

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Safety, Risk and Reliability Management

Reference	EN4801	Version	5
Created	March 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	March 2004	SCQF Points	15
Amended	September 2017	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide the student with the ability to understand risk and safety management, utilise techniques for system reliability assessment, and evaluate strategies for optimising plant availability.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Use techniques for specifying and assessing the safety integrity level of a given system.
- 2 Identify ways of ensuring safety conforms to the ALARP principle.
- 3 Identify and assess risk, and explain how risk can be managed.
- 4 Derive the reliability of a system and evaluate strategies for optimising plant availability.
- 5 Demonstrate ability in using risk and reliability concepts by conducting a risk and reliability assessment, and provide critical analysis and recommendations.

Indicative Module Content

Causes and outcomes of industrial accidents. Role of design and management. Failure prediction and uncertainty of data. Safety life cycle. Hazard identification and control, HAZOP, Fault Tree and FMEA analysis. ALARP principle. Safety integrity levels, Human factors, Corporate responsibility, safety culture, management issues. Assessment techniques for system reliability. Design for reliability. Redundancy and standby systems. Maintenance and repair strategies.

Module Delivery

This is a lecture-based course supplemented with tutorials and student-centred learning.

Indicative Student Workload	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	40	40
Non-Contact Hours	110	110
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:	5
Description:	Coursework which will be a risk and reliability assessment study, assessed by the submission of a report.				

Component 2

Type:	Examination	Weighting:	70%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4
Description:	Closed book examination.				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

In order to pass the module students must achieve at least a grade D overall AND a minimum of 35% in the examination and coursework.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	70% and above
B	60-69%
C	50-59%
D	40-49%
E	35-39%
F	34% and below
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

- LEITCH, R.D., 1995. Reliability Analysis for Engineers: An Introduction. Oxford:Open University Press.
- STOREY, N., 1996. Safety-Critical Computer Systems, Harlow:Addison-Wesley.