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Subject Guide 2018 / 2019

IDENTIFYING DATA
Remote sensing

Subject	Remote sensing
Code	V05G300V01911
Study programme	Degree in Telecommunications Technologies Engineering

Descriptors	ECTS Credits	Choose	Year	Quadmester
	6	Optional	4th	1st

Teaching language	English
Department	Signal Theory and Communications
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General description	Remote Sensing is the subject devoted to all systems that allow the collection of data related to objects or surface characteristics without physical contact. We begin presenting the principles of Remote Sensing, in visible, infrared and in microwaves spectrum. Special care will be put on active and passive sensors, with a deep explanation of RADAR and optic-electronic systems. Then, the subject involves technological elements and signal processing, with a focus on the applications on Earth surface and other space bodies. The academic language is English.

Competencies

Code	
B3	CG3: The knowledge of basic subjects and technologies that enables the student to learn new methods and technologies, as well as to give him great versatility to confront and adapt to new situations
B4	CG4: The ability to solve problems with initiative, to make creative decisions and to communicate and transmit knowledge and skills, understanding the ethical and professional responsibility of the Technical Telecommunication Engineer activity.
B7	CG7: The ability to analyze and assess the social and environmental impact of technical solutions.
B9	CG9: The ability to work in multidisciplinary groups in a Multilanguage environment and to communicate, in writing and orally, knowledge, procedures, results and ideas related with Telecommunications and Electronics.
C65	(CE65/OP8)Applying conceptual, theoretical and practical tools of telecommunications in the development and applications of radar and remote sensing systems.
C66	(CE66/OP9) The ability for selection of circuits, subsystems and systems of remote sensing.
D2	CT2 Understanding Engineering within a framework of sustainable development.
D3	CT3 Awareness of the need for long-life training and continuous quality improvement, showing a flexible, open and ethical attitude toward different opinions and situations, particularly on non-discrimination based on sex, race or religion, as well as respect for fundamental rights, accessibility, etc.
D4	CT4 Encourage cooperative work, and skills like communication, organization, planning and acceptance of responsibility in a multilingual and multidisciplinary work environment, which promotes education for equality, peace and respect for fundamental rights.

Learning outcomes

Expected results from this subject	Training and Learning Results		
Identify and analyse problems that can be solved with Remote Sensing techniques	B3 B4 B9	C65	D4

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Propose solutions based on RADAR, microwaves, infrared, LIDAR or visible spectrum observation	B3 B4 B9	C66	D3 D4
Specify sensors and Remote Sensing systems more adequate for each application	B3 B7	C65 C66	D2
Interpret and analyse images taken from satellites	B3 B4 B7	C65	D2

Contents

Topic	
Introduction to Remote Sensing	The aim of this topic is to provide a panoramic of the meaning and application of remote sensing of earth, sea and air. Special attention is given to different points of view: from our usual perception of the Earth to its appearance when it is observed from a satellite or another airlifted platform. Besides, the subject shows the historical evolution of Remote Sensing and its implication in the human life, standing out the hits of the space exploration and the different programs that have been designed along the space race. The contents given in group A have an autonomous activity associated, called "The Earth from the air/space", proposed when the subject begins.
Fundamental concepts	The three fundamental concepts of Remote Sensing are the core of this topic: the spectral signature, the classification and the compositions of color. All these are explained after an introduction to the multispectral sensors.
Sensors	Explanation of the concept of sensor, introduction to the different types of sensors, the concept of resolution and calibration. Then, there is at least a session of two hours devoted to the passive sensors (optical-electronic, thermal and radiometers of microwaves) and another session to the active sensors (RADAR and LIDAR). This explanation includes the foundations and operation, its characteristics, advantages and inconvenients, and typical applications. The contents given in group A have several associated practices of laboratory (group B), those called "Sensors calibration", "Passive Sensors: infrared", and "RADAR Fundamentals".
Processing, interpretation and formation of images	This section is a summary of the different techniques of signal processing applied to interpreting and classifying images taken from satellites. It uses an example image to which all different processing techniques are applied and explained. The subject also takes care of the formation of images of big regions of the surface of the Earth from pictures of areas more reduced, by means of the use of mosaics. It shows the process of constructing the mosaic from both satellite and airborne images. All the contents are given in laboratory (group B), for four sessions of 2 hour each. Besides, the works developed in group C will support the contents of this chapter.
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	It tries to introduce the foundations and applications of the GIS, orienting all the exhibition to the support in the decisions process related with geographic locations. The second part of the session devotes to deepen in the knowledge of applications of GIS by means of the study of practical cases.
Terrestrial exploration	This section devotes to some examples of applications of Remote Sensing in diverse fields: studies of the ground, agriculture, mining, geology. The own actuality at teaching time can determine the applications in which more upsetting is done. The contents given in group A could have associated some of the works developed by students in groups C, depending on the focus of each group challenge.

Meteorology and Oceanography	In this section, the applications that more satellites have used along the history of Remote Sensing are presented: the meteorology and the oceanography. In Meteorology, we introduce which types of sensors are employed, and we analyse the different parameters of interest, the characteristics regarding resolution and the results of climatic studies along the planet. Regarding Oceanography, the subject focuses on the observed parameters, the sensors, and it also presents images that show the results of the observations both directly and after the application of distinct processed. The contents given in group A could have associated some of the works developed by students in groups C, depending on the focus of each group challenge.
Space exploration	The aim of the subject is to present a panoramic of the space exploration. Beginning with the sensors employed along the years of history of the humanity in the space, the subject shows the main knowledges that we have obtained from the distinct bodies of the solar system and it explains how they arrived to this knowledge (missions, peculiarities of the ships and sensors employed, etc.).

Planning

	Class hours	Hours outside the classroom	Total hours
Lecturing	17.2	25.8	43
Laboratory practices	4	8	12
Computer practices	10	15	25
Supervised work	5	45	50
Presentation	2	4	6
Autonomous practices through ICT	0	2	2
Introductory activities	1	1.2	2.2
Short answer tests	2.8	0	2.8
Systematic observation	0	2	2
Essay	0	5	5

*The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

Methodologies

	Description
Lecturing	The course topics are presented and developed by the lecturer: foundations, theoretical bases, applications, etc. Group A sessions. 1 session/week. 2 hours/session Through this methodology the competencies CE65, CE66, CT2, and CG3 are developed.
Laboratory practices	Experimental work on sensor calibration and infrared termography. Group B sessions. 2 sessions/semester. 2 hours/session. Through this methodology the competencies CE65, CE66, CT4, and CG4 are developed.
Computer practices	Computer-based work on radar fundamentals and satellite imagery processing and interpretation. Group B sessions. 5 sessions/semester. 2 hours/session Through this methodology the competencies CG4, CG7, CG9, CT4, and CT3 are developed.
Supervised work	The students will be assigned a simulation project. They will developed the project working in groups of 5-7 students. Project class sessions will be devoted to discussion and follow-up of the project. Group C sessions. 6 sessions/semester. 1 hour/session. Additional tutorial sessions will be scheduled if required. Through this methodology the competencies CG4, CG7, CG9, CT4, and CT3 are developed.

Presentation	The students will present, in an open session, their project results.	
	Previously, the students must e-mail to their group C teacher the code developed and a report summarizing the results.	
	Group C sessions. 1 session/semester. 1 hour/session.	
	Through this methodology the competency CG9 is developed.	
Autonomous practices through ICT	Activities to be autonomously developed, with software provided by means of FaiTIC platform: "Earth from air/space", to learn about points of view.	
	This methodology works on competences CE65 and CE66	
Introductory activities	Activities directed to take contact and gather information on the students, as well as to present the topic. For this activity reserves one face-to-face hour of group A, in which the professor presents the topic, explain the practices of laboratory and computer, and what expects of the works in group C.	
	This methodology works on competences CE65, CE66, and CG4	

Personalized attention

Methodologies	Description
Introductory activities	Time that each professor has reserved to attend and resolve doubts of the students
Lecturing	Time that the lecturer of group A has reserved to attend and resolve doubts of the students
Laboratory practices	Time that the lecturer of groups B can use to help the students understand the lab practices and to resolve doubts.
Computer practices	Time that the lecturer of groups B can use to help the students understand the lab practices and to resolve doubts.
Supervised work	Time that the lecturer of groups C can use to provide support to the tutored groups, additional to the scheduled meetings.
Presentation	Time that the lecturer of groups C can use to help the students in preparing their results presentations.
Autonomous practices through ICT	Time that the lecturer of group A will use to attend the students that need some support in doing their autonomous work.

Assessment

	Description	Qualification	Training and Learning Results		
Lecturing	Proofs of short answer: there will be four proofs, at dates informed to the students at the beginning of the academic year, of 10 minutes length, that allows the student to pass part of the matters. In these short proofs the skils CE65, CE66, CG3 and CG7 will be evaluated.	40	B3 B7	C65 C66	
Laboratory practices	Systematic observation: During laboratory practices, the results and the demonstration of having understood the procedure to arrive to them will be evaluated: 1. "Sensors calibration": 5% 2. "Infrared thermography": 10% In these practices the skils CE66, CT3, CG4 and CG9 will be evaluated.	15	B4 B9	C66	D3
Computer practices	Systematic observation: During the computer practices , the results and the demonstration of having understood the procedure to arrive to them will be evaluated: 1. "Foundations of RADAR": 7% 2. "Image Processing": 13% In these practices the skils CE65, CT2 and CG4 will be evaluated.	20	B4	C65	D2

Supervised work	The works developed in C groups will be evaluated in two parts: the own dynamics of the works and the presentations. The work itself will receive 15% of the final mark of the subject. Each of the members of the work would receive the same mark, as each of them is co-responsible of the development. In these works the skils CE66, CG7 and CG9 will be evaluated.	15	B7 B9	C66	
Presentation	Presentations of the works developed by the groups C. After the presentation, the lecturers will ask questions, individually, to the members of the group. The mark of this part will be given individually, depending on the demonstrated knowledge of each member of the group, and will represent 7% of the total subject mark. In the presentation of the works the skils CG9 and CT4 will be evaluated.	7	B9		D4
Autonomous practices through ICT	Students will give the lecturer their autonomous work results: "The Earth from the air/space": 3% In these practices the skils CE65 and CG4 will be evaluated.	3	B4	C65	
Short answer tests	The single evaluation exam, in case to have to do it, will consist of 10 questions of short answer, with questions related with the classes of theory, of laboratory and the presentations of the works, and will cost by 100% of the note of the topic.	0	B3 B4 B7 B9	C65 C66	D2 D3 D4

Other comments on the Evaluation

The subject language is English. **Tests, reports and exams should be written in English.**

Evaluation and grading.

The students can chose any of the following assessment systems:

1.-**Continuous evaluation.** This consist of the following activities

> 1.1. Four quizzes. They account for 40%of the final grade.

> 1.2. Performance at lab classes. It accounts for a 35% of the final grade.

> 1.3. Simulation project results andreport. 15% of the grade.

> 1.4. Project presentation. 7% of thegrade.

> 1.5. Homework. 3% of the final grade.

> Missed quizzes and/or lab classes will not be rescheduled.

> Students attending to two of the four quizzes will be considered in the continuous assessment system. A student in continuos assessment is considered to be presented to the exam, independently of having taken all assessment events.

> Students that want to improve their grade may attend the single evaluation exam. Their final grade will be the average between the final exam and the continuous assessment grade.

2.- **Single evaluation.** It consists of a 10 questions exam. The exam can be taken up to two times per course, in first and second calls. Time and place are published in the School web page. All material given in the lectures, lab classes and project presentations is subject to questioning. The extraordinary call (end of course) will use the same method of assessment as single evaluation.

Ethical code

Final exams and quizzes must be worked out on everyone's own. Any infraction will beconsidered a serious breach of ethics and reported to the academic authorities.

Lecturers may decide to fail a student if he has committed a serious ethical breach.

Sources of information

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Recommendations

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Navigation systems and satellite communications/V05G300V01912

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Fundamentals of Sound and Image/V05G300V01405

Signal Transmission and Reception Techniques/V05G300V01404

Electromagnetic Transmission/V05G300V01303

Microwave Circuits/V05G300V01611

Radio Frequency Circuits/V05G300V01511

Optical Telecommunication Infrastructures/V05G300V01614

Principles of Digital Communications/V05G300V01613

Wireless Systems and Networks/V05G300V01615

Radio Communication Systems/V05G300V01512

Multimedia Signal Processing/V05G300V01513

Other comments

The subject is going to be taught in English.

All the documents will be in English.