics (Complex analysis and transforms); Linear algebra and analytical geometry;
4.2 Competence	Physics, Electrotechnics, Analog and digital circuits; Process modeling.

5. Requirements (where appropriate)

5.1. For the course	N/A
5.2. For the applications	Applications are compulsory

6. Specific competences

6.1 Professional competences	C3.1 Identification of basic concepts of system theory, control engineering, of fundamental principles of modelling and simulation, as well as of process analysis methods in order to explain the basic problems of the field. C3.2 Explaining and interpreting some process automation problems through the application of automatic control fundamentals, of modelling, identification and simulation methods as well as of the computer aided design techniques. C3.3 Solving some types of control problems through use of modelling methods and principles, development simulation scenarios, application of methods for the identification and analysis of processes (including technological processes) and systems.
6.2 Cross competences	N/A

7. Expected learning outcomes

Knowledge	A deep understanding of feedback loops, open vs. closed-loop systems, and mathematical modeling (differential equations, transfer functions, and state-space models). A solid foundation in physics, chemistry, and electrical/mechanical principles to understand the "plant" (the physical system being controlled)
Skills	Simulation and design software like MATLAB and Simulink.
Responsibilities and autonomy	Creating computer models that predict system behavior and stability before physical implementation

8. Course objectives

8.1 General objective	- modelling Continuous Linear Time Invariant systems; - stability analysis of LTI systems; - time response analysis of LTI systems - negative feedback control systems
8.2 Specific objectives	- work with Matlab/Simulink - Simulation and testing the behavior of dynamic continuous, linear time-invariant systems - use analog components (computers) to test the behavior or LTI systems

9. Contents

9.1 Lecture	No.hours	Teaching methods	Notes
Systems Theory: preliminaries; Introductory aspects; Systems theory: brief history; Modern control systems examples	3	Comprehensive slides Blackboard annotations Oriented discussions on the subject	
Mathematical models of physical systems	3		
Physical systems determined by ordinary differential equations	3		
Laplace Transform; The weighting function and the transfer function	3		
Modelling the LTI systems by state space equations; State space analysis	3		
Stability of LTI systems. Stability criterions.	3		
Response of dynamic LTI systems to standard input signals	3		
First order element; Second order element	3		
Negative feedback control systems	3		
Algebra connection of negative feedback control systems.	3		
Sensitivity of negative feedback control systems	3		
Negative feedback control structures performances	3		
Steady state and transitory response performances	3		
The modes of LTI systems	3		
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9.2 Applications (seminar/laboratory/project)	No.hours	Teaching methods	Notes
Modeling dynamic systems using state space equations.	2	Solving problems using Matlab	
Using Matlab to model the LTI systems.	2		
Response of dynamic LTI systems to standard input signals.	2		
Minimal form algorithm in Matlab.	2		
First and second order element behaviors to standard input signals.	2		
Response of dynamic LTI systems using Matlab.	2		

Performances and characteristics of first and second order systems.	2		
State space analysis.	2		
State space analysis: car suspensions model in Simulink.	2		
Internal and external stability of dynamic LTI systems.	2		
Negative feedback control structures.	2		
Root locus analysis.	2		
Control system analysis for the car suspension case.	2		
Sensitivity analysis using root locus in Matlab.	2		
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10. Bridging course contents with the expectations of the representatives of the community, professional associations and employers in the field

Practical applications by examples

11. Evaluation

Activity type	Assessment criteria	Assessment methods	Weight in the final grade
Course	Solution correctness	Written examination Face-to-face evaluation; on-line evaluation; Course assignments	80%
Seminar	N/A	N/A	0%
Laboratory	Solving problems using Matlab	Colloquium; Face-to-face evaluation; on-line evaluation	20%
Project	N/A	N/A	0%
Minimum standard of performance: Final grade equal or above 5			

Date of filling in:		Title Firstname NAME	Signature
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