

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Signal Acquisition, Instrumentation and Control

Reference	EN3500	Version	6
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 9
Approved	March 2004	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2021	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide the student with the ability to evaluate signals and control systems, select appropriate instrumentation and apply computer-based analysis tools.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Describe and manipulate signals in the time and frequency domains.
- 2 Select transducers and instrumentation for the measurement of common control parameters.
- 3 Model and analyse linear control systems.
- 4 Evaluate the performance of a control systems using computer simulation.
- 5 Design simple instrumentation systems for the measurement of common control parameters.

Indicative Module Content

Open and closed loop systems, concept of stability, Laplace transform, electrical and mechanical system models, block diagrams, first and second order system response, PID controllers, application of computer based tools in signal acquisition, instrumentation and control. Signal types, signal characteristics, sensitivity, sensors and transducers and their operation, calibration, signal conditioning and amplification, time and frequency domain, sampling theorem and aliasing, anti-aliasing filters, A to D conversion, sampling rate, resolution, D to A conversion, interfacing, digital I/O, virtual instrumentation.

Module Delivery

This module is delivered by a combination of lecture and tutorials. It will be supported by practical examples and activities including computer based laboratory exercises.

Indicative Student Workload	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	52	52
Non-Contact Hours	98	98
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 30% Outcomes Assessed: 4
 Description: A typical control system-based investigation.

Component 2

Type: Examination Weighting: 30% Outcomes Assessed: 3, 5
 Description: An online assessment based on instrumentation and control related sections.

Component 3

Type: Examination Weighting: 40% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2
 Description: Closed book examination.

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

To pass the module the student must achieve a minimum of a grade D. Non-submission of any component will result in an NS grade.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	Two A's and one B in any component.
B	One A one C and one D in any component OR Two B's and one C in any component.
C	One B and two D's in any component OR Two C's and one D in any component.
D	One C and two D's in any component OR D's in all components.
E	E in one or more components.
F	F in one or more components.
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	Mathematics 2 (EN2901) or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

An Indicative Bibliography will normally reference the latest edition of a text. In some cases, older editions are equally useful for students and therefore, those are the editions that may be stocked.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1 DORF, R.C. and BISHOP, R.C., 2017. Modern Control Systems. 13th ed. London: Pearson Education.
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- 3 BENTLEY, J. P., 2005. Principles of Measurement Systems. 4th ed. London: Longman.
- 4 MATLAB. Getting Started Guide. Mathworks.
- 5 Simulink User's Guide, Mathworks.