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LEARNING GUIDE

COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

MÁSTER EN INGENIERÍA DE TELECOMUNICACIÓN

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2026-27

CODE

93001368

COURSE

1

CREDITS

5 ECTS

TYPE

COMPULSORY

SEMESTER

FIRST
SEMESTER

LANGUAGE

ENGLISH,
SPANISH

ASSIGNED CENTER

E.T.S. DE INGENIEROS DE TELECOMUNICACION

ASSIGNED DEPARTMENT

SEÑALES, SISTEMAS Y RADIOCOMUNICACIONES

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REQUIRED PREREQUISITES

REQUIRED COURSES

RECOMMENDED PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

RECOMMENDED COURSES

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

RESULTS

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Knowledge

KG1 Poseer y comprender conocimientos que aporten una base u oportunidad de ser originales en el desarrollo y/o aplicación de ideas, a menudo en un contexto de investigación

Skills

HG2 Que los estudiantes sepan aplicar los conocimientos adquiridos y su capacidad de resolución de problemas en entornos nuevos o poco conocidos dentro de contextos más amplios (o multidisciplinares) relacionados con su área de estudio

HE1 Capacidad para aplicar métodos de la teoría de la información, la modulación adaptativa y codificación de canal, así como técnicas avanzadas de procesamiento digital de señal a los sistemas de comunicaciones y audiovisuales

HE13 Capacidad para aplicar conocimientos avanzados de fotónica y optoelectrónica, así como electrónica de alta frecuencia

HE3 Capacidad para implementar sistemas por cable, línea, satélite en entornos de comunicaciones fijas y móviles

Competences

CE12 Capacidad para utilizar dispositivos lógicos programables, así como para diseñar sistemas electrónicos avanzados, tanto analógicos como digitales. Capacidad para diseñar componentes de comunicaciones como por ejemplo encaminadores, conmutadores, concentradores, emisores y receptores en diferentes bandas

CG4 Que los estudiantes sepan comunicar sus conclusiones y los conocimientos y razones últimas que las sustentan a públicos especializados y no especializados de un modo claro y sin ambigüedades

CT5 Capacidad para gestionar la información, identificando las fuentes necesarias, los principales tipos de documentos técnicos y científicos, de una manera adecuada y eficiente

CG5 Que los estudiantes posean las habilidades de aprendizaje que les permitan continuar estudiando de un modo que habrá de ser en gran medida autodirigido o autónomo

CE2 Capacidad para desarrollar sistemas de radiocomunicaciones: diseño de antenas, equipos y subsistemas, modelado de canales, cálculo de enlaces y planificación

CT4	Capacidad para trabajar de forma efectiva como individuo, organizando y planificando su propio trabajo, de forma independiente o como miembro de un equipo
CT3	Capacidad para adoptar soluciones creativas que satisfagan adecuadamente las diferentes necesidades planteadas
CE4	Capacidad para diseñar y dimensionar redes de transporte, difusión y distribución de señales multimedia
CE5	Capacidad para diseñar sistemas de radionavegación y de posicionamiento, así como los sistemas radar
CT1	Capacidad para comprender los contenidos de documentación en lengua inglesa
CT2	Capacidad para dinamizar y liderar equipos de trabajo multidisciplinarios

DESCRIPTION

Introduction

"Communications systems" will present the types of systems most common and used today, oriented to the lower layers of a communication system, but also will explain the interrelation with the upper layers and architectures of the systems, explained in other subjects of the program.

The course covers the knowledge necessary for a MSc telecommunications engineer concerning the current, as well as trends and future systems that will come to market in 5-10 years. These communication systems will be presented as cases, which will be intertwined with the aim of proving the student with the sufficient knowledge to be able to design and dimension, in a practical way, such communication systems.

Organization:

The course will cover 3 use cases:

- Novel satellite communication systems and positioning
- New fixed communication systems (optical and electrical)
- New mobile communication systems and the Internet of Things

The cases will be presented with focus in the main elements and technologies, leaving a deeper analysis for the 2nd course of MUIT.

Methodology

The subject will include 3 different aspects to allow students to acquire the knowledge required

- Theoretical and practical lectures
- Laboratories

- Project in groups: students in will team-up to solve a real case covering technical and economical aspects of a selected communication systems, involving all use cases, and will present the results (written and orally).

Language:

English and Spanish

TOPICS

1. Introduction to the communication systems, its design and dimensioning

- 1.1. Types and organization of communication systems
- 1.2. Key parameters for the design of integrated communication networks (fixed, mobile, satellite, IoT, etc.)
- 1.3. Network dimensioning, key concepts of access and backbone networks, and current communication networks
- 1.4. Modeling network parameters according to service requirements (traffic, delay, availability, technology selection, usage duration, etc.)

2. Mobile communication systems: 5G and beyond

- 2.1. Spectrum regulation, standardization, and link and coverage planning
- 2.2. Characterization of the multipath propagation channel; introduction to 5G technology.
- 2.3. Structure and operation of radio access networks. Spectral efficiency and network dimensioning
- 2.4. Application of Data and AI in Mobile Communication Network Analysis

3. IoT networks (as part or separated from 5G networks)

- 3.1. IoT in 5G and beyond
- 3.2. Short- and Long-Range Systems for Sensors and IoT in Unlicensed Spectrum Bands
- 3.3. Standards and M2M communication

4. Satellite communication systems

- 4.1. Characterization and Specification

4.2. Advanced Modulation, Channel Coding, and Access

4.3. SatCom System Dimensioning

5. Project (in teams) on communication systems**ACTIVITIES**

Assessment activity



Learning activity

 Subject presentation and introduction. Relationship with other subjects. Topic 1.1			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E																
FORMAT	TOTAL DURATION	LOCATION	GROUP																
In person	00h 30m	Classroom (scheduled)	Normal																
TOPICS																			
T1																			
METHODOLOGY																			
Lecture																			

 1.2.			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E																
FORMAT	TOTAL DURATION	LOCATION	GROUP																
In person	00h 40m	Classroom (scheduled)	Normal																
TOPICS																			
T1																			
METHODOLOGY																			
Lecture																			

 1.2			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E																
FORMAT	TOTAL DURATION	LOCATION	GROUP																
In person	02h 20m	Classroom (scheduled)	Normal																
TOPICS																			
T1																			
METHODOLOGY																			
Lecture																			

 1.3			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E
FORMAT In person	TOTAL DURATION 01h 10m	LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)	GROUP Normal
TOPICS T1			
METHODOLOGY Lecture			

 1.4			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E
FORMAT In person	TOTAL DURATION 02h 20m	LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)	GROUP Normal
TOPICS T1			
METHODOLOGY Lecture			

 2.1			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E
FORMAT In person	TOTAL DURATION 01h 10m	LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)	GROUP Normal
TOPICS T2			
METHODOLOGY Lecture			

 2.2			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E
FORMAT In person	TOTAL DURATION 02h 20m	LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)	GROUP Normal
TOPICS T2			
METHODOLOGY Lecture			

 2.3		WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E															
FORMAT Not in person, without teacher		TOTAL DURATION 01h 10m		GROUP Normal													
TOPICS T2																	
METHODOLOGY Lecture																	

 2.3		WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E															
FORMAT In person		TOTAL DURATION 02h 20m		LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)		GROUP Normal											
TOPICS T2																	
METHODOLOGY Lecture																	

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FORMAT In person		TOTAL DURATION 01h 10m		LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)		GROUP Normal											
TOPICS T2																	
METHODOLOGY Lecture																	

 Project presentation		WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E															
FORMAT In person		TOTAL DURATION 02h 20m		LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)		GROUP Normal											
TOPICS T5																	
METHODOLOGY Lecture																	

 2.4			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E																
FORMAT	TOTAL DURATION	LOCATION	GROUP																
In person	01h 10m	Classroom (scheduled)	Normal																
TOPICS																			
T3																			
METHODOLOGY																			
Problem-solving class																			

 Laboratorio de planificación radio			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E																
FORMAT	TOTAL DURATION	LOCATION	GROUP																
In person	02h 20m	Laboratory	Reduced																
TOPICS																			
T2																			
METHODOLOGY																			
Laboratory assignments																			

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FORMAT	TOTAL DURATION	ASSESSMENT	WEIGHT	MINIMUM GRADE															
Not in person, without teacher	00h 10m	Progressive	5%	4															
TOPICS																			
T2																			
METHODOLOGY																			
Other assessment																			
ASSESSED OUTCOMES																			
CE4 CG4 CT1 CT4																			

 3.1, 3.2 3.3			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E																
FORMAT	TOTAL DURATION	LOCATION	GROUP																
In person	03h 30m	Classroom (scheduled)	Normal																
TOPICS																			
T3																			
METHODOLOGY																			
Lecture																			

 Exercises chapters 2 and 3		WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E															
FORMAT In-person	TOTAL DURATION 01h 10m	LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)	GROUP Normal														
TOPICS T3 T2																	
METHODOLOGY Problem-solving class																	

 Laboratory chapters 2 and 3		WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E															
FORMAT In-person	TOTAL DURATION 02h 20m	LOCATION Laboratory	GROUP Reduced														
TOPICS T3 T2																	
METHODOLOGY Laboratory assignments																	

 Entrega actividades de laboratorio / Laboratory deliverable		WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E															
FORMAT Not in person, without teacher	TOTAL DURATION 00h 10m	ASSESSMENT Progressive	WEIGHT 5%	MINIMUM GRADE 4													
TOPICS T2 T3																	
METHODOLOGY Other assessment																	
ASSESSED OUTCOMES CT3 CT5																	

 4.1 y 4.2		WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E															
FORMAT In-person	TOTAL DURATION 10h 30m	LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)	GROUP Normal														
TOPICS T4																	
METHODOLOGY Problem-solving class Lecture																	

	Presentación parcial y final del proyecto en clase. Y entrega memoria proyecto / Intermediate and Final project presentation and final report delivery			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E											
	FORMAT In person	TOTAL DURATION 03h 10m	LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)	ASSESSMENT Progressive	WEIGHT 40%	MINIMUM GRADE 4 Non-rec.									
RECOVERABLE No		JUSTIFICATION The group work activity requires continuous supervision and monitoring throughout the semester. In addition, it must be presented as a group and assessed on competencies that cannot be evaluated individually													
TOPICS T5															
METHODOLOGY Group presentation Team project															
ASSESSED OUTCOMES CE2 CE4 CG4 CG5 CT2 CT3 CT4 CT5															

	Presentación parcial del proyecto			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E											
	FORMAT In person	TOTAL DURATION 02h 20m	LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)	GROUP Reduced											
TOPICS T5															
METHODOLOGY Challenge-based learning															

	Presentación parcial y final del proyecto en clase. Y entrega memoria proyecto / Intermediate and Final project presentation and final report delivery			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E											
	FORMAT In person	TOTAL DURATION 02h 20m	LOCATION Classroom (scheduled)	ASSESSMENT Global	WEIGHT 40%	MINIMUM GRADE 5									
TOPICS T5															
METHODOLOGY Group presentation Team project															
ASSESSED OUTCOMES CE2 CE4 CG4 CG5 CT2 CT3 CT4 CT5 HE1 HG2 CE12 KG1 HE13 HE3 CE5 CT1															

			Written exam: theory and exercises			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E															
FORMAT	TOTAL DURATION	LOCATION	ASSESSMENT	WEIGHT	MINIMUM GRADE																
In person	03h 00m	Other	Progressive	45%	4																
TOPICS																					
T1T2T3T4																					
METHODOLOGY																					
Written exam																					
ASSESSED OUTCOMES																					
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			Examen escrito: teoría y ejercicios / Written exam: theory and exercises			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E															
FORMAT	TOTAL DURATION	LOCATION	ASSESSMENT	WEIGHT	MINIMUM GRADE																
In person	03h 00m	Other	Global	45%	4																
METHODOLOGY																					
Written exam																					
ASSESSED OUTCOMES																					
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			Examen de laboratorios si se han realizado / repeat laboratory exercise (cada uno puede evaluarse individualmente)			WEEKS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 E															
FORMAT	TOTAL DURATION	LOCATION	ASSESSMENT	WEIGHT	MINIMUM GRADE																
In person	03h 00m	Laboratory	Global	15%	4																
TOPICS																					
T2T3T4																					
METHODOLOGY																					
Problem-solving exam																					
ASSESSED OUTCOMES																					
CE2CT3																					



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SATCOM lab

WEEKS

12

FORMAT

In-person

TOTAL DURATION

02h 20m

LOCATION

Laboratory

GROUP

Reduced

TOPICS

T4

METHODOLOGY

Laboratory assignments

Assessment SATCOM lab

WEEKS

12

FORMAT

Not in person, without teacher

TOTAL DURATION

00h 20m

ASSESSMENT

Progressive

WEIGHT

5%

MINIMUM GRADE

4

TOPICS

T5

METHODOLOGY

Problem-solving exam

ASSESSED OUTCOMES

HE3 HG2 CE2 CE5 CT5

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Assessment activity Learning activity Week with activity Exam period

Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	E
Subject presentation and introduction. Relationship with other subjects. Topic 1.1	.															
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1.3		.														
1.4		.														
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Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	E
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 2.3				•												
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 2.4					•											
 Project presentation					•											
 2.4						•										
 Laboratorio de planificación radio						•										
 Entrega actividades de laboratorio / Laboratory deliverable						•										
 3.1, 3.2 3.3							•									
 Exercises chapters 2 and 3								•								
 Laboratory chapters 2 and 3								•								
 Entrega actividades de laboratorio / Laboratory deliverable								•								
 4.1 y 4.2									•	•	•					
 Presentación parcial y final del proyecto en clase. Y entrega memoria proyecto / Intermediate and Final project presentation and final report delivery												•				
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 Presentación parcial y final del proyecto en clase. Y entrega memoria proyecto / Intermediate and Final project presentation and final report delivery													•			
 Examen escrito: teoría y ejercicios / Written exam: theory and exercises																•

Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	E
 Recuperación de laboratorios si se han realizado / repeat laboratory exercise (cada uno puede repetirse individualmente)																.
 Presentaciones intermedias y final del proyecto en clase (si se ha realizado en su tiempo). Y entrega memoria proyecto / Intermediate and final project presentation and final report delivery																.
 Written exam: theory and exercises																.
 Examen escrito: teoría y ejercicios / Written exam: theory and exercises																.
 Examen de laboratorios si se han realizado / repeat laboratory exercise (cada uno puede evaluarse individualmente)																.
 SATCOM lab												.				
 Assessment SATCOM lab												.				

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

General criteria

In English:

Evaluation will assess if students have acquired all the competences of the subject. Thus, evaluation activities that assess learning outcomes that cannot be evaluated through a single exam can be carried out along the semester in dates to be announced. Such activities cannot be carried out in other dates (laboratories and project).

Global examination will be carried out under the same conditions as the progressive evaluation. Therefore the mandatory activities will be carried out in the dates which will be announced, but can be done again if they are completed but the minimal mark is not achieved, but in the case of the group project which cannot be recovered if not carried out within the established deadlines.

Evaluation criteria:

- Project evaluation will account 40% of the final mark (cannot be recovered if not done within the project deadlines)
- Laboratory evaluation 15% of the final mark (minimal mark in this part 4 / 10 in each laboratory). Carrying out the laboratories is mandatory for all student. Failing in obtaining the minimal mark can be evaluated in the final exam on the laboratories to check if they have the same knowledge as students that passed the progressive evaluation.
- Exam, written (45%) - minimal mark 4/10, with a minimal threshold in the theory (3/10) and exercises (3/10). In the total weight of the exam, theory is 40% and 60% the exercises.

In this subject it is possible to keep the mark of project, laboratories or the exams (in global, the overall mark of the exams) until the extraordinary examination (referred / re-sit examination)

Assessment criteria for the regular exam period. Progressive assessment

Assessment criteria

Evaluation will assess if students have acquired all the competences of the subject. Thus, evaluation activities that assess learning outcomes that cannot be evaluated through a single exam can be carried out along the semester in dates to be announced. Such activities cannot be carried out in other dates (laboratories and project).

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- Exam, written (45%) - minimal mark 4/10, with a minimal threshold in the theory (3/10) and exercises (3/10). In the total weight of the exam, theory is 40% and 60% the exercises.

Activities

- Entrega actividades de laboratorio / Laboratory deliverable (5%)
- Entrega actividades de laboratorio / Laboratory deliverable (5%)
- Presentación parcial y final del proyecto en clase. Y entrega memoria proyecto / Intermediate and Final project presentation and final report delivery (40%)

- Written exam: theory and exercises (45%)
- Assessment SATCOM lab (5%)

Assessment criteria for the regular exam period. Global assessment

Assessment criteria

Global examination will be carried out under the same conditions as the progressive evaluation. Therefore the mandatory activities will be carried out in the dates which will be announced, but can be done again if they are completed but the minimal mark is not achieved, but in the case of the group project which cannot be recovered if not carried out within the established deadlines.

Evaluation criteria:

- Project evaluation will account 40% of the final mark (cannot be recovered if not done within the project deadlines)
- Laboratory evaluation 15% of the final mark (minimal mark in this part 4 / 10 in each laboratory). Carrying out the laboratories is mandatory for all students. Failing in obtaining the minimal mark can be evaluated in the final exam on the laboratories to check if they have the same knowledge as students that passed the progressive evaluation.
- Exam, written (45%) - minimal mark 4/10, with a minimal threshold in the theory (3/10) and exercises (3/10). In the total weight of the exam, theory is 40% and 60% the exercises.

Activities

- Presentación parcial y final del proyecto en clase. Y entrega memoria proyecto / Intermediate and Final project presentation and final report delivery (40%)
- Examen escrito: teoría y ejercicios / Written exam: theory and exercises (45%)
- Examen de laboratorios si se han realizado / repeat laboratory exercise (cada uno puede evaluarse individualmente) (15%)

Assessment criteria for the retake (extraordinary) exam period

Assessment criteria

Same assessment as for the global examination

Activities

- Examen escrito: teoría y ejercicios / Written exam: theory and exercises (50%)
- Recuperación de laboratorios si se han realizado / repeat laboratory exercise (cada uno puede repetirse individualmente) (10%)
- Presentaciones intermedias y final del proyecto en clase (si se ha realizado en su tiempo). Y entrega memoria proyecto / Intermediate and final project presentation and final report delivery (40%)

RESOURCES

Equipment

Laboratorios

Laboratorios y equipos para las prácticas

Web

Revistas del IEEE relacionados con la materia (p.ej. IEEE Communications Magazine)

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Quality Education



Gender Equality



Industry, Innovation and
Infrastructure

OTHER INFORMATION

Esta asignatura realizará el trabajo conjunto con la asignatura del MUIT denominada "Redes de Comunicaciones". Debido al desarrollo y la organización, el temario correspondiente a la parte de sistemas satelitales podrá intercambiarse con el de "comunicaciones móviles e IoT", así como intercambiar fechas este laboratorio con el de la parte satelital.

Esta asignatura está alineada con los objetivos de desarrollo sostenible (ODS) en los siguientes objetivos:

4.4 De aquí a 2030, aumentar considerablemente el número de jóvenes y adultos que tienen las competencias necesarias, en particular técnicas y profesionales, para acceder al empleo, el trabajo decente y el emprendimiento

5.b Mejorar el uso de la tecnología instrumental, en particular la tecnología de la información y las comunicaciones, para promover el empoderamiento de las mujeres

9.5 Aumentar la investigación científica y mejorar la capacidad tecnológica de los sectores industriales de todos los países, en particular los países en desarrollo, entre otras cosas fomentando la innovación y aumentando considerablemente, de aquí a 2030, el número de personas que trabajan en investigación y desarrollo por millón de habitantes y los gastos de los sectores público y privado en investigación y desarrollo.

En la asignatura las actividades que se desarrollan ayudan a promover estos objetivos.