

Module Handbook

M.Eng. AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTION ENGINEERING

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1 Overview

Name of the programme	Automotive Production Engineering
Study type & degree	Consecutive Master of Engineering (full time)
First start date	SS 14/15; Start only in summer semester
Standard period of study	3 semesters (90 ECTS, 48 SWS)
Study location	THI-Campus in Ingolstadt
Language of instruction	English
Cooperation	None
Admission requirement	Bachelor's degree in engineering, aptitude test and proof of English proficiency level B2 level or higher
Capacity	30 students p.a.
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2 Introduction

The text describes the current state of the program modules in the Master's degree "Automotive Production Engineering" according to the study and examination regulations ("Studien- und Prüfungsordnung").

The module handbook ("Modulhandbuch") presents the objectives and contents of the individual compulsory and elective modules and the breakdown of SWS (semester hours per week) per module and semester.

2.1 Objectives

Based on their completed bachelor's program, graduates acquire and expand their knowledge, skills and competencies to understand automotive production systems in their complexity theoretically, technically and practically. Furthermore, they shall understand development processes in product development to be able to plan, develop, implement, operate, and develop such systems further in an entire technical, strategic, and managerial manner.

There is an emphasis on the graduate's qualification enabling them to in highly linked processes, recognize, plan, and execute tasks, assess the need and scope for action as well as take part in developing and managing. They can recognize the interdependency of technical, strategic, managerial, social and further non-technical topics and integrate their actions responsibly.

Thus, students are enabled to solve complex problems that require production, engineering, and business skills by being able to develop solution concepts for practice based on scientific knowledge.

2.2 Admission requirements

- Proof of successful completion of a degree program in industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, automotive engineering, or mechatronics from a German university with at least 210 ECTS credits or equivalent or an equivalent successful domestic or foreign degree.
- All foreign applicants must submit their bachelor's degree to *uni-assist*, which verifies their eligibility and converts their grades to the German grade system. *uni-assist* will issue a so-called preliminary inspection documentation (VPD), which they must upload to the application portal (like their other documents).
- Successful participation in an aptitude test for the master's degree program "Automotive Production Engineering" (M. Eng.).
- Proof of English proficiency level B2 or higher.

The binding regulations for this curriculum can be found in:

- Study and Examination Regulations (SPO) for the Master's degree program "Automotive Production Engineering" (M. Eng.) of 18.07.2016 in the version including the amendment statutes of 02.10.2023.
- "Rahmenprüfungsordnung" (RaPO).
- „Allgemeine Prüfungsordnung" (APO) of Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt.
- „Immatrikulationssatzung" of Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt.

The sequence of studies is influenced by the regulations of the Study and Examination Regulations ("Studien- und Prüfungsordnung").

2.3 Target group

The program addresses prospective students that

- are creative, curious, and enthusiastic about automotive and production as well as engineering and management,
- prefer a master's program fully taught in English, like to gain intercultural experience, and go for an international career at home and abroad,
- enjoy questioning things and see themselves as a driver for change,
- are graduates of bachelor's programs or young professionals with a Bachelor's degree in industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, automotive engineering, mechatronics engineering, engineering, and management, IT, or a degree in another related discipline.

2.4 Structure of the program

The standard period of study for Master's programs amount to three theoretical semesters, whereby the third semester shall be primarily used for the completion of the master's thesis. The program is offered as a full-time course. Within the range of subjects, students are conveyed an in-depth and detailed theoretical, technical, and practical understanding of production systems in the automotive sector. This understanding goes beyond the strategic, planning, and operative development processes of these systems regarding product development.

3. Semester					
Master Thesis					
2. Semester					
Automation and Equipment Technologies	Technology Development & Innovation Management	Digital Technologies in Engineering	Production System and Plant Design	Group Project	Individual Elective 2
1. Semester					
Engineering Processes in Automotive Industry	Production and Logistics Networks	Advanced Manufacturing Technologies	Cost Engineering & Risk Management	Scientific Research Seminar	Individual Elective 1

Picture 1: Program structure

In the first semester (see Picture 1) there are conveyed knowledge, skills, and competencies in the field of Engineering Processes in Automotive Industry, Production and Logistics Networks, Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, Cost Engineering & Risk Management in Automotive, Scientific Research Seminar and two Individual Electives.

The second semester includes following modules: Automation and Equipment Technologies, Technology Development & Innovation Management, Digital Technologies in Engineering, Production System and Plant Design, Group Project and two Individual Electives. In Group Project, students practicing working on a bigger task as part of a project team are given the opportunity to try out all project stages.

The Master's program concludes with the master's thesis in the third and last semester.

There are practical elements in all modules, stressing the application-oriented profile of this master's program, e.g., by providing project and thesis topics set by partner companies.

Language and culture courses are offered during the semester times. German students can learn another foreign language.

2.5 Prerequisites for advancement

- To get the title of master's thesis requires at least 30 ECTS to be achieved in the sequence of study (see the Study and Examination Regulations as of 18.07.2016 in the version including the amendment statutes of 02.10.2023).

3 Qualification profile

The study contents have been defined according to the requirements of industry and small and medium-sized companies as well as the qualification framework for German university degrees.

Graduates have acquired in-depth knowledge in the three main knowledge areas of the program:

- Production,
- Engineering &
- Management

and their interfaces in theory and practice.

Production engineering modules are

- Automation and Equipment Technologies
- Production System and Plant Design
- Production and Logistics Networks
- Advanced Manufacturing Technologies

Engineering modules are

- Digital Technologies in Engineering
- Engineering Processes in Automotive Industry

Management modules are

- Cost Engineering & Risk Management
- Group Project

Interfaces between management and engineering modules are

- Technology Development & Innovation Management

The elective subjects can be freely chosen from the three knowledge areas of Production, Engineering & Management or a subject which represents an interface of these knowledge areas.

Considering the specific objectives of the individual modules (see module descriptions in the next chapter), graduates are familiar with the engineering and management methods used in the field of "Automotive Production Engineering" to work adequately.

They can quickly familiarize themselves with operational and strategic tasks in the field of "Automotive Production Engineering" by mastering not only specialist knowledge required for this, but also knowledge of managing employees (e. g. Project) and designing or optimizing the necessary operational processes.

Students are especially advised of language training opportunities at Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt.

3.1 Mission statement

We prepare our students for the challenges of the future:

- The master's program creates future competence.
- It creates a spirit of innovation and teaches entrepreneurial thinking.
- It is an interdisciplinary program, which enables students to develop future-oriented solutions for interdisciplinary challenges.
- It qualifies students to help shape social changes such as the digital transformation and technological change.
- It sensitizes students to the sustainable use of the environment and resources, to socially responsible behaviour and to social commitment.

We enable our students to develop solutions to problems based on scientific knowledge:

- The master's program includes a lot of project work. This enables students to acquire applicable problem-solving skills.
- The lecturers transfer their practical experience and teach academic knowledge. They are professionally competent, are constantly developing in their areas of expertise and contribute their research experience to teaching.
- Students acquire professional, methodical, social, and self-competences.

We open outstanding regional and international perspectives for our students:

- The master's program is fully taught in English, addresses international students, and creates intercultural competences.
- In this way, the program contributes to a cosmopolitan, international campus.
- Our numerous cooperation with companies in the region enables our students to start their careers in the best possible way, both regionally and internationally.

We teach and learn through personal exchange:

- Because this is a master's program, small groups and seminar-based forms of teaching are set to enable individual exchange with the students.
- The teaching concept offers digitalized courses (e.g., inverted classroom) in combination with many practical project studies to enhance the learning progress.
- The lecturers try out new ways of innovative and experimental teaching. For example, the first half of the semester concentrates on theoretical basics, the second half on practical application.

We help all students discover and realize their individual potential:

- The master's program includes a lot of project work. In joint project work, our students gain social skills such as the ability to cooperate and deal with conflict, and leadership skills.

- The master's program is international and intercultural. Hence, the program promotes performance in an appreciative cooperation. We meet each other with tolerance and openness and understand diversity as an opportunity to learn from each other and develop further.

3.2 Study objectives

3.2.1 Subject-specific competences of the study program

The graduates:

- are able to analyze complex tasks/problems in complex production systems and their development, to identify their key factors and to carry out evaluations as well as hedgings.
- are able to solve problems relating to the development and operation of production systems, which are incompletely defined and demonstrate competing requirements by using scientific, theoretical as well as application-oriented methods.
- master the rules of project and process management, production systems planning, development and operation as well as their use on technical, strategic, planning, and economic problems and questions in practice, especially in the automotive production including suppliers.
- can use tried-and-tested and new production, planning, engineering, procurement, logistics, project management and staff management methods, and apply them successfully in production systems development and operation.
- are aware of digital technologies with a focus of office automation and their impact on the future work life in industrial companies.

3.2.2 Interdisciplinary competences of the study program

Methodical competences:

The graduates are able:

- to work scientifically.
- to assess holistically and systematically digital technologies.
- to plan, compile and lead projects.
- to apply methods of foresight and methods of innovation and technology management.
- to develop business models methodically, to evaluate business scenarios, to apply methods of change management, risk management and technology assessment.
- to analyze interdisciplinary problems, to recognize comprehensive correlations, to transfer learned competences to new tasks and to evaluate the technical, economic, and social impact of compiled solutions.

Social competences:

The graduates are able:

- to compile complex tasks in cross-functional and international teams, to solve conflicts in teams and to lead teams.
- to speak English fluently (including technical terms).
- to react sensitively in intercultural situations.
- to communicate their competencies and to communicate generally.
- to convince and become accepted.

Personal competences:

The graduates:

- can organize themselves and manage their time.
- have analytical and outcome-oriented intellectual power.
- work target-oriented and autonomously.
- can present results and themselves.

3.2.3 Examination concept of the study program

The focus of the selection of examination forms is on the best possible assessment of the achievement of the set learning objectives - accordingly, there is a variety of different examination forms ranging from oral and written examinations, project work and study papers as well as presentations.

Also, a project is included in the program where students learn to put theoretical knowledge into practice and to deepen it in a team. The examination form "Project" is group work to which each student must contribute individually and whose results are presented orally or in writing.

For the form of examinations, please refer to Study and Examination Regulations for Master Automotive Production Engineering, Appendix 1.

Below is an overview of the different examination formats with German acronym (as used in the "Studien- und Prüfungsordnung"), the English translation and a description.

Acronym	English title	Description
schrP	Written examination	The written examination is a written examination lasting 90 minutes, unless explicitly stated otherwise.
mdIP	Oral examination	The oral examination is an interview lasting 15 minutes per person, unless explicitly stated otherwise.
prP	Practical examination	Based on "real actions" of the student, it should be demonstrated that the student has mastered the practical application of the competences taught. The practical examination lasts 15 minutes unless explicitly stated otherwise.
StA	Student research project	The student research project is a term paper without an oral presentation. A term paper comprises a minimum of 3000 to a maximum of 6000 words (approx. 10 to 20 pages: Word document approx. 8 to 15 pages or Power Point approx. 15 to 20 slides).
SA	Seminar paper	The seminar paper is a term paper with an oral presentation. A term paper comprises a minimum of 3000 to a maximum of 6000 words (approx. 10 to 20 pages: Word document approx. 8 to 15 pages or Power Point approx. 15 to 20 slides). The oral presentation has a total length of 15-20 minutes and can also take place during the semester.

Proj	Project work	The project work is a group assignment in which several students work on a joint task as a team and present the results orally and in writing. Each student must contribute individually to the joint task and deliver an oral presentation lasting 15 minutes. The written part has a length of approx. 5-25 pages.
MA	Master thesis	Written thesis in the master's degree program: Maximum processing time (= period between registration of the Master thesis and submission) of 6 months / length 60-80 pages
Coll	Colloquium	The colloquium is an oral examination lasting 10-15 minutes in which the student defends the results of his or her thesis.

3.2.4 Application of the study program

The study program “Automotive Production Engineering” has a strong application relevance as it is developed in close coordination with industry practice. It offers interdisciplinary competence teaching with an application reference, where students can participate in networking and learn how to deal with conflicts in a practical setting. The program includes practice and transfer projects during the study, and master’s thesis topics are often drawn from professional practice.

The program equips graduates with the skills and knowledge to take on qualified specialist and management roles in the field of production, factory planning, or technology development. The Scientific Research Seminar and Group Project provide students with exposure to industrial problems and scientific working methods. Overall, the study program has high relevance to the practical needs of the industry, and graduates are well-prepared for a range of career options.

3.2.5 Contribution of individual modules to the objectives of the program

Module	Professional competence	Methodology	Social competence	Personal competence
Technology Development & Innovation Management	+	++	o	o
Advanced Manufacturing Technologies	++	+	+	+
Cost Engineering & Risk Management	++	++	o	o
Engineering Processes in Automotive Industry	++	+	o	o
Production System and Plant Design	++	+	o	o
Production and Logistics Networks	++	+	o	o
Automation and Equipment Technologies	++	+	o	o
Digital Technologies in Engineering	++	++	+	+
Group Project	++	++	++	++
Individual Electives	depends on the elective			
Scientific Research Seminar	++	++	+	+
Master Thesis	++	++	++	++

3.3 Possible professional fields

Graduates of the master's program "Automotive Production Engineering" get all necessary skills to work as engineers in the development of a production system for any company. They can work as production planners (with strategic, technological, managerial and process-related focus), plant engineers/engineers for equipment technologies as well as plant developers, planning/production managers and manufacturing developers. Graduates of this master's program are in great demand. There is a wide field of application in specialist or management roles in national or international companies and organizations.

Graduates are well prepared to take on specialist and management roles in the following areas:

- Engineer in the development of a production system
 - Plant & Production Engineer
 - Production & Quality Controlling
 - Planning/production manager
 - Manufacturing developer
 - Engineer for Equipment Technologies
- Quality Engineer & Manager
- Project Management
- Product and Technology Management
- Creativity and Innovation Management
- Business Development & Entrepreneurship

Graduates are also particularly well qualified for these tasks in an international context. Typical industries for the graduates of this program are:

- Automotive & Mobility Industry
- Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- IT
- Services
- Consultancy
- Research & Education.

4 Description of Modules

4.1 Compulsory Modules

Technology Development & Innovation Management

Module abbreviation	TDevInnM_M-APE	Reg.-Nr.	1
Curriculum	Study Programme	Module type	Semester
	Automotive Production Engineering	Compulsory Subject	2
Module frequency	only winter term	Module duration	1 semester
Responsible for module	Schwarz, Jan		
Lecturer(s)	Ruppert, Maximilian; Wagner, Harry		
Language of instruction	English	Language of exams	English
Credit points / SWS	5 ECTS / 4 SWS		
Workload	Contact hours	47 h	
	Self-study	78 h	
	Total	125 h	
Subjects of the module	Technology Development & Innovation Management		
Lecture types	SU/Ü-Seminar-based teaching / Exercise		
Examinations			
schrP90 - written exam, 90 minutes			
Additional explanations regarding examinations			
None			
Prerequisites according examination regulation			
None			
Recommended prerequisites			
None			
Objectives			
Students will • demonstrate an understanding of the significance, methods, elements, and processes involved in innovation and technology management. • understand the role and methodologies of leadership in corporate and product development processes. • independently apply various methods to manage and advance innovation and technology effectively. • develop and implement processes tailored to systematic technology development and apply relevant methodologies. • recognize the significance, effects, and limitations of IP protection, apply it strategically, and understand the patenting process.			
Content			
• Introduction to strategy • Strategic foresight • Science-Fiction prototyping • Technology and innovation management • Technology development: processes, methods, examples • Benchmarking • Current trends			

- Business model design
- Start-up pitch

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Additional remarks

No remarks.

Advanced Manufacturing Technologies

Module abbreviation	AdMaTech_M-APE	Reg.-Nr.	2
Curriculum	Study Programme	Module type	Semester
	Automotive Production Engineering	Compulsory Subject	1
Module frequency	only summer term	Module duration	1 semester
Responsible for module	Bednarz, Martin		
Lecturer(s)	Axmann, Bernhard; Bednarz, Martin; Meyer, Roland		
Language of instruction	English	Language of exams	English
Credit points / SWS	5 ECTS / 4 SWS		
Workload	Contact hours	47 h	
	Self-study	78 h	
	Total	125 h	
Subjects of the module	Advanced Manufacturing Technologies		
Lecture types	SU/Ü - Seminar-based teaching / Exercise		
Examinations			
SA+Koll - written elaboration 8-15 pages, presentation 15-20 slides; oral exam 15 Min.			
Additional explanations regarding examinations			
None			
Prerequisites according examination regulation			
None			
Recommended prerequisites			
None			
Objectives			
At the end of the lecture students are able to • understand typical industry application. • analyse advantages and disadvantages of different manufacturing technologies. • gain process know-how and understand the physical working principles of the technologies. • research new trends in the industry and apply this knowledge in a paper. • effectively communicating in international and intercultural teams.			
Content			
Advanced Manufacturing Technologies e.g.: • Additive Manufacturing • Laser Technologies • Technologies for Battery production • Manufacturing Technologies for fibre reinforced plastics			
Literature			
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Additional remarks

No remarks

Cost Engineering & Risk Management

Module abbreviation	CostERiskM_M-APE	Reg.-Nr.	3
Curriculum	Study Programme	Module type	Semester
	Automotive Production Engineering	Compulsory Subject	1
Module frequency	only summer term	Module duration	1 semester
Responsible for module	Hecht, Dirk		
Lecturer(s)	Hecht, Dirk; Horak, Jiri; Ruppert, Maximilian		
Language of instruction	English	Language of exams	English
Credit points / SWS	5 ECTS / 4 SWS		
Workload	Contact hours	47 h	
	Self-study	78 h	
	Total	125 h	
Subjects of the module	Cost Engineering & Risk Management		
Lecture types	SU/Ü- Seminar-based teaching / Exercise		
Examinations			
schrP90 - written exam, 90 minutes			
Additional explanations regarding examinations			
None			
Prerequisites according examination regulation			
None			
Recommended prerequisites			
None			
Objectives			
The students are able to • know the importance of cost engineering methods in cross functional teams. • recognise, assess and include in their work interactions between cost engineering, innovations and product development. • handle and apply tools of cost engineering projects and processes. • understand cost levers within different technologies (Assembly, Moulding, Die Casting, Software). • understand the importance of Risk Management. • present the classic models of Risk Management and apply those. • portray the stages of Risk Management and design specific, interdisciplinary practical cases and comprehend the overall context. • analyze certain situations regarding the applicability of the methods of Risk Management. • combine Risk Management with technical design and mathematical calculations.			
Content			
• Cost Engineering, methods and tools • Calculation within various technologies • Cost Engineering as part of innovations and Project Management • Classic Risk Management methods and case studies in specific technologies			

- Alternative methods of Risk Management and mathematical application

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Additional remarks

No remarks.

Engineering Processes in Automotive Industry

Module abbreviation	EngineeProcAuto_M-APE	Reg.-Nr.	4
Curriculum	Study Programme	Module type	Semester
	Automotive Production Engineering	Compulsory Subject	1
Module frequency	only summer term	Module duration	1 semester
Responsible for module	Meyer, Roland		
Lecturer(s)	Neumann, Alexander; Triveni, Prashant		
Language of instruction	English	Language of exams	English
Credit points / SWS	5 ECTS / 4 SWS		
Workload	Contact hours	47 h	
	Self-study	78 h	
	Total	125 h	
Subjects of the module	Engineering Processes in Automotive Industry		
Lecture types	SU/Ü - Seminar-based teaching / Exercise		
Examinations			
schrP90 - written exam, 90 minutes			
Additional explanations regarding examinations			
None			
Prerequisites according examination regulation			
None			
Recommended prerequisites			
None			
Objectives			
The students are able to • know the strong networked and parallel processes in product and process development of automobiles. • recognize, assess and include in the work interactions between production and product. • know the significance and working methods of Simultaneous Engineering (SE) including the involvement of suppliers in product design and product and process quality to meet the requirements of production. • handle tools of project and process management and know the working methods and processes (e.g. for networking, decision-making, escalation, etc.) in large automotive and supplier companies. • know the significance of prototype, pilot production and release processes and here applied tools. • know about the significance of lean development methods and cost management.			
Content			
• Product and process development in the automotive industry • Automotive project- and process-management and specific methods • Requirements and quality management tools • Pre-series process • Cost management • Lean development • Aspice			

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Additional remarks

Bonus system:

In the course, tasks can be set that lead to bonus points for the examination performance for each qualitatively completed task. The maximum crediting of bonus points takes place according to the APO.

Production System and Plant Design			
Module abbreviation	PSPD_M-APE	Reg.-Nr.	5
Curriculum	Study Programme	Module type	Semester
	Automotive Production Engineering	Compulsory Subject	2
Module frequency	only winter term	Module duration	1 semester
Responsible for module	Meyer, Roland		
Lecturer(s)	Meyer, Roland		
Language of instruction	English	Language of exams	English
Credit points / SWS	5 ECTS / 4 SWS		
Workload	Contact hours	47 h	
	Self-study	78 h	
	Total	125 h	
Subjects of the module	Production System and Plant Design		
Lecture types	SU/Ü - Seminar-based teaching / Exercise		
Examinations			
schrP90 - written exam, 90 minutes			
Additional explanations regarding examinations			
None			
Prerequisites according examination regulation			
None			
Recommended prerequisites			
None			
Objectives			
After this lecture subject, students are able to • understand and apply basics of production systems in the automotive industry. • asses and design processes, structures and elements of production systems. • understand, rate and apply variables and aims of design and control (added value, motivation, workload, ergonomics, etc.). • handle necessary basics and implement methodical approaches (MTM, REFA). • understand and use procedures and methods of manufacturing planning. • determine and optimize flow production. • investigate workplaces and apply basics methods of ergonomics (e.g. workplace design). • get around and understand modern leadership. • classify the importance of digital industry 4.0 methods.			
Content			
• Basics of production systems • Process organization strategies and shop floor management • Machine tools in production systems • Technical capacity, MTM, REFA target time determination			

- Design for manufacturing and assembly (DFMA)
- Manufacturing and assembly planning
- Industry 4.0 applications in production systems
- Production training

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Additional remarks

Bonus system:

In the course, tasks can be set that lead to bonus points for the examination performance for each qualitatively completed task. The maximum crediting of bonus points takes place according to the APO.

Production and Logistics Networks

Module abbreviation	ProdLogis_M-APE	Reg.-Nr.	6
Curriculum	Study Programme	Module type	Semester
	Automotive Production Engineering	Compulsory Subject	1
Module frequency	only summer term	Module duration	1 semester
Responsible for module	Jattke, Andreas		
Lecturer(s)	Jattke, Andreas		
Language of instruction	English	Language of exams	English
Credit points / SWS	5 ECTS / 4 SWS		
Workload	Contact hours	47 h	
	Self-study	78 h	
	Total	125 h	
Subjects of the module	Production and Logistics Networks		
Lecture types	SU/Ü - Seminar-based teaching / Exercise		
Examinations			
schrP90 - written exam, 90 minutes			
Additional explanations regarding examinations			
None			
Prerequisites according examination regulation			
None			
Recommended prerequisites			
None			
Objectives			
The students are able to • know the significance, elements, basic structure, design and execution of production and logistic networks in the automotive industry. • capture and assess interactions between production network, location factors, suppliers, logistics network, own/external skills, own manufacturing penetration, product design/technologies, production design/technologies etc... • know possible production strategies, their effects on the production and logistics network including suppliers' environment and can systematically assess and develop different production strategies. • design skills strategies in conjunction with the production strategy and hence derive and establish skills development including supplier development. • know procurement, intra/production and distribution logistics systems used in the automotive industry (e.g. JIT, milkrun, supermarket, kanban concept, single/multi-level, combined logistics systems etc.). • assess and fundamentally calculate the effects of different logistics concepts. • optimize supply chains (specific design, KPI, transport- and warehousing strategies, make or buy decisions, etc.).			
Content			
• Production networks and skills strategies • Logistics systems and networks			

- Logistics concepts in manufacture (intralogistics)
- Supply Chain management design methodologies
- Supply Chain KPIs
- Supply chain management in line with industry 4.0 (digitalisation)

Literature

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Additional remarks

Bonussystem:

In lecture there may be tasks, which will lead to bonus points to the exams in case of good execution. At maximum 5 bonus points may be given.

Automation and Equipment Technologies

Module abbreviation	A&ET_M-APE	Reg.-Nr.	7
Curriculum	Study Programme	Module type	Semester
	Automotive Production Engineering	Compulsory Subject	2
Module frequency	only winter term	Module duration	1 semester
Responsible for module	Großmann, Daniel		
Lecturer(s)	Bednarz, Martin; Großmann, Daniel		
Language of instruction	English	Language of exams	English
Credit points / SWS	5 ECTS / 4 SWS		
Workload	Contact hours	47 h	
	Self-study	78 h	
	Total	125 h	
Subjects of the module	Automation and Equipment Technologies		
Lecture types	SU/Ü- Seminar-based teaching / Exercise		
Examinations			
schrP90 - written exam, 90 minutes			
Additional explanations regarding examinations			
None			
Prerequisites according examination regulation			
None			
Recommended prerequisites			
None			
Objectives			
The students are able to • know the fields of application of automation technologies in automotive production including suppliers and determine suitable application-oriented levels of automation (economic and technological). • know the structure and individual components of automation systems and their interaction in automotive production (amongst others, steering, software, clamping systems, robots, transport technology, systems, factory). • derive and assess interactions between automation technology and manufacturing technology/processes, product design, production design, productivity/availability etc. • interpret robot systems (single robot, robotic cells and gardens) mathematically and with planning (possibly do it themselves and program using exercises/practical exercises in the lab?) • know the planning and development processes of automation systems and equipment in automotive production (e.g. robot offline programming, accessibility simulations, virtual commissioning, tooling methods planning, forming simulation etc.) and their involvement in product/production development processes. • know the involvement, processes and technology of equipment manufacture for the development, construction and production of tools and systems. • learn the methods for the construction, commissioning and quality optimization of systems and tools in conjunction with the production start-up processes. • know the tool machines used in automotive production and assess these both technologically and economically (e.g. for procurement processes).			

Content

- Robotics, automation and control technology in automotive manufacturing
- Equipment manufacturing: system manufacturing, tool and mould making, tool machines

Literature

- JOHN, Karl-Heinz, TIEGELKAMP, Michael, 2010. *IEC 61131-3: programming industrial automation systems: concepts and programming languages, requirements for programming systems, decision-making aids* [online]. Berlin; Heidelberg: Springer. PDF e-Book. ISBN 978-3-642-12015-2. Verfügbar unter: <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-12015-2>.
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Additional remarks

No remarks.

Digital Technologies in Engineering

Module abbreviation	DigiTEng_M-APE	Reg.-Nr.	8
Curriculum	Study Programme	Module type	Semester
	Automotive Production Engineering	Compulsory Subject	2
Module frequency	only winter term	Module duration	1 semester
Responsible for module	Bednarz, Martin		
Lecturer(s)	Lerher, Tone; Polzer, Richard; Schindler, Rick Dion; Tröber, Philipp		
Language of instruction	English	Language of exams	English
Credit points / SWS	5 ECTS / 4 SWS		
Workload	Contact hours	47 h	
	Self-study	78 h	
	Total	125 h	
Subjects of the module	Digital Technologies in Engineering		
Lecture types	SU/Ü- Seminar-based teaching / Exercise		
Examinations			
SA+Koll - written elaboration 8-15 pages, presentation 15-20 slides; oral exam 15 Min.			
Additional explanations regarding examinations			
None			
Prerequisites according examination regulation			
None			
Recommended prerequisites			
None			
Objectives			
The students are able to • assess the considerable significance of PLM/PDM as a means of communication in the product development process. • learn the management of product and production data in the engineering process. • understand models, concepts and methods of PLM/PDM and handle exemplary, specific PLM/PDM systems. • understand CAx strategies (amongst others, for CAD, CAQ, CAE, CAM, DMU etc.) and their interactions on corporate processes. • know possibilities and systems of the “digital factory“ for production and factory design, planning and development, in particular for Simultaneous Engineering, and their involvement in the product development process. • understand the theory behind different simulation methods such as discrete event simulation, continuous simulation, FEM simulation as well as the according modelling steps. • handle exemplary, specific systems of the digital factory (e.g. system layout, process/availability simulation, robot offline programming, system simulation, assembly and ergonomics simulation). • know foundations (FEM methodology) and different systems of (physical) manufacturing process simulation (e.g. forming simulation, casting simulation, joining simulation, painting simulation etc.) and their fields of application as well as limits. • communicate and cooperate in small diverse teams with different cultural backgrounds.			

Content

- Product Life Cycle Management (PLM)
- Product Data Management (PDM)
- CAx strategies
- Digital factory (planning) and manufacturing (process) simulation

Literature

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Additional remarks

No remarks.

Group Project			
Module abbreviation	Project_M-APE	Reg.-Nr.	9
Curriculum	Study Programme	Module type	Semester
	Automotive Production Engineering	Compulsory Subject	2
Module frequency	only winter term	Module duration	1 semester
Responsible for module	Axmann, Bernhard		
Lecturer(s)	Axmann, Bernhard; Hecht, Dirk; Ruppert, Maximilian		
Language of instruction	English	Language of exams	English
Credit points / SWS	5 ECTS / 4 SWS		
Workload	Contact hours	47 h	
	Self-study	78 h	
	Total	125 h	
Subjects of the module	Group Project		
Lecture types	S-Seminar		
Examinations			
Proj - Project work (5-25 pages) with oral presentation (15 minutes)			
Additional explanations regarding examinations			
None			
Prerequisites according examination regulation			
None			
Recommended prerequisites			
None			
Objectives			
The students are able to • successfully work on and solve a complex, professional task in a team during a semester. • independently learn the ropes of a new, demanding professional theme, unfamiliar to them, and work on this using academic methods and engineering and economic expert knowledge gained so far. • competently discuss and convincingly present the obtained project results and document these according to the technical and academic standards. • develop interdisciplinary connections and understand the interaction of different specialist disciplines in engineering. • develop distinctive methodological and social skills in areas such as teamwork, communication, intercultural cooperation, leadership, creativity techniques, project management and time management.			
Content			
• Working on a project task in a team during a semester. The project tasks differ from semester to semester. The project is generally a complex task from the area of production systems and their development processes and is carried out in small teams with divided responsibilities, put together by the students themselves. In this type of work, knowledge acquired so far can be practically implemented by means of a practical task. • In addition, the ability of the students to organize, carry out, document and present a project is promoted. Key qualifications in teamwork, project management as well as social skills are consolidated.			

Literature
• Will be specified at the beginning of the project.
Additional remarks
No remarks.

Scientific Research Seminar			
Module abbreviation	SciResSem_M-APE	Reg.-Nr.	12
Curriculum	Study Programme	Module type	Semester
	Automotive Production Engineering	Compulsory Subject	1
Module frequency	only summer term	Module duration	1 semester
Responsible for module	Axmann, Bernhard		
Lecturer(s)	Axmann, Bernhard		
Language of instruction	English	Language of exams	English
Credit points / SWS	5 ECTS / 2.5 SWS		
Workload	Contact hours	30 h	
	Self-study	95 h	
	Total	125 h	
Subjects of the module	Scientific Research Seminar		
Lecture types	S-Seminar		
Examinations			
StA - Student research project, written elaboration 10 - 20 pages			
Additional explanations regarding examinations			
None			
Prerequisites according examination regulation			
None			
Recommended prerequisites			
None			
Objectives			
The students are able to - successfully process a complex technical task within one semester. - work independently into a new, challenging theme. - document and present their project results. - develop strong methodological, social and intercultural competency in areas such as communication, project management and time management.			
Content			
- Processing of a semester-accompanying scientific question differs from semester to semester. Several topics are offered, from which one can be selected. The task is a scientific question and is handled by the student on his own responsibility. - Typical topics include questions related to production systems, automation technology, software, AI or sustainability in industrial production.			
Literature			
Will be specified at the beginning of the seminar.			
Additional remarks			
No remarks.			

Master's Thesis			
Module abbreviation	Ma_Thes_APE	Reg.-Nr.	13
Curriculum	Study Programme	Module type	Semester
	Automotive Production Engineering	Compulsory Subject	3
Module frequency	winter and summer term	Module duration	1 semester
Responsible for module	Axmann, Bernhard		
Lecturer(s)			
Language of instruction	Deutsch/Englisch	Language of exams	Deutsch/Englisch
Credit points / SWS	30 ECTS / 0 SWS		
Workload	Contact hours	0 h	
	Self-study	750 h	
	Total	750 h	
Subjects of the module	Master's Thesis		
Lecture types	MA-Master Thesis		
Examinations			
Master-Abschlussarbeit			
Additional explanations regarding examinations			
None			
Prerequisites according examination regulation			
The topic of the Master thesis is issued at the beginning of the second study semester at the earliest. The issue of the topic of the Master thesis requires that at least study and examination achievements to the extent of 30 ECTS have been successfully completed.			
Recommended prerequisites			
None			
Objectives			
Acquisition and proof of the ability to work independently on complex problems from the field of Automotive Production Engineering to a high academic level using the expert knowledge gained as well as academic methods and knowledge within a specified period. Master students are furthermore able to classify results in a professional and interdisciplinary context and present them in the form of an academic piece of work.			
Content			
• Analysis of the problem and definition of the theme • Literature/patent research • Formulation of the approach/methods • Determination of a solution/approach • Planning and development of the solution, analysis of results • Classification of references to professional sources and other non- subject related references			

Use of academic work methods and methodology, i.e. proceeding systematically, analytically and using correct methodology, forming arguments logically and concisely, as well working in a targeted manner and time critically and presenting results in a formally correct manner
Literature
• Specific to Master thesis topics.
Additional remarks
No remarks.

4.2 Individual Electives

Starting with winter semester 2024/25, there is a separate module handbook for the descriptions of the elective modules, which is part of the semester curriculum for the master's degree program "Automotive Production Engineering".

Note: Please note that not all modules listed in the module handbook for electives can be selected for your degree program. The current list of selectable modules for your degree program and the module handbook for electives can be found on the Moodle page of your degree program under Information on Electives.

Link: <https://moodle.thi.de/course/view.php?id=2625§ion=5>