



CC5 Micro and Nano Systems

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The Micro and Nano Systems track allows students to comprehensively understand state-of-the-art micro and nanomanufacturing techniques, encompassing crucial processes like thin film deposition, lithography, and etching. The track further emphasizes the significance of characterization, testing, and reliability assessment in this engineering field while also addressing the specific requirements of production planning and control for large-scale manufacturing of these devices.

The track aims to develop strong skills in designing, modelling, and simulating micro and nano devices, with a particular focus on micro and nano robots as a prime example of integrated sensing, actuating, and control subsystems. Additionally, students will expand their knowledge of electronics and modern physics in this field.

PRE- REQUISITES

While no specific prerequisites are required for students opting for the Micro and Nano Systems track, a strong foundation in mathematics, including calculus and differential equations, as well as knowledge of basic physics and electronics concepts, would be beneficial. Programming skills, particularly in languages like MATLAB or Python, may also be advantageous for computer-based modelling and simulation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students in the Micro and Nano Systems track will gain proficiency in designing and fabricating micro and nano devices, their modelling and simulation, their characterization and testing, as well as their system integration and application in various fields. Additionally, the track emphasizes skills in societal implications, effective communication and teamwork skills.



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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Completing a Micro and Nano Systems track provides graduates with a wide range of job opportunities in both industry and research. The semiconductor industry offers abundant job opportunities: graduates can work on the fabrication and integration of microelectronic devices, such as integrated circuits, sensors, and actuators. Also, the biomedical and healthcare sectors greatly benefit from micro and nano systems: graduates can find job prospects in developing devices tailored for medical applications. Another area of opportunity lies within the energy sector: graduates can contribute to the development of micro and nano systems for energy harvesting, storage, and management. Finally, graduates with an entrepreneurial spirit can explore opportunities to start their own ventures. Leveraging their micro and nano systems knowledge, they can develop innovative products or services in areas such as microfluidics, nanomedicine, nanomanufacturing, and other emerging fields.

PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

There are consolidated collaborations in the field of Micro and Nano Systems with several renowned universities worldwide, such as Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (UniFreiburg, Germany), Technische Universität München (TUM, Germany), Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (ETH Zurich, Switzerland), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT, USA), and University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley, USA). It's important to note that this list is not exhaustive, and there are many other universities worldwide with whom we collaborate in one form or another. The field is highly interdisciplinary, with research occurring in various countries across continents, providing ample opportunities for further exploration and collaboration.