



**IGEE 418 - ELE8461 – Electrical Power Generation  
(Production de l'énergie électrique)**

**Course Outline  
Winter 2020**

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ECSE 463	Electrical Power Generation (McGill University)
ELE 8461	Production de l'énergie électrique (Polytechnique Montréal)
ELEC 498QP	Electrical Power Generation (Concordia University)
ELE760	Production de l'énergie électrique (École de technologie supérieure)
GEL-3010	Production de l'énergie électrique (Université Laval)
6GE1715	Production de l'énergie électrique (UQAC)
GEN44718	Production de l'énergie électrique (UQAR)

**Prerequisites:** A basic course in power system analysis and electromechanical energy Conversion. You should have a basic familiarity with: ac circuit analysis, three-phase systems, basic electromagnetic and electromechanical energy conversion devices.

**References:** A. J. Wood & B. F. Wollenberg (1996). *Power Generation Operation and Control*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., New York, NY: Wiley.

G. A. Munoz-Hernandez, S. P. Mansoor & D. I. Jones (2013). *Modelling and Controlling Hydropower Plants*. London: Springer-Verlag

J.-C. Sabonnadière, ed. (2010). *Renewable Energy Technologies*. John Wiley and Sons.

J. Pyrhonen. (2008). *Design of Rotating Electrical Machines*, Wiley-Inter-Science – Blackwell.

G. C. Stone, E. A. Boutler, I. Calbert & H. Dhirani. (2004). *Electrical Insulation for Rotating Machines Design, Evaluation, Aging, Testing, and Repair*. John Wiley and Sons, IEEE Press.

S. Heier. (2006). *Grid Integration of Wind Energy Conversion Systems*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Wiley Inter-Science.

**Lectures:** Polytechnique Montréal, Pavillon Lassonde – Room M-2004  
Monday: 9:30 – 12:30

**Laboratory:** Polytechnique Montréal, Pavillon Principal – Room A-328  
Monday: 13:45 – 16:45  
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**Course Website :** [www.moodle.polymtl.ca](http://www.moodle.polymtl.ca); browse for ELE 8461, Production de l'énergie électrique

Note: The course website should be used for all communications and questions regarding the course and coursework.

**Course Outline:** Objectives of the course

The goal of this course is to introduce the fundamental principles and challenges arising in power generation.

The specific course objectives are:

- To understand the principles of operation of electrical power generators and related energy storage assemblies
- To understand the structure and principles of the controls related to electrical power generators and generating stations
- To understand the principles governing the design and sizing of electrical generators
- ~~To understand the principles behind the protection methodologies applicable to electrical generating stations and particularly the generators themselves~~
- To understand the principles governing generation dispatch, including management of hydro reservoirs and generating units
- To understand the standards governing the integration of electrical power generators to the power grid (grid codes)
- To understand the standards governing the interconnection of dispersed electrical power generation to the power grid (interconnection standards)

Topics covered

- Energy sources
- Principles of design, operation and control of synchronous generators
- Principles of operation and control of wind and solar generators
- Generation planning
- Generating station grid interconnection

<b>Grading Scheme:</b>	Assignments (4)	40 %
	Laboratory reports (3)	15 %
	<del>Mid-term examination</del>	0 %
	Final examination	45 %
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100 %</b>

**Laboratory:** Work using computer simulations covers the following topics and applications:

- Design procedures for large hydro generators
- Operation and control of synchronous generators – Frequency and voltage controllers
- ~~Wind turbine generators – Operation and controls~~

Laboratory instructions will be available for download from the course website.

Students are to work in pairs, and each laboratory team will hand in a single report.

Students in the team will receive the same grade.

Laboratory reports are due one week after the scheduled laboratory period.

**Assignments** Assignments will be made available for download about every fortnight. Assignments have to be submitted individually. Assignments will be due within one week.

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**Detailed Schedule – Winter 2020**

Wk	Date	Topic	Inst.	Assignments	Laboratories, seminars, ind. visits
1	13 Jan.	Prime energy sources – Conventional and renewable	FB	<b>Assignment 1</b> - Energy sources and electric power production	
2	20 Jan.	Characteristics and operation of hydro generators	FB		<b>Seminar 1</b> - Introduction to hydrogeneration plants (HQ Production – Éric Lambert)
3	27 Jan.	Synchronous generators – Steady state operation & modelling I	FB		<b>Lab 1</b> - Design procedures for large hydro generators
4	3 Feb.	Synchronous generators – Steady state operation & modelling II	FB	<b>Assignment 2</b> - Synchronous generator operation and control	
5	10 Feb.	Synchronous generators – Frequency and voltage control	FB		<b>Seminar 2</b> - Advanced synchronous generator controls (HQ Production – Éric Lambert)
6	17 Feb.	Static power converters – Principles of operation as grid-connected generators	FB		<b>Lab 2</b> - Operation and control of synchronous generators – Frequency and voltage controllers
7	24 Feb.	Principles of wind energy conversion and systems	FT		
	2 Mar.	<b>Study break</b>			
8	9 Mar.	Operation and control of grid-connected renewable generation	FB		<b>Industrial visit 1</b> – Parc éolien Pierre-De Saurel (PEPdS – C. Patenaude)
9	16 Mar.	<b>Midterm examination ANNULÉ</b>	FB	<b>ANNULÉ</b>	
10	23 Mar.	<b>COURS ANNULÉ</b>	FB	<b>ANNULÉ</b>	
11	30 Mar.	Operation and control of grid-connected renewable generation ( <b>Wrap up</b> ) Distributed generation interconnection and grid codes	FB	<b>Assignment 3</b> - Static power converter operation	<b>Seminar 3</b> – Solar farm engineering (CIMA+ - Éric Cantin) <b>Remote presentation</b>
12	6 Apr.	Generation operations planning	FB	<b>Assignment 4</b> – Hydrogeneration planning and storage management	<b>Seminar 4</b> - Integration of bulk generation into the electric grid - (HQ TransÉnergie – Noël Aubut) <b>Remote presentation</b>
13	<b>Mercredi 15 Apr.</b>	Distributed generation interconnection and grid codes ( <b>Overview</b> )	FB		
	TBA	<b>Final Exam (24 avril – a.m.)</b>	Exam on all topics		

**Note:** The period for exams will take place from April 21<sup>st</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 inclusive.