Online Courses for Continuing Education

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Active Courses

• Power Electronics Online Course Modules
• Wind Energy Essentials Online Course
• Power System Protection Online Course
Programs in the Works

• Power Systems Online Course Modules
• Electric Drives Online Course Modules
• Advanced Electric Drives Online Course Modules
Power Electronics Online

- Course management system (CMS) – WebVista (more commonly known as Blackboard)
- Asynchronous, coupled with textbook
- Multimedia (content, video, resources)
- 1-hour video = 3-4 in class lectures (F2F)
- Online homework problems, self-assessments
Wind Energy Essentials & Power System Protection

- CMS – Moodle (open source)
- Asynchronous
- Multimedia (video, presentations, and additional resources)
- 1.5-2-hour videos = 1 class lecture (F2F)
- No homework problems, no quizzes
- CEUs/PDHs available
Audience

- College and university faculty and instructors
  - Faculty/instructor development
  - For incorporation into own courses (no college credit provided by U of MN)

- Practicing engineers
Continuing Education

- CEUs are available to participants (based on registration fees)
- CEUs are applicable to PDHs for engineers
Objectives

• Faculty and instructors review the course modules and integrate the information into their teaching methods.

• Faculty and instructors will utilize these online tools to assist their own teaching practices.

• Wind and Power System Protection: these videos can be incorporated into actual course sessions in Fall or Spring semesters.
Power Electronics Modules

Module One - Introduction to Power Electronics

Center for Innovation in Electric Engineering Systems Education
University of Minnesota

About the Power Electronics Modules

Goal for Power Electronics Modules:
Power Electronics is an enabling technology. The goal of this series of modules is to describe the role of power electronics in "power processing" to utilize power and energy as efficiently as possible, with applications ranging from small cell phones and medical devices to harnessing of wind and solar energy, and reliable delivery of power and efficient end-use.

Reference Textbook for all Power Electronics Modules:
First Course on Power Electronics by Ned Mohan, published by MNPERE and available at www.mnpere.com (this link opens in a new window)

Prerequisite background for all Power Electronics Modules:
Undergraduate (sophomore- and junior-level) courses in Circuits and Systems covering circuit analysis and electronics, and system analysis. Some magnetic concepts covered in Physics courses. Some pre-requisite concepts are listed below:

- Phasor Analysis of electric circuits in sinusoidal steady state
First Course on Power Electronics

Module 1: Introduction

By
Ned Mohan
Professor of ECE
University of Minnesota

Reference Textbook:
First Course on Power Electronics by Ned Mohan
(www.MNPERE.com)
Welcome to Power System Protection!

This course covers the design and application of relaying schemes for the protection of power system equipment such as buses, transformers, Shunt VAR compensating elements, transmission lines, and rotating equipment. Basic concepts of protection and associated mathematical tools will be introduced before discussing details of protection. Latest available technologies and future of the industry will also be discussed. On availability of time, several industry experts are expected to provide presentations on latest developments such as synchro-phasors, wide area protection.

The organizers of this course hope that you will find it useful, and your comments to improve it next year are most welcome.

Course Benefits

- Practicing engineers from utility and consulting firms who are getting into the design and application of protective relays.
- Maintenance and operation engineers involved in the analysis of events.
- Experienced protection engineers who need to update their knowledge with latest protection principles.

Instructor
Pratap G. Mysore P.E.

Pratap Mysore received his B.E. and M.E. degrees in electrical engineering from the Indian Institute of Science.
Welcome to Wind Energy Essentials!

The objective of this course is to familiarize participants with various essential aspects in harnessing wind energy and its conversion and delivery as electricity. It will consist of a series of seminars offered by various speakers.

The organizers of this course hope that you will find it useful, and your comments to improve it next year are most welcome.

Course Objectives: The course objective is to familiarize students with various essential aspects in harnessing wind energy and its conversion and delivery as electricity.

Course Outcome: A broad understanding of essential elements in wind-electric systems; turbines, wind-plant development and their integration into the utility grid, environmental impacts, wind forecasting, etc.

Participating University of Minnesota departments:
- Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)
- Civil Engineering (CE)
- Mechanical Engineering (ME)
- Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics (AEM)

Course Details:
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- Four high speed output shafts
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Gearbox anatomy:
- Double helix pinion
- Input shaft
- Intermediate gears
- Output pinion, helical teeth
- From wind turbine rotor
- Bull gears
- Output shafts to generators
Demonstration

- www.ece.umn.edu/groups/power
- www.cce.umn.edu/power