6.   HONOURS PROJECT

The Honours Project is considered to be of great importance for an engineering programme. This is reflected in the credits it carries, being 6 credits which are equivalent to two standard-sized subjects. Furthermore, the results of the Honours Project will be a decisive factor when the Board of Examiners considers the award classification of a student.

The feature of the Honours Project is "learning by doing". It is intended to be a platform for the students to develop their intellectual and innovative abilities and to give them the opportunities to integrate and apply the knowledge and analytical skills gained in previous stages of study. It should also provide students with opportunities to develop their problem solving skills and communication skills. The progress from concept to final implementation and testing, through problem identification and the selection of appropriate solutions will be practised by the students.

6.1   Project Management

Normally each student will be assigned one project under the supervision of an academic staff member so that he/she will work independently to achieve the project objectives. In other cases, several students may work on different aspects of a larger-scale project.

The assignment of projects is expected to be completed by the month of June preceding the beginning of the final year of studies. Guidelines for Honours Project are given to students at the beginning of the final year of studies.

6.2   Project Assessment

Assessment of the Honours Project focuses in three main areas: project reports, oral presentations and work done over the whole project period.

Assessment will be done by the project supervisor and an assessor. The Project Management Team, which is composed of the Programme Leader and staff members from teaching sections, will oversee the overall standard of assessment of the projects. The Project Management Team will also oversee the daily operation, such as fixing the dates of handling in project reports, oral presentations and demonstration, etc.