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Contents and Main Focus

This study programme meets the growing demand for qualified technicians in the field of hydropower – a branch becoming more and more export oriented – and aims at providing participants with profound branch-related technical as well as interdisciplinary know-how at the interface of sustainability, ecology and environmental protection.

Participants shall comprehend the total scope of knowledge required by the hydro power industry and thus learn to conceive water power as a complete and comprehensive system. For this purpose, the three main fields of science – mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and civil engineering – have been joined in one programme providing knowledge according to the state-of-the-art.

In addition, various workshops as well as group work and practical projects, i.e. the preparation of approval documents and/or location studies, enable participants to understand and to apply the theoretical knowledge provided.

Apart from the courses held by university professors, special practice-oriented contents is provided by renowned lecturers representing the complete scope of the hydro power branch (manufacturers, operators and planners).

Teaching and Learning Structure

Essentially, the programme consists of distance-learning correspondence courses based on excellent study material which guarantees fast and successful learning. Furthermore, 2 to 6 attendance events per semester are scheduled – blocked on weekends (Friday/Saturday). These attendance events aim at imparting complex factual knowledge to the participants on-site in power plants. By means of practical examples students get a clear and realistic insight into the subjects taught and the processes involved.

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Targets

Graduates of this study programme dispose of a comprehensive and well-grounded knowledge in the field of waterpower and are able to plan water power plants as well as to assess existing ones. They are competent contact persons for all aspects of waterpower and provide the necessary expertise for inspection or maintenance work, development and application tasks as well as to specify their necessity.

Career Opportunities

Possible future fields of work for graduates are planning, consulting and in particular management positions in hydro power companies having a demand for such knowledge. Furthermore, graduates are also apt for executive positions in authorities.

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Degree / Title
Academic Hydropower Engineer
Master of Engineering (MEng) – Hydropower

Duration
4 semesters (Academic Hydropower Engineer)
5 semesters (Master of Engineering – Hydropower)

Location
Graz University of Technology, excursions to hydro power plants, e-learning

Fees (excl. of VAT)
€ 17,500 (Academic Hydropower Engineer)
€ 19,500 (Master of Engineering – Hydropower)

Enrolment
Deadline: February 1st, 2015
5% discount for registrations until November 30th, 2014
Start: March 6th, 2015

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