



**UNIVERSITY**  
OF APPLIED SCIENCES

# BASIC CONTROL SYSTEMS

## COURSE INTRODUCTION

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WHERE STUDENTS MATTER



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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES - KNOWLEDGE

- **Modelling physical systems using the correct mathematical tool**
- **Have a basic understanding about simple control systems**
- **Know about how to design and tune a simple controller**
- **Understand classical analysis and design tools for stable control of simple systems.**

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES - KNOWLEDGE

- Have a basic understanding of the fundamentals of classical control theory.
- Apply the theory into engineering practice.

*Control theory?*

*A branch of applied mathematics.*

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES - SOFT SKILLS

**Lab Skills**

**Report writing**

**Presenting**

**Collaboration**

- We want you to learn from each other!
- Ask questions in your group, study together, help each other with assignments





# COURSE MATERIAL

Notes, lecture slides, companion exercises, old exams:

<https://hanshuyu.com/material/LN-CCS.html>

Other recommended reading material:

*Feedback Systems: An Introduction for Scientists and Engineers,*

**1<sup>st</sup> edition**, Karl J. Åström and Richard M. Murray

*Modern Control Engineering,*  
any edition, Katsuhiko Ogata

# PRELIMINARY KNOWLEDGE

- Some understanding & computational skills in:
  - Calculus
  - Complex analysis
  - Integral transforms
  - High school level physics and algebra
- Some experience in:
  - Working in a team
  - Writing reports
  - Making presentations

# COURSE STRUCTURE - DAILY ACTIVITIES

3

weeks

10

lectures

(~1.5h \* 10)

2

presentations

(1+1) 17.5%\*2

3

experiments

(2+1) 15%

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1

written exam

50%



# WARNING

Theoretical course

But **very practical if you understand the principles**

Higher workload

Involves a lot of self-study

Encourages a lot of group-study

Extremely useful

# WARNING - STATISTICS

Historical passing rate 1<sup>st</sup> exam:

**57% ~ 65%**

Written exam raw score number >60%:

**40% ~ 50%**

# WARNING -

## BEHAVIOURS CORRELATED WITH (ALMOST) EXAM FAILURE

- I can just skip the lecture and self-study at home with some book I found in the library/internet.  
(63, 60, 71, 54, 53, 47, 20, 32, 78, 92)
- I do not have to participate in the group work.  
(66, 40, 41, 20, 48, 55, 41, 34, 54, 60, 60)
- I am afraid to ask questions.  
(50, 40, 68)
- Cheating in the exam  
(caught 2 last year)

# HOW TO STUDY? (RECOMMENDATIONS)

Think, communicate, and interact with me in lectures.

Do the homework assignments in sync with the lecture.

Try solve a few extra problems provided.

Read the reading material if you have time.

Discuss and collaborate with your peers.

Do the experiments & simulations while you can.

# HOW TO STUDY? (WARNING)

Treat online material like (video tutorials) with care.

They could be wrong.

# COURSE STRUCTURE - DAILY ACTIVITIES

No teaching activities

Lecture

Guided Instructions

Lab Experiments

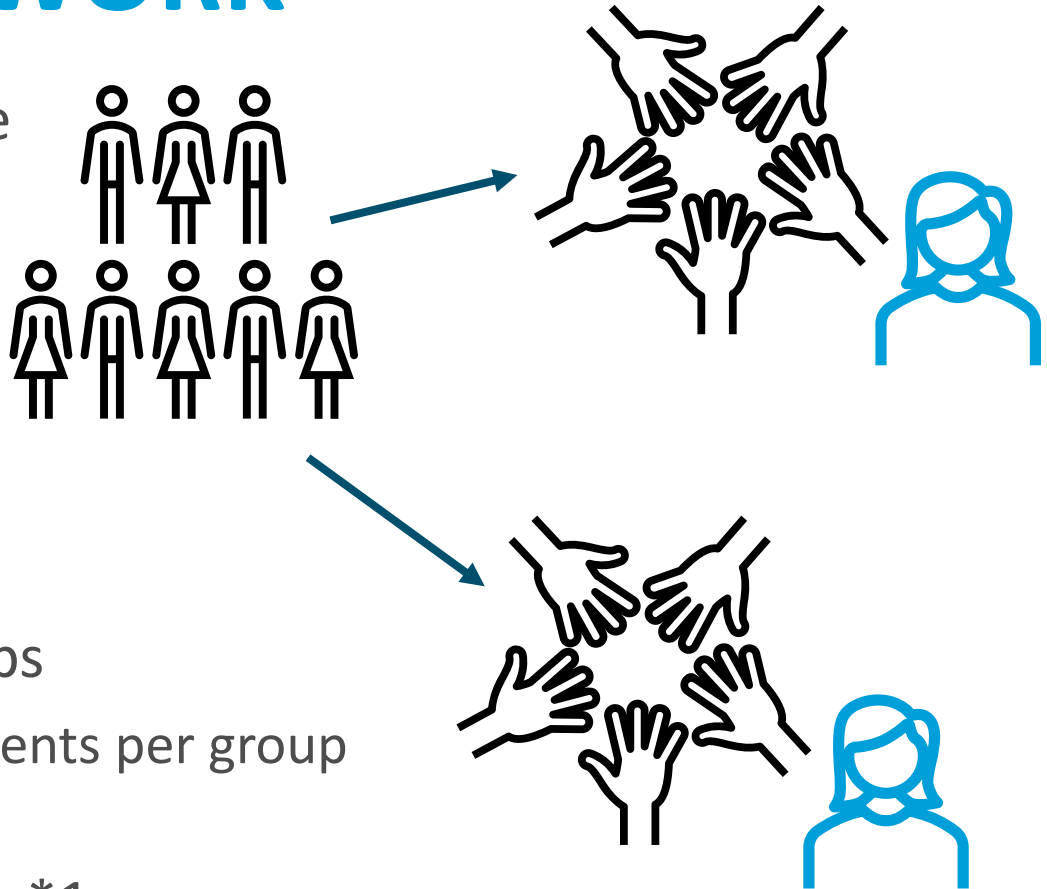
Presentation

Workshops

- Always bring your laptop and notebook/pens to class, changes can still be made last minute!
- No gaming in the classroom at anytime! If you would like to game, do that in the dormitory or internet café.

# COURSE STRUCTURE - GROUP WORK

Group structure



→ Project groups

7 ~ 8 students per group

→ Group leader \*1

Responsible for **homework hand-in** and  
**communications** with the teaching staff

# HANDING-IN YOUR HOMEWORK

File name format:

*GroupX\_assignment1.pdf*

*GroupX\_assignment2.pdf*

*GroupX\_report.pdf*

You upload your pdf to the server using a local area network within a **fixed time-window!**

Wifi name: Course\_admin

Wifi password: 37582968

Each group will receive a server ipv4 address to hand-in your pdf, this will be announced by the teaching assistant.





# GRADING AND EXAMINATION

Presentation:

- **17.5%** Presentation for assignment 1 (group score)
- **17.5%** Presentation for assignment 2 (group score)

Report:

- **15%** Experiment report (group score)

Peer Assessment factor: **f**

**(individual)**

In-course raw score:

- sum of raw presentation and experiment scores.
- The raw scores should be the same for every student in the same group.

**In-course final score for each student:**

- **50%** raw score \* **f** (max 50)

**3 weeks in-course  
contents**

**Final Exam (3 hours):**

- **50%** Exam is organised by SMU after our 3-week course<sup>17</sup>





# GRADING AND EXAMINATION

**3 weeks in-course  
contents**

Presentation:

- 17.5% Presentation for assignment 1 (group score) - **75**
- 17.5% Presentation for assignment 2 (group score) - **80**

Report:

- 15% Experiment report (group score) - **70**

Peer Assessment factor: **f**

(individual) - **1.1**

In-course raw score:  **$75 * 0.175 + 80 * 0.175 + 70 * 0.15 = 37.625$**

- sum of raw presentation and experiment scores.
- The raw scores should be the same for every student in the same group.

In-course final score for each student:  **$37.625 * 1.1 = 41.3875$**

- 50% raw score \* **f** (max 50) **41.4**

Final Exam (**3 hours**):

**$75 * 0.5 = 37.5$**

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Report:

- (group score) - **70**
- Peer Assessment (individual) - **1.1**

In-course

- **TOTAL**  
**~~78.9~~ 79**  
 **$70 * 0.15 = 37.625$**   
 **$\equiv 3.0$**
- nt scores.
- every student in

the same group.

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# JOB OPPORTUNITIES(INDUSTRY)

They know & use control theory:

- Aerospace Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Systems Engineer
- Biotechnical Engineer
- Robotics Engineer
- Power Electronics Engineer
- Integrated Circuit Designer
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Industries these people in:

- Robots & Vehicles
- Manufacturing factories
- Microelectronics & semiconductors
- Energy
- Chemical plants
- Smart infrastructure
- Bio-medical instruments
- Modern technology farming
- Consultancy
- Finance & banking
- High Frequency Trading
- IT & network
- Aerospace .....



# INTRODUCTION ASSIGNMENT

Take a group photo

Put it in a presentation (ppt)

Include everyone's English & Chinese name  
+ a special skill (Good at drawing, can do a  
backflip, great at KTV??)

Make clear who is the group leader

Tell us a little about  
yourselves in a  
presentation this  
afternoon!

~8 minutes

Group leader



English name  
Special skill





# QUESTIONS ?

If you have questions, ask them through during the lectures or work sessions.

**GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN  
WITH THE BCS COURSE!**

