

## Engineering methods

### Decision support - 1

#### IDENTIFICATION

CODE : GCU-3-S2-EC-AD1  
ECTS : 2.0

#### HOURS

Lectures : 10.0 h  
Seminars : 20.0 h  
Laboratory : 0.0 h  
Project : 0.0 h  
Teacher-student  
contact : 30.0 h  
Personal work : 20.0 h  
Total : 50.0 h

#### ASSESSMENT METHOD

project(s) [25% of the evaluation] +  
1 final examination [2h] [75% of the  
evaluation]

#### TEACHING AIDS

Course material given during  
the lessons + Digital documents  
available

#### TEACHING LANGUAGE

French

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#### AIMS

This module is part of the course unit GCU-S6-OUTILS-2 (Tools for Engineers) and contributes to:

Competences in Engineering Science:

- A1- Analyze a real or virtual system (or problem)[Level 2]
- A2- Operate a model of a real or virtual system[Level 2]
- A5- Process data [Level 3]
- A6- Communicate a scientific analysis or approach [Level 2]

Competences in Humanities, Documentation and Physical and Sports Education:

- B2- Work, learn, progress autonomously [Level 2]
- B3- Interact with others, work as a team [Level 2]
- B5- Act responsibly in a complex world[Level 1]

Competences specific to the speciality:

- C25- Contribute to design and describe sustainable urban planning and constructions[level 1]
- C26- Manage (essess, maintain) existing structures and facilities [level 1]

Allows the student to work and be evaluated on the following knowledge:

- Fundamentals of decision theory [A1, A5, C25, C26]
- Optimization methods[A2, C25, C26]
- Multicriteria decision-aid methods[A5, A6, C25, C26]

Allows the student to work and be evaluated on the following abilities:

- choose and apply an optimization method [A5, C26,B2]
- choose and apply a multicriteria decision-aid method with critical distance : aggregation approach, multi-criteria decision analysis approaches including ELECTRE II, ELECTRE III and ELECTRE TRI [A2, A6, C25, C26, B2, B3, B5]

#### CONTENT

1. Introduction and overall concepts: Systems and Decision, Decision theory models, criterion definition and preference modelling
2. Multivariate optimization methods
3. Life cycle assessment - LCA
4. Multicriteria decision-aid methods (MCDA)
  - 4.1. Two approaches: aggregate and compare vs compare and aggregate
  - 4.2. Definition of weighting factors in MCDA
  - 4.3. Aggregation methods
  - 4.4. Outranking methods using true criteria [ELECTRE II], pseudo criteria [ELECTRE III and Tri]
  - 4.5. Problem setting, choice and implementation of methods on real life problems

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