230647 - ACWS - Advanced Communications for Wireless Systems

Coordinating unit: 230 - ETSETB - Barcelona School of Telecommunications Engineering  
Teaching unit: 739 - TSC - Department of Signal Theory and Communications  
Academic year: 2019  
Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2013). (Teaching unit Compulsory)  
MASTER'S DEGREE IN ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (Syllabus 2019). (Teaching unit Optional)  
ECTS credits: 5  
Teaching languages: English

Teaching staff

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Requirements

Students are required to certify that they have previously followed courses on digital communications with similar technical contents than the master adaptation course ‘Digital Communications’ (http://infoteleco.upc.edu/documents/guia_docent/assignatures/all/ang/230600.pdf) or as for the undergraduate subjects ‘Introduction to Communications’ (https://www.upc.edu/content/grau/guiadocent/pdf/ing/230018) and ‘Advanced Digital Communications’ (http://infoteleco.upc.edu/documents/guia_docent/assignatures/all/ang/230051.pdf).

Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Specific:
1. Ability to apply information theory methods, adaptive modulation and channel coding, as well as advanced techniques of digital signal processing to communication and audiovisual systems.

Transversal:
2. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES: Managing the acquisition, structuring, analysis and display of data and information in the chosen area of specialisation and critically assessing the results obtained.
3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Achieving a level of spoken and written proficiency in a foreign language, preferably English, that meets the needs of the profession and the labour market.

Teaching methodology

- Lectures
- Application classes
- Individual work (distance)
- Exercises
- Mid-Term Exam
- Final Exam

Learning objectives of the subject

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The aim of this course is to present advanced concepts on digital communication systems. The course is divided in two main sections, that is, the point-to-point communication theory and the extension to multiuser scenarios. From a definition and a measure of information, the course develops the theory associated to the important concept of channel
capacity. Impact of frequency-flat fading channels and frequency selective channels are analyzed. Performance degradations are mitigated through the use of transmission and reception diversity techniques. The extension of all the former concepts to a multiuser framework is done, providing a more rich and interesting context for current and future communication networks.

Learning results of the subject:

- To achieve a solid background on fundamental concepts of digital communications and information theory.
- Ability to understand the physical layers of modern advanced communication systems in point-to-point and multiuser networks.
- Ability to analyze, characterize and develop the physical layers of modern advanced communication systems in point-to-point and multiuser networks.

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# Content

## 1. Introduction: A Definition of Information.

**Description:**
- Discrete memoryless sources and source entropy.
- Discrete memoryless channels, mutual Information and channel capacity.
- Continuous time-amplitude channels. The Gaussian channel.
- Water-pouring and bit-loading approaches.

**Learning time:** 42h
- Theory classes: 12h
- Self study: 30h

## 2. Additive White Gaussian Channel (AWGN).

**Description:**
- Signalling and optimal detection.
- Performance bounds and case studies.

**Learning time:** 7h
- Theory classes: 3h
- Self study: 4h

## 3. Frequency-Flat-Fading Channels: the wireless channel.

**Description:**
- Statistical Models.
- Performance degradation and diversity schemes.
- Use of the channel-state information.
- Slow-fading: outage probability and outage capacity.
- Fast-fading: ergodic capacity.

**Learning time:** 16h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Self study: 10h

## 4. Frequency-Selective Channels: the multipath channel.

**Description:**
- Bello’s channel model and channel transfer matrix.
- SVD and optimal communication schemes.
- OFDMA: Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access.
- Hybrid SVD on OFDMA solutions.

**Learning time:** 20h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Self study: 14h
5. Multiple-Access Channel.

Learning time: 40h
- Theory classes: 12h
- Self study: 28h

Description:
- Ahiswede-Liao multiple-access capacity region.
- Multiple-access schemes and capacity regions: TDMA, FDMA-OFDMA, CDMA.
- Multiuser detection.
- Uplink fading channel.
- Downlink fading channel.
- Multiuser diversity.

Planning of activities

EXERCISES

EXTENDED ANSWER TEST (MID TERM EXAMINATION)

EXTENDED ANSWER TEST (FINAL EXAMINATION)

Qualification system

Final examination: 40 %
Mid-Term examination: 60 %
Final Grade: The final grade is the maximum between the Final Exam mark and the weighted former mark.
Bibliography

Basic:


Complementary:


