

Smart Grid and Microgrid Program



Smart Grid Technology and Microgrids will increase energy efficiency, allow more renewable energy integration, and increase reliability of our electricity system. They are the FUTURE of our grid.



What is the Smart Grid?

A modernized electricity grid that will increase efficiency and reliability using technologies that allow better
monitoring and control of information. Examples of smart grid devices include automatic fault detection monitoring,
smart appliances, smart meters, real time monitoring and control of generation.

What is a Microgrid?

A microgrid is a small-scale version of the centralized electric grid, having its own generation, distribution, and
possibly energy storage. Microgrids can increase reliability because they can disconnect from the main electric grid
and operate in isolation if there is a power outage or instability.

What types of classes are part of the program?

Certificates will be offered in several Associate of Applied Science Degrees (AAS), such as Computer and Information
Technology or Solar Technology. Proposed classes for certificate are shown below, including courses (in red) that will
be offered in the Spring 2016.

Vicrogrids (30 HRS. min.)
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ALTF 111 Introduction to Green Technology(3) (Sp '16) ELCT 227 National Electrical Code (2) ELEC 111 Electronic Fundamentals (4) (Sp '16) ELEC 151 Power generation, distribution, and transmission (3) ELEC 201 Smart energy management systems (3) ENVR 113 Instrumentation and Control Labs (3) (Sp '16) [OR] FACT 114 Basic Electricity and Controls (2) (Sp '16) SOLR 121 Design and Installation of Photovoltaic Systems I (3) (Sp '16) ISCS 114 IT Essentials I: Computer Hardware and Software (4) (Sp '16) ELEC 122 Digital Circuits (4) SOLR 298 Internship (1-3)

In combination with the AAS degree, what types of jobs will these classes prepare me for?

Computer systems analysts, Network and computer systems administrators, Operations research analysts, Software
developers, Electrical engineers, Electronics engineers, Electrical and electronics technicians, Electrical and
electronics repairers, Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers, Power distributors and dispatchers, Power
plant operators, Electricians, Meter readers, Urban and regional planners, Building facility managers, Energy
entrepreneurs

There are still small changes being made to the programs, so check the online catalogue at SFCC for the latest requirements or for more information, contact:

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