

# Transilvania University of Braşov, Romania

## Study program: Sustainable Product Design and Environment Protection Syllabus for ERASMUS+ students

Faculty: Product Design and Environment

Study period: 2 years (master)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year

Course title	Code	Language of instruction	No. of credits	Number of hours per week			
				course	seminar	laboratory	project
Energy and environment	D01.TC.01.1	Romanian	2	1	1		

**Course description (Syllabus):** Energy-environment relationship. The concept of sustainable development. The energy considering the product's life cycle. Categories of environmental impacts. Energy production based on fossil fuels and its consumption along with the environmental impact. Photovoltaic systems; the life cycle of photovoltaic modules. Solar-thermal systems; coloured flat plate solar-thermal collectors with increased architectural acceptance. Energy sources based on biomass. Wind turbines; environmental problems associated with the production, location and decommissioning of wind turbines. National and local policies and strategies on climate change.

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Advanced engineering design	D01.TC.01.2	Romanian	5	2			2

**Course description (Syllabus):** Design and development of the technical products. Models in engineering design. The product considered as a technical system and its properties. Clarification and formulation of a technical problem. Abstracting and deviding a problem into sub-problems of various orders. Solving higher-order problems by aggregating solutions for lower-order problems. Evaluation and selection methods for the appropriate solutions. The phases of the product's life and the cycles related to it. The main modules of the advanced design for a technical product and the correlations between them. Algorithms and methods of the advanced design modules. Principles for the development of new and innovative solution(s); the TRIZ method and the CreaTRIZ software. Documentation of the product and typical aspects of the design for manufacture, sale, exploitation and disposal of the product. Prototyping and simulation in product design. Computer-aided prototyping and simulation.

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Product life cycle assessment	D01.TC.01.3	Romanian	3	1			1

**Course description (Syllabus):** Environmental protection, legal frame, product design, current design problems and "greening" design solutions. Production of materials. Efficient use of raw materials. Manufacturing the products. Clean production, clean technologies. Products' transport and distribution. Transport networks, different types of transport, their characteristics and impact on the environment, product's transport at different stages of the product life cycle. Use of products. The influence of the design on the material and energy consumption of the product during its lifetime. End-of-life options. Design strategies for end-of-life. Tools for assessing the environmental impact of products. Eco-indicators. Eco Web Design, the ecological footprint, the ecological backpack, the amount of energy stored, life cycle assessment, rethinking the designer's relationship with the environment. Product life cycle assesment. LCA limits, purpose and objectives, life cycle inventory analysis, data collection, results, interpretation.

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RES Design	D01.TC.01.4	Romanian	5	2	1		1

**Course description (Syllabus):** Renewable energy sources and systems: design, policies, strategies. Design requirements. Technical, economic and legal aspects. Feasibility study in the design of renewable energy systems. Solar energy conversion systems: solar thermal, photovoltaic (PV) and photovoltaic-thermal (PVT) systems. Wind energy conversion systems. Geothermal energy conversion systems. Micro-hydro systems. Hybrid systems based on renewable energy sources. Cogeneration systems based on renewable energy sources. Mixes of renewable energy systems. Sustainable communities.

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Valorisation of the research results	D01.TC.01.5	Romanian	3	1			1

**Course description (Syllabus):** Research and the innovative/new research results. Types of research results and their valorising paths. The legal frame on patenting: the invention subject of patenting; rights and obligations; protecting the intellectual property rights; recording, publishing and checking the patent proposal, patent submission. Patent databases. Searching and selecting the state of the art patents. Identifying the similarities and the limitations of the already patented solutions existent in the research literature. Developing the patenting documentation. Describing the invention. Claims. Technical drawings. Abstract of the invention subject of patenting.

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Academic ethics and integrity	D01.TC.01.6	Romanian	1	1	1		

**Course description (Syllabus):** Attitude and ethical behaviour in the academic area. Principles of the research ethics. Academic writing. Documentation. Structure of the research paper. References. Plagiarism. Honesty. Loyalty. Environmental ethics.

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Engineering modelling, simulation and optimisation	D01.TC.02.7	Romanian	5	2		1	1

**Course description (Syllabus):** Phases of the design process in the virtual environment. Modeling components and systems. Systems analysis (simulation). Parameterization of virtual models. Configuring the parameters for the optimal design. Investigation strategies for the analysis of the design sensitivities (parametric study, design of experiments). Optimizing systems with and without design constraints. Optimal design of mechatronic systems. Advanced software solutions for computer-aided engineering.

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Practice I 12 hours/week	D01.TC.01.08	Romanian	10				
Practice II 12 hours/week	D01.TC.02.09	Romanian	10				

**Course description (Syllabus):** Systematic methodologies for developing functional, constructive or improved solutions for an industrial product / process. Theoretical and experimental research based on careful planning. The technical-economic evaluation of the solutions resulting from the analysis of the theoretical or experimental data. Synthesizing relevant conclusions and communicating the research results. Self-evaluation of the practical activity. Using the communication skills within a group and in relations with other specialists. Analysis and synthesis on the evaluation of the activity within an organization.

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Advanced materials for product design	D01.PD.02.10	Romanian	5	2	2		

**Course description (Syllabus):** Advanced materials: materials with controlled properties, sustainable materials. The structure – properties correlation(s). Control of the material's properties: destructive and non-destructive techniques. Mechanical, optical, thermal, conductivity tests. Surface characterization. Metallic materials: corrosion control. Ceramic materials: ceramic block and ceramic nanostructures; control of the tribological, optical, opto-electronic properties. Polymeric materials: plastics and rubber; advanced polymers, conductive polymers. Composite materials: design of composite materials, 1D, 2D, 3D composites. Critical material. Possible solutions for the replacement of critical materials.

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Graphic design	D01.PD.02.11	Romanian	5	2		1	1

**Course description (Syllabus):** Perception. Dynamic balance in graphics. Gestalt theory applied in Graphic Design. Using fonts. Chromatic balance. Composition. The compositional balance. Sizes and proportions. Themes and visual rhythm. Use of illustration and photography in the graphic design. Design for advertising. Typography production. Tools and processes.

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Integrated product design	D01.PD.02.12	Romanian	5	2			2

**Course description (Syllabus):** Introduction to integrated product design and development. Matrix of product development: structure, line elements: general solution algorithms, column elements: life cycle modules of the product. Modelling matrix elements. Analysis and conceptual synthesis in the development of a technical product. Algorithms and methods of advanced prototyping modules. Solutions for representative functions in the development of technical products. Integrated product development. Phases and influence factors in the integrated development process. The cycle of the development process and the product cycle. Organizational forms in integrated product development: simultaneous engineering and concurrent engineering. Short-term product development. The role of marketing and technological innovation in the integrated development of a product.

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Renewable energy systems for thermal energy production I (geothermal and biomass systems)	D01.RE.02.10	Romanian	5	2		1	1

**Course description (Syllabus):** Energy and the environment. The energy demand. The legal frame on the use of renewable energy sources. Geothermal energy. Global, European and national geothermal potential. Conversion systems of the geothermal energy into electrical or thermal energy. Heat pump systems for the geothermal energy conversion. Types of geothermal heat exchangers and of heat pumps. The operating principle of the heat pumps. Reversibility of the heat pumps. Evaluation of the energy performance of the heat pumps. The technical and economic feasibility of the geothermal energy conversion systems with heat pumps. Applications of the geothermal energy conversion systems with heat pumps. Systems with heat pumps with other heat sources (water, air, waste heat). Hybrid systems based on heat pumps. Implementing heat pumps systems in the built environment. Assessing the energy demand in the built environment. Evaluating the geothermal energy potential in a given location area. Sizing of the geothermal heat exchangers. Sizing the geothermal heat exchangers. Simulating the operation of the heat pump systems. Assessing the building's energy status following the implementation of the geothermal system. Energy plants. Establishing the breeding ground, the growing conditions, the type of energy plant according to the type of soil,

the technology for growing and processing the biomass, machines and equipment used. Case study - Green Energy Cluster - energy willow culture from Moacșa, Covasna County. Technologies for biomass conversion into thermal energy. Efficiency and costs of the installations. Types of biomass-based thermal power plants.

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Renewable energy systems for electrical energy production I (wind and micro-hydro systems)	D01.RE.02.11	Romanian	5	2	2		

**Course description (Syllabus):** Types of wind turbines (WT), components, construction, operation, assessing the wind potential; national and international standards for implementing WT. Design of a micro-wind system: the parameters, the feasibility study and the wind speed assessment. Methods for site evaluation: the geographical, weather and built environment study. Design of the electromechanical equipment (turbine, amplifier, generator). Types of micro-hydroelectric plants, components, construction, operation, estimation of the hydro potential. Design of a micro-hydroelectric plant: the feasibility study. Estimating the hydropower potential and the energy demand. Design of the transfer system and of the electromechanical equipment (turbine, speed increaser, electric generator). Control aspects. Environmental impact assessment, financial evaluation.

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Tracking systems for solar energy convertors	D01.RE.02.12	Romanian	5	2			2

**Course description (Syllabus):** Types of solar energy conversion. Characteristic functions of solar energy conversion systems. Specific requirements and functions of the conversion process of solar energy into electric / thermal energy. Types of mechatronic systems used to increase the efficiency of solar energy conversion. Modelling the solar radiation and the solar angles. Mechatronic tracking systems for increasing the efficiency of the solar energy conversion into electric / thermal energy. Analysis, modelling and optimization of solar tracking programs according to the local climatic factors. Analysis and modelling of the main types of mechatronic solar tracking systems. Design, implementation and maintenance of mechatronic tracking systems for solar energy converters.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

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Practice for research I 12 hours/week	D01.TC.03.1	Romanian	10				
Practice for research II 12 hours/week	D01.TC.04.2	Romanian	10				

**Course description (Syllabus):** Comparative analysis and synthesis of the development level in the research field. Identifying the main research lines and trends in the field. Identify possible applications to be addressed in the dissertation work. Comparative analysis of the identified solutions. Synthesis of the innovative solutions and their optimization. Experimental validation.

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Practice for elaboration of dissertation thesis 16 hours/week	D01.TC.04.3	Romanian	20				

**Course description (Syllabus):** Systematic methodology for the development of the constructive / functional model /

industrial process solutions. Theoretical or experimental research based on planning. Technical-economic evaluation of the identified solutions and processing the theoretical or experimental data. Synthesize relevant conclusions and communicate the results.

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Advanced mechanical engineering design	D01.PD.03.4	Romanian	5	2			2

**Course description (Syllabus):** Energy sizing of a machine. Calculation of loads. Calculation of cylindrical gears. Calculation of bevel gears. Calculation of worm gears. Calculation of chain transmissions. Calculation of belt transmissions. Shaft calculation. Bearing calculation. Dedicated software applications. Using the software applications.

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System control engineering	D01.PD.03.5	Romanian	5	2			2

**Course description (Syllabus):** Applications of computer science in engineering. The graphic programming environment. Programming elements. Data types and structures. Programming structures. Elements for graphic representations. Objects included in the front panel. File operations. Application planning.

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Ergonomics in product design	D01.PD.03.6	Romanian	3	1			1

**Course description (Syllabus):** Elements of advanced ergonomics. Conceptual and correction ergonomics. Cognitive ergonomics. Working conditions. Physical environmental factors. Psychological environmental factors. Product ergonomics. Anthropometrics. The human-product-environment relationship. Designing ergonomic products. Ergonomic principles and safety norms in product design.

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Design of renewable energy systems (RES)-based products	D01.PD.03.7	Romanian	5	2			2

**Course description (Syllabus):** RES based products. Methods for developing the virtual prototype of RES-based products. Identify the possibilities to define the forces / moments necessary for the launch of the products based on RES. The choice based on the identified forces / moments of the electromechanical systems required for the movement of the products based on RES. Choosing the RES components able to provide the energy required for the products. Implementing the electromechanical, lighting and RES components in the product. Optimizing the virtual prototype. Transposition from virtual to real environment of RES based products. Testing RES-based products, identifying weaknesses and possible improvements.

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Products testing	D01.PD.03.8	Romanian	2	1		1	

**Course description (Syllabus):** Classification of tests. Performance test. Establishing the significant product parameters for testing. Setting the limit values of the parameters and the allowed error percentage. Recording, analysis and interpretation of the experimental data. Testing results. Test of resistance. Establishing the testing parameters. Recording, analysis and interpretation of the experimental data. The test of sustainability. Product testing facilities. Operating principles. Installations with open energy circuit. Closed circuit energy installations. Equipment required for the products testing. Driving equipment. Measurement equipment. Equipment for recording and processing the experimental results.

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Renewables for electrical energy production II (photovoltaic and hybrid systems)	D01.RE.03.4	Romanian	5	2		1	1

**Course description (Syllabus):** Solar radiation, wind and precipitation as input data in the design of hybrid systems. Variability and predictability of the solar energy. Characteristics of hybrid electric systems (standard properties, functional properties). Optimizing the electrical response of hybrid systems (materials selection, selection of the operating conditions, orientation of the photovoltaic modules). Optimal design of hybrid electric systems; capitalizing on local renewable resources; particular aspects in the built environment. Feasibility of hybrid electric systems; functional and economic aspects, implementation area. Sustainability of hybrid renewable electricity systems; LCA analysis, recycling of photovoltaic modules.

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Renewables for thermal energy production II (solar thermal and hybrid systems)	D01.RE.03.5	Romanian	5	2		1	1

**Course description (Syllabus):** Energy, solar energy, conversion of the solar energy into thermal energy. Solar thermal systems. Optimizing the solar thermal energy conversion systems. Hybrid thermal energy conversion systems based on renewable energy sources. Optimizing the hybrid thermal energy conversion systems based on renewable energy sources.

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Renewable energy systems in the built environment	D01.RE.03.6	Romanian	5	2			2

**Course description (Syllabus):** The thermo-hygro-energetic configuration of the buildings in the context of the use of renewable energy systems. Evolution and structure of the energy demand in buildings. Assessing the energy demand in buildings. The concepts of "Passive House", "Low Energy Building", "Nearly Zero Energy Building", "Zero Energy Building" and "Plus Energy Building". The legal basis for thermo-hygro-energy configuration of the buildings. Methodology for calculating the energy performance of the buildings. Improved constructive solutions in the thermo-hygro-energy design of buildings. Optimizing the thermal protection level of the buildings when using renewable energy systems. Types of solutions. Composition rules. Assessment of the building energy performance following the implementation of the improved solutions. Implementing renewable energy systems in the built environment. The potential of renewable energy sources specific to the building location. Selecting, sizing and implementing renewable energy systems. Assessing the building energy status after implementing renewable energy systems.

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RES implementation, operation and maintenance	D01.RE.03.7	Romanian	5	2		2	

**Course description (Syllabus):** Implementation, operation and maintenance of solar thermal systems. Implementation, operation and maintenance of heat pump systems. Implementation, operation and maintenance of solar thermal and heat pump hybrid systems. Implementation, operation and maintenance of photovoltaic systems. Implementation, operation and maintenance of wind energy systems. Implementation, operation and maintenance of hybrid electric systems composed of photovoltaic modules and wind turbines.