Module Description, available in: EN

Factory Planning

General Information

Number of ECTS Credits

3

Module code

TSM_FactPlan

Valid for academic year

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Explanations regarding the language definitions for each location:

- Instruction is given in the language defined below for each location/each time the module is held.
- Documentation is available in the languages defined below. Where documents are in several languages, the percentage distribution is shown (100% = all the documentation).
- The examination is available 100% in the languages shown for each location/each time it is held.

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Instruction				**X** E 100%			
Documentation				**X** E 100%			
Examination				**X** E 100%			

Module Category

TSM Technical scientific module

Lessons

2 lecture periods and 1 tutorial period per week

Entry level competences

Prerequisites, previous knowledge

No specific previous knowledge is required, considering that for each topic a short introduction is proposed before moving to the concept application.

Brief course description of module objectives and content

The course will describe Production Systems Configuration and Management as well as the drivers influencing the choice of a given layout and the rules adopted for managing it. Various typical layouts will be described also highlighting their benefits and pitfalls, while eliciting the characteristics of the manufacturing environments justifying their choice. Well known Production Planning & Control (PPC) methods will be presented and applied. Basis on market demand forecasting will be provided.

Aims, content, methods

Learning objectives and competencies to be acquired

Being able to understand:

- The basics of product layouts and process layouts
- Push production systems
- Inventory management methods
- Simple forecasting methods

Being able to:

- Solve simple line-balancing problems
- Dimension simple cellular layout
- Select the suitable PPC method and dimension it
- Create forecast and evaluate their quality

Module content with weighting of different components

Introduction to Factory Planning

- Production models and production systems
- The influence of product structure and Customer delivery lead time
- Classification: MTS, ATO, MTO, ETO
- Levers of action for production system configuration
- Product-Process matrix
- Performance Indexes (KPI)
- Job Shop
- Production Line Balancing
- Group technology and manufacturing cells

PUSH Production Planning and Control

- Sales and Operations Planning (S&OP)
- Master Production Schedule (MPS)
- Material Requirement Planning (MRP)
- Capacity Planning (Rough Cut Capacity Planning; Capacity Requirement Planning)
- Dispatching rule

Inventory Management and Forecasting

- Inventory Management costs and Economic Order Quantity (EOQ)
- Power-of-Two method, EOQ Price discount, Production Economic Order Quantity
- Inventory Management Methods; Replenishment, Periodic Order Quantity (POQ)
- Safety Stock
- Forecasting methods (time series analysis)

Teaching and learning methods

Frontal theoretical lessons integrated with interactive exercises

Literature

The material distributed by the lecturer is enough, reference books can be suggested if the students want to deepen the knowledge of specific subjects, for instance:

- Factory Physics, Wallace J. Hopp and Mark L. Spearman, Waveland Pr Inc; 3 edition (August 31, 2011)
- Manufacturing Planning and Control for Supply Chain Management: The CPIN Reference, F. Robert Jacobs, William Berry, D. Clay Whybark, Thomas Vollmann, McGraw-Hill Professional; 2nd edition (July 23, 2018)
- Forecasting: Methods and Applications, Spyros G. Makridakis, Steven C. Wheelwright, Rob J Hyndman, Wiley; 3 edition (December 1997)

Assessment

Additional performance assessment during the semester

The module does not contain an additional performance assessment during the semester

Basic principle for exams

As a rule, all standard final exams are conducted in written form. For resit exams, lecturers will communicate the exam format (written/oral) together with the exam schedule.

Standard final exam for a module and written resit exam

Kind of exam

Written exam

Duration of exam

120 minutes

Permissible aids

Aids permitted as specified below:

Permissible electronic aids

No electronic aids permitted

Other permissible aids

A4 recto/verso with hand written formulas, no numeric example allowed

Exception: In case of an electronic Moodle exam, adjustments to the permissible aids may occur. Lecturers will announce the final permissible aids prior to the exam session.

Special case: Resit exam as oral exam

Kind of exam

Oral exam

Duration of exam

30 minutes

Permissible aids

Aids permitted as specified below:

Permissible electronic aids

No electronic aids permitted

Other permissible aids

As for the written exam: A4 recto/verso with hand written formulas, no numeric example allowed