



University of Puerto Rico
Mayagüez Campus
College of Engineering
Department of Mechanical Engineering
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering



Course Syllabus

1. General Information:	
Alpha-numeric codification: INME 4018 Course Title: Energy Conversion Number of credits: 3 Contact Period: Three hours of lecture per week	
2. Course Description:	
English: A study of the different methods of energy conversion. The course will cover the basic theoretical concepts, and will include discussions on conventional and modern devices for energy conversion, such as steam generators, internal combustion engines, turbines, thermoionic and thermoelectric systems, fuel cells, thermonuclear plants, and lasers.	
Spanish: Un estudio de los diferentes métodos de conversión de energía incluyendo los conceptos teóricos básicos y los aparatos para la conversión de energía convencional y moderna, tales como: generadores de vapor, máquinas de combustión interna, turbinas, plantas nucleares, sistemas termo eléctricos, celdas de combustible, plantas termo-nucleares y láseres.	
3. Pre/Co-requisites and other requirements:	
Pre-requisites: INME 4015, INEL 4076 and INME 4002	
4. Course Objectives:	
After completing the course, the student should be able: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Explain the theoretical principles that govern the energy transport associated with energy conversion devices. 	
5. Instructional Strategies:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> conference <input type="checkbox"/> discussion <input type="checkbox"/> computation <input type="checkbox"/> laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> seminar with formal presentation <input type="checkbox"/> seminar without formal presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> workshop <input type="checkbox"/> art workshop <input type="checkbox"/> practice <input type="checkbox"/> trip <input type="checkbox"/> thesis <input type="checkbox"/> special problems <input type="checkbox"/> tutoring <input type="checkbox"/> research <input type="checkbox"/> other, please specify:	
6. Minimum or Required Resources Available:	
None.	
7. Course time frame and thematic outline	
General Topics	Contact Hours
Energy Classification	3
Fuels for energy conversion	4
Nuclear energy	6
Solar energy	5
Wind	6
Biomass	4

Ocean thermal energy	3
Fuel cells	3
Magneto-hydrodynamics	4
Environmental impact	4
Tests	3
Total hours: (equivalent to contact period)	45

8. Grading System

Quantifiable (letters) Not Quantifiable

9. Evaluation Strategies

	Quantity	Percent *
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exams	1-3	0-25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final Exam **	1	10-25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Short Quizzes	0-10	0-25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral Reports	0-10	0-25
<input type="checkbox"/> Monographies		
<input type="checkbox"/> Portfolio		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Projects	0-10	25-50
<input type="checkbox"/> Journals		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: Attendance		0-25
TOTAL:		100%

* All evaluation strategies will add to 100%

** In design courses a capstone project may replace the final exam.

10. Bibliography:

Textbook:

Culp, Archie W. (1991) *Principles of Energy Conversion*, 2nd Edition, McGraw-Hill **

** These books are key classic references and remain as the top books for the subjects covered in the course and there are no up-to-date textbooks to substitute these books.

11. Law 51: The Comprehensive Educational Services Act for People with Disabilities:

States that after identifying with the instructor and the institution, the student with disabilities will receive reasonable accommodation in their courses and evaluations. For more information, contact the Department of Counseling and Psychological services at the Office of the Dean of Students (Office DE 21) or call 787-265-3864 or 787-832-4040 x 3772, 2040 and 3864.

12. Academic Integrity

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13. Certification 06-43 of the Academic Senate

"The academic guidelines for offering online courses," defines: Traditional face-to-face courses are those that have less than 25% of the course's regular contact hours via the Internet. Therefore, a three-credit course will be considered "face to face" if, of the 45 hours of regular contact, 11 or less are taught via the Internet. According to certification 06-43 of the Academic Senate, a course may include up to 25% of its total contact hours via the Internet. The objective of this is so that all professors have this alternative in the case of any unscheduled eventuality.

14. Sexual Harassment: Certification 130-2014-2015 states:

Sexual harassment in the workplace and in the study environment is an illegal and discriminatory act and is against the best interests of the University of Puerto Rico. All persons who understand they have been subject to acts of sexual harassment at the University of Puerto Rico may file a complaint and request that the institution investigate, where necessary, and assume the corresponding action by the university authorities. If the complainant is a student, he or she must refer his or her complaint to the Office of the Student Ombudsperson or that of the Dean of Students.

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