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1. Executive Summary

St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University is a Russian National Research Polytechnic University, which is a multidisciplinary for Russian polytechnic education, a leader in multidisciplinary scientific research, a meta-branch of the world class technology and knowledge based on innovation.

The main goal of SPbSPU Development Programme is the modernisation and development of the Polytechnic University as a university of a new generation, integrating world-class, multidisciplinary scientific research and meta-branch technology with the purpose of increasing the competitiveness of the national economy.

2. Introduction

2.1 General information about the unit responsible for the new curricula

The Institute of Information Technology and Control Systems (IITCS) graduates developers of modern information technologies, automation control systems and cybernetic systems. The basis of educational process is a profound five fundamental training in such areas as modern computer science, informatics and programming, microelectronics, information security, automation control systems, systems analysis and management, distributed computing and computer networks, information and measurement technology, measuring systems, computer mathematics and modelling, electronic object protection systems.

Control Systems and Technologies Department as a part of IITCS was organised in 2012 on the base of three fields of interest: Automated Control Systems, Integrated Computer Technologies in Industry and Distributed Intelligent Systems.

2.2 Target groups

- Teachers.
- Students.
- Administrative and other non-teaching staff.

2.3 Master degree programme

Control Systems and Technologies Department provides Master degree programmes in the fields:

230100 Information Science and Computer Engineering:

- Intelligent Systems and Technologies.
- Distributed Intelligent Control Systems.
- Intelligent Systems (International Master degree programme in English language).

220400 Control in Technical Systems:

- Distributed Intelligent Control Systems.
- Control Systems for Electrical Drives.
- Automation of Technological Processes and Production.

The scope of these programmes is 120 ECTS. Education is provided in Russian and English languages, also possible to use distance learning with the help of foreign scientists and professors.

As an example we can consider one of the programmess "Intelligent Systems and Technologies." Curriculum of this programme present in Table 1. Types of teaching hours for each discipline are present in Table 2.

Table 1 Curriculum of the programme "Intelligent Systems and Technologies"

№	Code	Title of the discipline	ECTS
	GS	General Sciences	18
	GSB	Basic part	6
1	GSB1	Intelligent Systems	3
2	GSB2	Methods of optimisation	3
	GSV	Variable part	12
3	GSV1	Knowledge Engineering	2,5
4	GSV 2	Mathematical Modelling and Simulation	4,5
5	GSV3S	Elective discipline	5
5.1	GSV3S1	Digital Image processing	
5.2	GSV3S2	Distributed Intelligent Systems	
	PS	Professional Subjects	43,5
	PSB	Basic Part	13
6	PSB1	Computing Systems	5
7	PSB2	Software Development Technologies	3,5
8	PSB3	Modern problems of Information Science and Computer Engineering	4,5
	PSV	Variable Part	30,5
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	PSV1	Neuroinformatics and Neurotechnologies	5

13	PSV5	Signals and Information Theory	5
14	PSV6S	Elective discipline	8
14.1	PSV6S1	Intelligent Control Systems	
14.2	PSV6S2	Cognitive Multiagent Systems	
15	PR	Practices and research work	46,5
16	SC1	Final State Certification	12

Table 2 Forms of instruction

		Type and number of hours					
Title of the discipline		Lectures	Labs	Practical classes / Seminars	Contact hours	Self-study	Total
Control Systems and Technologies		18	0	18	36	72	108
Knowledge engineering		18	0	36	54	36	90
Methods of optimisation		18	0	18	36	72	108
Mathematical modelling and simulation		36	18	0	54	108	162
Digital image processing		18	0	36	54	126	180
Distributed intelligent systems		18	0	36	54	126	180
Computing systems		36	18	0	54	126	180
Software development technologies		36	18	0	54	72	126
Modern problems of information science and computer engineering		36	0	18	54	108	162
Neuroinformatics and neurotechnologies		36	18	0	54	126	180
Intelligent computing		18	18	18	54	126	180
Intelligent systems for data processing		36	0	18	54	72	126
CAD engineering		18	18	18	54	90	144
Signals and information		18	0	36	54	126	180

theory						
Intelligent control systems	18	36	36	90	198	288
Cognitive multiagent systems	18	36	36	90	198	288
Practice and research work	0	0	180	180	694	874

Presented courses (Microcontroller-based systems, Apply mobile devices, Industrial networks and fieldbuses to achieve the control, Design of controllers and simulators, and Industrial computer) can be integrated as a variable part of the pogramme instead of courses Neuroinformatics and neurotechnologies, CAD engineering, Signals and information theory, Intelligent control systems, and Cognitive multiagent systems, for example, see Table 1.

3. Analysis of Possibilities for the Integration of AIISM Courses

The analysis of five proposed AIISM courses and the curricula of the programme "Intelligent Systems and Technologies" enables to conclude the following:

- The duration of the proposed courses is 15 weeks and the duration of each semester in the St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University is 18 weeks. Thus, 3 weeks can be used for additional training skills.
- The proposed AIISM courses can be integrated into curricula as courses of a variable part of a Master Programme. According to current regulations a variable part equals to 4 or 5 credits of ECTS and may include several alternatives (elective courses). Thus, the proposed courses can be considered as elective courses to be chosen by students.

4. Laboratory Equipment

Developed and implemented of courses can be based on the use of laboratory equipment of Control Systems and Technologies Department:

- Intelligent control network of industrial controllers and automatic machines with hierarchical architecture and software for modelling of environment decentralised control of distributed objects and technological processes.
- Robotic assembling line based on hierarchic control network with multi-agent architecture.
- Reactor and filtration station for imitation of chemical production for designing of intelligent control systems for continues technological processes.
- Universal control system of distributed mobile transport systems and android

robots.

- Universal control system of distributed actuators and executive elements of industrial automation.
- Distributed system of digital sensors of industrial electronics.
- Industrial monitoring system Siemens SiPLUS CMS.
- NI Embedded Vision System for GigE Vision.
- LabView Robotics software bundle.

5. Conclusion

The presented above master's programme is developed to provide preparation of masters in engineering and technology area – highly skilled experts in the field of intelligent systems and control technologies. Students wishing to be enrolled in that programme should have knowledge in the field of information technology, computer science, applied mathematics and informatics which enables to study courses on MEDIS methodology.