Smart systems for buildings

General Information

Number of ECTS Credits

3

Module code

TSM_SmartSys

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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 building technologies is desirable

Brief course description of module objectives and content

This module aims to familiarise students with smart systems that are already, or will soon be, present in buildings. These include building automation and control systems (BACS), smart home, IoT solutions, energy management and building security systems. Students will learn the purpose, functionality and applications of these systems. They will also cover the necessary fundamentals such as components and system architecture, communication technologies and protocols.

Aims, content, methods

Learning objectives. The students should

- Understand the purpose, functionality and applications of these systems
- Learn the necessary fundamentals. E.g. components and system architecture, communication technologies, protocols

Competences acquired. Students will be able to

- Understand, select and design smart systems for buildings

Contents of module with emphasis on teaching content

1. **Introduction** History of smart buildings, definition and benefits, applications
2. **Fundamentals** Automation of buildings, communication technologies, protocols (wired and wireless)
3. **Applications**. Building automation and control systems BACS, smart home, internet of things IoT, energy management systems EMS, building security
4. **Future trends**
5. **Case study**

Teaching and learning methods

- Three lecture periods per week, mixed with practical sessions and exercises.
- Teaching: Frontal teaching and storytelling. Discussion of practical examples. Guided study using lecture notes and textbooks.
- Exercises: Solving practical problems under the guidance of tutors (coaching).

Literature

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Assessment

Certification requirements

Module does not use certification requirements

Basic principle for exams

As a rule, all the standard final exams for modules and also all resit exams are to be in written form

Standard final exam for a module and written resit exam

Kind of exam

written

Duration of exam

120 minutes

Permissible aids

Aids permitted as specified below:

Permissible electronic aids

Personal computer or tablet PC with Internet access

Other permissible aids

Open book: Course documentation (slides, personal notes), any other material

Special case: Resit exam as oral exam

Kind of exam

oral

Duration of exam

30 minutes

Permissible aids

Aids permitted as specified below:

Permissible electronic aids

Personal computer or tablet with Internet access

Other permissible aids

Open book: Course documentation (slides, personal notes), any other material