

Course on “Structural Plant Design”		
Units and LO Statements	Responsibility / Autonomy	
<i>Unit 1 – Plant Design Criteria (20 hours)</i>	Autonomous use of structural mechanics and beam and shell theory (principles and equations)	
	Skills	Knowledge
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Design Criteria/Guidelines for Balance of Plant of Thermal Power Project • Basic Concepts about structural design • Design criteria: environmental factors • General criteria and issues of plant design (services and auxiliary building, main equipment) • System, Structure and Components seismic and quality classification • Design loads and criteria • Balance Equations for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Definitions of natural/internal events ○ Useful Mathematical Relationships ○ Level of Detail in Balance Equations ○ Integral Lumped Parameter Equations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characterise the state of a plant SSCs on the basis of commonly used design criteria • Convert environment constraints into loads • Equation of linearity, balance equations and surface/ volume integrals • Write balance equations in Eulerian and Lagrangian form • Write and apply lumped parameter balance equations to simple systems (water tank, heat exchanger, forces on a pipe bend) • Write integral and differential equations • Solve the related typical problems • Retrieve the mass, momentum and energy equations from the general formulation of partial differential balance equations (...)
<i>Unit 2 – Soil Structure Interaction (10 hours)</i>	Responsibility / Autonomy	
	Autonomous use of soil-structure mechanics (principles and equations)	
	Skills	Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview Of Regulation and method of Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characterise the state of a plant SSCs on the basis of commonly used design criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions and practical characterisation of plant and plant-soil interface

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit State Analysis / Design • Actions and resistances • basis of shape & mode of resisting pressure due to backfill • SSI Methodology • Analysis Solution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert environment constraints into loads • Equation of linearity, balance equations and surface/ volume integrals • Write balance equations • Write and apply lumped parameter balance equations to simple systems (water tank, heat exchanger, forces on a pipe bend) • Write integral and differential equations • Solve the related typical problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept of linearity and Hook laws • Distinction between the different models adopted in soil-mechanics. • Soil non-linear behavior and hydrodynamic effects; • Inertial effects associated with masses and gravity loads interacting; • compatibility between the deformations of the soil, wall, and tiebacks, when present. • Combination of loads • General concept of equilibrium and its applications • Eulerian and Lagrangian points of view for writing integral and differential equations • Implicit and semi-implicit approach for solving fluid-structure interaction equation • Understanding the relation between Eulerian and Lagrangian forms of balance equations • (...)
<p>Unit 3 –Seismic safety design of NPP SSCs (30 hours)</p>	Responsibility / Autonomy	
	Autonomous use of structural dynamic principles and equations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Reference Levels • Design Basis Envelope for Existing/New NPP • Overview of seismic regulation • Assessment of natural hazards • Seismic ground motion • Seismic hazards methodology • Design earthquake • Design approach (load case and event approach) • Methodology (Linear or Nonlinear, Multi-Spectra or Time-History) • Assessment of margins • Balance Equations for 	Skills	Knowledge
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characterise the SSCs S by seismic and quality classification • Convert environment constraints into design basis envelop • Determine as-built conditions • Estimate capacity of components • Equation of linearity, balance equations and surface/ volume integrals • Write balance equations in Eulerian and Lagrangian form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions and practical characterisation of site • Combination of loads • General concept of equilibrium and its applications • Concept of linearity and Hook laws • Inertial effects associated with masses and gravity loads interacting; • Demand/Capacity Ratio • Distinction between the different models adopted. • Compatibility between deformations of the SSCs, when present. • Member and Global Response

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mathematical Relationships ○ Level of Detail in Balance Equations ○ SDOF or MDOFs approach ○ Lumped Parameter Equations ● Design and construction rules of the operators ● Selection and design of retrofit measures ● Technical standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Write and apply lumped parameter balance equations to simple systems ● Write integral and differential equations ● Force-based linear procedures ● P-Δ effects ● Determine safety margin ● Solve the related typical problems for Piping, Valve (...) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lagrangian points of view for writing integral and differential equation ● Implicit and semi-implicit approach for solving motion equation ● Ageing mechanisms ● (...)
<p>Assessment criteria: to demonstrate mastery and innovation, advanced skills, required to solve complex and unpredictable problems in a specialised field of NPP structural integrity</p>		
<p>Recommended assessment methods: face to face examination,</p>		

Course applicable (in part or fully) for the following job profiles:

- Nuclear engineer
- Safety engineer