EPFL

# ENG-618 Biomass conversion

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Cursus	Sem.	Туре	Language of	English
Energy		Obl.	teaching	Linglish
			Credits	2
			Session	
			Exam	Project report
			Workload	60h
			Hours	36
			Courses	20
			TP	16
			Number of positions	

#### Frequency

Every year

## Remark

Cancelled until further notice

## Summary

The learning outcomes are to get to know the biomass ressources and its characteristics; study of biomass conversion pathways and study of process flow-sheets; establish the flow diagram of an industrial process with biomass as feedstock and calculate the corresponding mass and energy balances; etc

## Content

- Biomass classification and characterization aspects.
- Availability and potential of bioenergy in local and global scale.
- Biomass conversion pathways current technology available and R&D status.
- Biological pathways Thermochemical pathways.
- Main unit operations related with biomass conversion and biofuels production.
- Design of industrial processes with biomass as feedstock.
- Process integration applied to biomass conversion processes.
- Thermo economic analysis of biomass conversion processes.
- Environmental impacts and life cycle analysis of biomass conversion processes.
- Principle of biorefineries.
- Application to one process case study.

#### Note

Maximum number of participants : 20

#### Keywords

Biomass, biofuel, energy conversion, process design

### Learning Prerequisites

#### **Recommended courses**

Thermodynamics, heat and mass transfer, unit operation, process design, process integration

## **Assessment methods**

Project report evaluation