



**MCAST**

**MQF Level 4**

**EE4-01-21**

**Advanced Diploma  
in  
Robotics, Drone Design, Automation  
and  
Artificial Intelligence**

## **Course Description**

This course presents learners with introductory knowledge about artificial intelligence and machine-learning techniques, followed by automation systems, robots, and drone functionality. Learners will have the opportunity to use various AI hardware and software tools to control a range of input and output devices, apply various forms of signal conditioning, use embedded systems and apply communication standards. Through practical experiments, this course is structured in a way that supports learners in understanding the operational characteristics and concepts of drones, automation and robotic systems. Additionally, students are guided to develop the skills required to design, install, troubleshoot, maintain and programme such systems.

## **Programme Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the programme the student is able to:

1. *Program an industrial robotic, automation and drone system.*
2. *Recognise the purpose, functionality and need of a robotic, drone and automation system.*
3. *Construct and test analogue and digital electronic circuits to the required specification.*
4. *Apply and use 3D technologies for an engineering system.*
5. *Understand the basic principles of machine learning techniques and Artificial Intelligence for a specific application.*

## **Entry Requirements**

MCAST Level 3 Diploma in the fields of Engineering, Science or ICT

or

4 SEC/O-Level/SSC&P (Level 3) passes Compulsory: Mathematics or Physics

## **Current Approved Programme Structure**

<b>Unit Code</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>ECVET</b>	<b>Year</b>
ETSFT-406-2000	Python with Raspberry Pi	6	1
ETRBS-406-2000	Artificial Intelligence for Robots	6	1
ETDSN-406-2002	Computer-Aided Design and 3D printing	6	1
ETE&E-406-2000	Electrical, Mechanical, and Fluid Systems	6	1
ETRBS-406-2001	Robot Programming	6	1
ETENG-406-2000	Sensors and Signal Conditioning	6	1
ETRBS-404-2002	Robot Mechanisms and Manipulators	4	1
ETRBS-403-2003	Panel Building	3	1
ETPRJ-405-2003	Drone and Robot Building - Project Based	5	1
CDKSE-406-1901	Mathematics for Electrical Engineering	6	1
CDKSK-406-2001	English	6	1
ETRBS-406-2004	Industrial Communication Protocols	6	2
ETRBS-406-2005	PLC Equipment	6	2
ETH&S-403-1801	Health and Safety	3	2
ETRBS-403-2006	Troubleshooting, Inspection and Testing	3	2
ETRBS-406-2007	Motors for Robotic Systems and Drones	6	2
ETRBS-406-2008	C Programming for Microcontrollers	6	2
ETRBS-406-2009	Industrial Motors and Drives	6	2
ETRBS-406-2010	Feedback Systems	6	2
ETPRJ-406-2004	Final Year Project	6	2
CDKSK-406-2014	IT for Robotics	6	2
CDKSK-404-1915	Employability and Entrepreneurial Skills	4	2
CDKSK-402-2104	Community Social Responsibility	2	2
<b>Total ECVET</b>		<b>120</b>	<b>/</b>

## Unit: ETSFT-406-2000 Python with Raspberry Pi

**Level: 4**

**Credits: 6 ECVET**

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### Unit Description

Python Programming is well-known in various engineering fields. This unit will expose the student to the basic principles of Python Programming so to support other units. Through practical programming labs, this unit is structured in a way to support learners in understanding the underlying concepts and basic elements of python programming language, for example Branching Programs, Control Structures, Strings and Input and Iteration. It will specifically then delve into mutability and higher order functions, simple algorithms, data structures. Other advanced topics include the implementation of encryption and decryption, classical cyphers, Gaming and GUI programming for drawing using Turtle, Tkinter, and others. Additionally, using Raspberry PI learners will be given the opportunity to apply networking and multithreaded programming, use of Sockets, Threads and Processes. As all the other units in this course this unit is expected to include a strong practical component.

### Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:

1. *Understand the basic elements of python, branching programs, control structures, strings and iteration*
2. *Apply functions and scoping, recursion, Files and system functions.*
3. *Understand structured types, mutability and higher-order functions, classes and object-oriented programming concepts.*
4. *Apply appropriate software testing and debugging strategies.*
5. *Program an advanced python graphics and GUI application.*

## **Unit: ETRBS-406-2000 - Artificial Intelligence for Robots**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6**

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### **Unit Description**

Artificial intelligence is arguably the most exciting field in robotics, since it provides machines with the ability to learn from experience without the need of explicit programming in order to perform cognitive functions. This unit attempts to build learning machines and artificial intelligence applications with programs that are as simple as possible. The main advantage is that the algorithmic behaviour can be easily understood and applied through practical hands on exercises.

Additionally, the delivery of this unit shall be focused on a project-based approach so to implement and use several artificial intelligence techniques such as expert system, neural network, cellular automata, genetic algorithm, and roulette brains. Learners will be exposed to the basic methods in Artificial Intelligence, all with a focus on robotics. Extensive microcontroller programming examples and assignments will apply these methods in the context of building various AI robotic systems. As all the other units in this course this unit is expected to include a strong practical component.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Describe the basics and types of machine learning techniques.*
2. *Understand artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques.*
3. *Use artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques for a robotic application.*
4. *Construct the software and hardware for an artificially intelligent robotic system.*

## **Unit: ETDSN-406-2002 - Computer-Aided Design and 3D Printing**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6**

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### **Unit Description**

This unit is a hands-on 3D modelling class that starts from the basics of 2D sketching and proceeds to give the required knowledge such that the learner is able to create 3D models. Assemblies consisting of several 3D parts will also be developed together with the respective drawings including dimensioning.

Mechanical fixtures and designs will be tested in simulation such that the structure is analysed for stresses and strains, load bearing and also modes of vibration before manufacturing. Once the final design is arrived at, the 3D model will be prepared for 3D printing. Once the 3D model is finalised the learner requires only some extra skills to be able to go for 3D printing.

Through a hands-on project the learners will discover for themselves the potential and limitations of 3D printing. No previous knowledge is required except for a touch of creativity.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On Completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Create 2D sketching and 3D operations in a solid modelling software suite.*
2. *Generate assemblies of parts and their respective drawings.*
3. *Perform basic FEA (modal and static) and convergence studies using 3D printed materials.*
4. *Operate slicer software to create the necessary layers, supports for STL generation.*
5. *Create Post-Process STL files for 3D printing and the 3D printing process.*

## **Unit: ETE&E-406-2000 - Electrical, Mechanical, and Fluid Systems**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6 ECVET**

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### **Unit Description**

This unit delivers the underpinning knowledge that a student requires such that problems arising in the mechatronics engineering area can be analysed and dealt with effectively. The unit covers four different engineering areas, specifically, the basics of electrical and electronic components and corresponding circuits and also the areas concerning the mechanical and fluid domains.

Basic passive electrical components and their function within electrical circuit systems will be reviewed and analysed. Active electronic components as used in electronic circuit boards will also be taught through a practical approach involving circuit prototyping and testing. Simple mechanical systems will be reviewed, analysed and tested experimentally such that theoretical results are confirmed with experiments. Similarly, the basic principles of fluid statics and dynamics will be reviewed theoretically and tested under experimental conditions.

### **Learning Outcomes**

On completion of this unit, the learner will be able to:

1. *Describe basic electrical components and circuits.*
2. *Describe basic electronic components and circuits.*
3. *Demonstrate basic mechanical concepts underlying simple mechanical systems.*
4. *Demonstrate basic fluid statics and dynamics concepts underlying simple fluid dynamic systems.*

## **Unit: ETRBS-406-2001 - Robot Programming**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6 ECVET**

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### **Unit Description**

The practice of robotics involves the art, and the know-how of designing, applying and using robots in the human activities. Robots may be used in manufacturing environments, in space exploration and underwater applications. A robotic system consists of various devices and systems connected with the robot. This unit allows learners to program robots in several different ways including teach, continuous walk-through and software modes, using appropriate robot programming languages. Additionally, the delivery of this unit shall be focused on a project-based approach so to simulate and program any robotic application.

Through practical hands-on experiments learners will have the opportunity to generate robot programs for any kind of robot controller.

As all the other units in this course this unit is expected to include a strong practical component.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On completion of this unit the learner will be able to:**

1. *Describe robot components, characteristics and applications.*
2. *Understand the robot reference frames, and programming modes.*
3. *Generate the program for a specific industrial robot controller and application.*
4. *Use robot libraries to simulate a specific robotic application.*
5. *Export and offline program any robot controller.*



## Unit: ETENG-406-2000 - Sensors and Signal Conditioning

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6 ECVET**

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### Unit Description

This unit aims to provide the learner with the fundamental knowledge required to understand the characteristics and successfully operate electronic sensors in robotic, drone and automated systems. The differences between analogue and digital sensors will be presented and the specific requirements to interface with digital controllers identified. This unit will review a wide variety of electrical and mechanical electronic-based sensors.

The unit also focuses on the use of active operational amplifier circuits to improve the signal-to-noise ratio of the transducers before discretisation. Basic electronic building blocks for signal conditioning will be studied and implemented through practical prototyping and testing. Learners will also learn the importance of the different types of isolation to isolate the sensor side from the low voltage electronics in line with modern electronic design practices.

Due to the miniaturisation of electromechanical sensors, the use of printed circuit boards to connect sensors to other electronic components is required. Hence, learners will be taught to use industry-standard schematic design and printed circuit board layout software to implement designs. Through this unit, learners should be capable of designing simple multi-layer circuit boards and be familiar with the fabrication processes.

### Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, the learner will be able to:

1. *Distinguish between Analogue and Digital Sensors.*
2. *Describe the operation and characteristics of a wide range of Electronic Sensors.*
3. *Demonstrate operational amplifier-based signal conditioning circuits.*
4. *Explain isolation techniques in electronic measurement and drive circuits.*
5. *Perform schematic and printed circuit board design tasks.*

## **Unit: ETRBS-404-2002 - Robot Mechanisms and Manipulators**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 4**

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### **Unit Description**

This unit is a foundation course in mechanisms and robots. After a brief introduction on the subject matter and terms the motion properties of mechanisms including degrees of freedom, velocity and acceleration will be presented. Design constraints and motion analysis for the robotic systems will be first performed in a simulated environment. Eventually a prototype robotic arm with a small number of degrees of freedom would be assembled from scratch and also programmed to perform specific trajectories.

The learners would learn how 3D printing can be used to manufacture fixtures for robotic arms, will learn assembly of mechatronics systems and also programming through the final project task. Building from scratch a robotic arm would give a clear picture of all the challenges and problems that robotic systems have and will also clarify the forward and inverse kinematics concepts.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On Completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Recognise different joints, kinematic forms, mobile vs fixed with end-effectors.*
2. *Compare Cartesian, Cylindrical and Polar Coordinate systems.*
3. *Simulate a robot in a robotic simulation environment.*
4. *Build a robotic arm from scratch using 3D printed parts for fixtures.*
5. *Programme a robotic arm to follow required trajectory and analyse the working envelope.*

## **Unit: ETRBS-403-2003 - Panel Building**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 3**

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### **Unit Description**

In order for an automation and robotic system to be functional, it must connect to the “real world”, which involves wiring digital, analogue and specialized field devices. This unit covers the connections and other installation issues such as power distribution and control panel layout. Physical input and output modules provide the physical interface between the system controller and the field devices such as lamps, switches, stacked lights and actuators. Through practical hands-on wiring and installation exercises learners will be able to understand how I/O interfaces provide isolation, voltage levels, ground loops, noisy electrical signals from interfering with the controller operation. Additionally, during the practical installation exercises, learners will learn about the various types of grounds (safety ground, clean grounds, dirty grounds), importance of fuses and circuit breakers and EMI suppression, various enclosure types, and the application of well-designed control panel interior and exterior through the proper placement of components.

As all the other units in this course this unit is expected to include a strong practical component.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On Completion of this unit the learner will be able to:**

1. *Apply wire routing guidelines to reduce noise coupling.*
2. *Illustrate a typical layout of an operator control station and panel specification.*
3. *Describe various enclosure standard types and their construction.*
4. *Apply correctly control wiring practices to construct I/O panels.*
5. *Discuss the importance of various protection device.*

## **Unit: ETPRJ-405-2003 - Drone and Robot Building - Project Based**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 5**

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### **Unit Description**

Most engineering projects carried out today are team efforts. The complexity of modern engineering needs the contribution of several knowledge domains. Working in team requires extra skills than doing an individual project. It is important that these skills are transferred and honed in an educational environment. Hence the rationale of the group project.

The project lifecycle will be developed in a structured manner under the guidance of a supervisor. The supervisor will provide support and guidance where necessary. Learners will have the opportunity to discuss the division of responsibilities, plan the implementation, testing and subsequent documentation. The project will draw on the skills that have been acquired in other units for successful completion. Each team needs to map the technical and logistical aspects of the project, choose the resources that are required, setup effective communication strategies and keep a log of all the activities done. During the project group members will need to conform to the relevant health and safety legislation.

This unit will be assessed by looking at individual work and also teamwork. Each group will consist of 3-4 learners. Marks are awarded both for the planning and technical aspect.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Prepare a project specification, plan, design, implement and evaluate a practical solution.*
2. *Read texts in order to evaluate source information and write reports to support argument of an academic and technical nature.*
3. *Demonstrate theoretical underpinning knowledge of reflective practice in written form and present coherent arguments.*
4. *Demonstrate the project's final achievements when compared to the project specification.*

5. *Produce a project report addressing sections in line with a provided template.*

## **Unit: ETRBS-406-2004 - Industrial Communication Protocols**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6**

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### **Unit Description**

Industrial networking training is essential in today`s networked world. Protocols are a set of rules and conventions used for communication of entities in different systems. Protocols are necessary because of the task of exchanging information between devices. Different types of protocols are used for industrial communication. This unit gives an overview of the industrial communication networks available such as PROFIBUS (DP, PA, PROFINET), Modbus, RS232/RS485/RS422, CIP-related protocols e.g. Ethernet/IP and DeviceNet. Additionally, various networking topologies, standards and media access are taken into considered. Through practical hands-on experience learners will be able to understand the general communication network concepts of typical standards, specifications and proprietary factory networks. Learners will be given the opportunity to implement various microcontroller-based, PLC-to-PLC communications, and master/slave bus arbitration protocols. Additionally, through practical hands-on exercises learners will be able to understand various message forms, categories, cache connections and communication standards for peer-to-peer communications.

As all the other units in this course this unit is expected to include a strong practical component.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Explain the general communication network concepts.*
2. *Describe typical factory communication networks.*
3. *Describe the main features of standard and proprietary factory networks.*
4. *Apply communication protocols using a specific controller.*
5. *Distinguish between different types of protocols used in electronic communication.*

## **Unit: ETRBS-406-2005 - PLC Equipment**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6**

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### **Unit Description**

Industrial Automation technologies are widely used in today's process and manufacturing industries. The main objective is to improve productivity with minimal human intervention. The unit starts by focusing on the functions of logic gates and describes the basic elements involved with programmable logic controller. Additionally, learners will have the opportunity to familiarize with various PLC instructions (e.g. timer and counter), signals such as digital and analogue, their resolution and relationships, a range of input and output devices.

On completion of the unit learners will know about various types of control systems and their utilisation in the industrial world. Through practical hands on exercises, learners will be able to write simple PLC programs using IEC 61131-3 standards and identify the errors in the programs that affect the execution of the programs. Learners will be given the opportunity to perform practical work using the available PLC systems.

As all the other units in this course this unit is expected to include a strong practical component.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Understand comparison and computation instructions.*
2. *Control and wire various types of sensors, actuators and their applications.*
3. *Write PLC ladder logic programs for various sequential applications.*
4. *Discuss the operational characteristics of programmable logic controllers.*
5. *Use various IEC 61131-3 programming languages.*

## **Unit: ETH&S-403-1801 - Health and Safety**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 3**

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### **Unit Description**

Integrated Workplace Health and Safety legislation can best be defined as the pre-requisite requirement necessary to maintain the well-being and protection of employers, employees and the environment.

Organisations are legally bound to adopt a proactive approach, educating employees on the importance of promoting safe working practices, in order to maintain a safe and healthy working environment.

Taking cognisance of the aforementioned, the aim of the unit is to introduce candidates to key elements relating to fundamental Health, Safety and Environmental legislation. This unit is intended to be delivered as an intensive 3 credit module to all Level 4 Electrical and Electronics learners. This will give them the tools required to work safely in their chosen fields.

The unit seeks to highlight the fact that Health and Safety is an issue for everyone, no matter the level at which they are employed. It aims to inform individuals about their responsibilities in the working environment, in the context of say, what constitutes a safe working area and what's required to achieve this in differing scenarios.

The unit is intended to be delivered as practical unit with realistic visits to workshops on MCAST campus in view to conduct assignments such as risk assessments.

Coupled to this a sound grounding in how safety legislation is formulated and controlled, provides a very useful basis, from which the learner's understanding of how these requirements are applied in the workplace.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. Explain the key features of Local and EU Health and Safety legislation.
2. Explain and describe employers and employees' specific roles and responsibilities in relation to the act.
3. Identify, Evaluate and Control Risk within a Workplace Environment.



## **Unit: ETRBS-403-2006 - Troubleshooting, Inspection and Testing**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 3**

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### **Unit Description**

This unit provides practical training for learners in troubleshooting, inspection and testing of electrical, electronic and mechanical systems and sub-systems as commonly found in robotic, drone and industrial automation equipment. The skills learnt in this unit are essential for the maintenance and repair of electromechanical equipment, as seen in several applications.

Learners will be taught about the different electrical, and electronic-based test instruments which are commonly used in industry through practical exercises carried out on electronic and electromechanical equipment. Learners will also learn about safety considerations to be taken when testing and inspecting equipment. By the end of the unit, learners should be able to independently carry out inspections through testing, identify problems and implement timely solutions.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On Completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Describe the operation of various Electrical Test Instruments.*
2. *Describe the operation of various Electronic Test Instruments.*
3. *Understand safety considerations when testing and inspecting electromechanical equipment.*
4. *Perform inspection, testing and troubleshooting of electrical/electronic equipment.*
5. *Perform generic electro-mechanical inspection.*

## **Unit: ETRBS-406-2007 - Motors for Robotic Systems and Drones**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6**

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### **Unit Description**

This unit aims to provide the learner with the fundamental knowledge required to understand the characteristics and successfully operate a variety of electrical machines. Electrical machines are the fundamental building blocks in robotic, drone and automation systems used to provide linear/rotational torque and motion. The most commonly used types of machines for small to medium power applications are studied in this unit including DC machines, Servo Motors, Stepper Motors and Brushless Machines.

Learners will learn about the construction, theory of operation and electronic drivers required for the aforementioned electrical machines. The unit is intended to be mostly taught with a practical approach where learners carry out different position and speed control tasks with digital controllers and electronic driver circuit boards. For the case of the brushless machine which is mostly used in drone technology, the learners will be engaged in wiring and interfacing a complete electrical/electronic system starting from the batteries and ending with the ESC-driven brushless motors.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On Completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Demonstrate the theory, operation and control of DC Machines.*
2. *Describe the operation and control of Servo Motors.*
3. *Describe the operation and control of Stepper Motors.*
4. *Analyse the theory, operation and interfacing of Brushless Motors.*
5. *Perform Motor Control for a Robotic Application.*

## **Unit: ETRBS-406-2008 - C Programming for Microcontrollers**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6**

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### **Unit Description**

A microcontroller is an integrated system containing a minimum of a microprocessor, dynamic and non-volatile memory, and a set of peripherals consistent with all design requirements. This unit allows learners develop C based programs on a microcontroller-based system. Additionally, through practical hands-on experiments learners will have the opportunity to develop and debug software programs for the control of various digital and analogue input, output devices. Additionally, will be exposed to use embedded IDE (Integrated Development Environment) to write the embedded code using a high-level language compilers and the use of simulation tools to test and debug small-scaled embedded systems which interface and use I/O devices such as LEDs and LCD displays, switches, keypads. Learners will be guided through a broad range of case studies in order to control various embedded I/O hardware and to incorporate a range of interesting transducers. Attention will also be given to the basic concepts on interrupt programming.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Develop software and hardware for a specific microcontroller application.*
2. *Describe the basic I/O and memory architecture of a microcontroller-based system.*
3. *Demonstrate polling and interrupt programming techniques.*
4. *Practice program compilation, loading and running for a specific microcontroller application.*
5. *Use the standard C programming language to program a microcontroller.*

## **Unit: ETRBS-406-2009 - Industrial Motors and Drives**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6**

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### **Unit Description**

This unit aims to provide the learner with further knowledge of Electrical Machines to that learnt in the previous unit *Motors for Robotic Systems and Drones* for medium to high power ratings as used in industrial applications. Electrical Machines are the source of linear/rotational torque and motion in a wide range of speed applications. Typically, to optimise the performance of such machines, the drive includes a power converter and digital controller which carries out various functions.

The learner will gain further knowledge on DC machines, Induction Machines, and Permanent Magnet Machines within Industrial Electric Drive Applications by reviewing characteristic curves and power converter circuits. The basic current, speed and position control implementations for each of the machines will be considered and investigated using practical exercises.

The unit will also expose learners to different methods for industrial position control applications based on integrated and stepper motor drives. Various practical exercises and demonstrations will be carried out to enable learners to configure and operate a Variable Speed Drive for different Electrical Machines.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Discuss the application of DC Machines and Drives in industrial applications.*
2. *Discuss the application of Induction Machines and Drives in industrial applications.*
3. *Discuss the application of Permanent Magnet Machine Drives in industrial applications.*
4. *Discuss the application of Industrial Servos and Stepper Motors.*
5. *Perform practical tasks related to control of an Electrical Machine using a Variable Speed Drive.*

## Unit: ETRBS-406-2010 - Feedback Systems

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6**

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### Unit Description

Feedback Systems is quite possibly the most important class a learner in engineering could ever take. Everything needs feedback. You will never design an electronic or an electromechanical system that does not include a feedback loop, either explicitly or implicitly. Every interface to the real world—whether you are building a robot arm, a temperature control system, an audio power amp, or an RF synthesizer (the list goes on and on)—needs to drive some kind of actuator (a motor, a heater, a power transistor, or an oscillator). To make sure that actuator is doing the right thing, you need to measure the output (its position, its temperature, its voltage, or its frequency) and compare that measurement to what you meant to do. In other words, you need feedback.

This unit is an introduction to design of feedback systems. Topics covered in the course include properties and advantages of feedback systems, how the response of feedback system is compared and improved using time-domain performance measures. Stability and degree of stability would be discussed together with ways to achieve them. At the core of this module a hands-on approach at introducing the PID algorithm and its implementation in software will be taken. The control of simple control system will be the final task that you will undertake, this will help pin down the essential knowledge such that all your robotic system would perform exactly as you need them.

### Learning Outcomes

**On completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Distinguish between Open Loop and Closed Loop.*
2. *Understand feedback system response specifications and how to improve them.*
3. *Provide different control architectures as solutions to different control problems.*
4. *Program a PID routine in a hands-on task.*
5. *Understand the limitations of the PID and how to deal with problems in a control loop.*



## **Unit: ETPRJ-406-2004 - Final Year Project**

**Unit level (MQF): 4**

**Credits: 6**

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### **Unit Description**

The Final Year Project is intended to assess the learner's acquired knowledge and skills in developing a custom electromechanical solution to a given specification. During the development of the project, the learner is to research different components to fulfil system and sub-system requirements. Research is to be carried out diligently with reference to technical documents such as academic textbooks, technical datasheets and scientific papers. The learner should be capable of finding components which meet the requirements of his project and compare multiple solutions in terms of technical specifications and cost.

The project is to be an automated solution which consists of both sensors and actuators. The final system can be in the form of a robot, drone or industrial automation jig. The project should include electronic, electrical and mechanical sub-systems as studied in the various units covered in the course. The system should be interfaced with a digital controller with appropriate interface circuitry and original programming. Multiple platforms are to be considered such as microcontrollers, microprocessors and programmable logic controllers.

The proposed system by the learner should be documented through an appropriately written report following the template provided. A brief technical presentation and demonstration should be given to validate the proposed system.

### **Learning Outcomes**

**On completion of this unit the learner will be able to**

1. *Compare system and sub-system components through research.*
2. *Perform a design, assembly and testing for an electronic and electrical system/s.*
3. *Perform a design and/or assembly for a mechanical system/s.*
4. *Program and interface a digital controller for use with electronic sensors and actuators.*

5. *Perform testing and inspection of the project system and sub-systems.*
6. *Document the performance of the project in the form of a report and presentation.*