

Module Description, available in: EN

Heat Transfer

General Information**Number of ECTS Credits**

3

Module code

TSM_Heat

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**

Basic knowledge of thermodynamics and fluid dynamics.

Brief course description of module objectives and content

The basic theories of heat transfer by conduction, convection and thermal radiation are presented. However, this study-unit focuses on solving practical heat transfer problems in different fields of engineering such as architectural and HVAC engineering, mechanical and process engineering, electrical as well as environmental engineering.

Aims, content, methods**Learning objectives and competencies to be acquired**

Students shall learn how to solve engineering problems in the field of heat transfer.

Module content with weighting of different components

- Overview of Heat Transfer Modes
- Introduction to Conduction
- One-Dimensional, Steady-State Conduction
- Two-Dimensional, Steady-State Conduction
- Transient Conduction
- Introduction to Convection
- External Flow
- Internal Flow
- Free Convection
- Introduction to Radiation
- Radiation: Processes and Properties
- Radiation: Exchange Between Surfaces

Teaching and learning methods

Presentation of theory and practical examples of heat transfer problems, problem solving

Literature

F. Incropera, D. DeWitt, T. L. Bergman, A. S. Lavine. Incropera's Principles of Heat and Mass Transfer: Global Edition. Wiley, 2017-11-01.

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

Pocket calculator

Other permissible aids

- Lecture notes
- Personal summary
- Course textbook (F. Incropera, D. DeWitt, T. L. Bergman, A. S. Lavine. Incropera's Principles of Heat and Mass Transfer: Global Edition. Wiley, 2017-11-01)

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

No aids permitted