300244 - MGTA - Models for Air Traffic Management

**Coordinating unit:** 300 - EETAC - Castelldefels School of Telecommunications and Aerospace Engineering

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**Academic year:** 2017

**Degree:**
- BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AEROSPACE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING/BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN 
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2015). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
- BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AEROSPACE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING/BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN 
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ENGINEERING - NETWORK ENGINEERING (AGRUPACIÓ DE 
SIMULTANEITAT) (Syllabus 2015). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
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- BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AEROSPACE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING/BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NETWORK 
ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2015). (Teaching unit Compulsory)

**ECTS credits:** 6

**Teaching languages:** English

**Teaching staff**

**Coordinator:** Definit a la infoweb de l'assignatura.

**Others:** Definit a la infoweb de l'assignatura.

**Prior skills**

- Fundamentals of current air transport system, air traffic structures and air traffic management:

Knowing the different phases of air transport management. Knowing today's algorithms used to adjust the demand to the capacity of the air transport network. Understanding the links between airspace management, air traffic flux management and air traffic control. Understanding the links between the airspace design, its capacity and the demand.

- Fundamentals of modular programming and mathematical programming:

Having the background to understand the principles of modular programming. Being able to program codes to solve simple problems, such as finding a component within a vector. Having previously programmed with high level programming languages such as Octave or Matlab

- Having a good knowledge of English and technical English

**Requirements**

**Prerequisites:**
- Having taken Air Transport Structures (2A)
- Having taken Programming I (1B)
- Having taken Programming II (2A)
In this course, the new air traffic management systems, being developed in Europe and in the USA (SESAR and NextGen), will be presented. The subject foreseen in the Air Transport Structures course will be detailed. Optimization techniques and operative research techniques used in the airspace management will be proposed, as well as modeling and airspace optimization techniques.

At the end of the course, the student will:
- know the main characteristics of the European and North-American air traffic management projects,
- know the main mathematical optimization techniques used in airspace optimization,
- be able to model airspace problems using mathematical techniques, and choose the most adequate optimization technique,
- know research techniques related to air traffic management and air traffic control.

### Study load

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**Description:**
- Integer programming (Simplex algorithm, Linear programming)
- Metaheuristic optimization (e.g., Genetic Algorithm, Ant colony algorithm)

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**Description:**
- Optimization techniques and airspace modeling techniques
- Runway capacity, sequencing and merging
- 2D and 3D sectorizations
- Ground holding problem
- Airspace Flow Programs
- Traffic assignment problem

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**Description:**
- Air traffic complexity metrics
- ATC advanced functionalities (AMAN, DMAN, SMAN, CNS, safety nets)
- Conflict detection and conflict resolution techniques
### Research in ATM/ATC

**Learning time:** 18h  
- Theory classes: 1h  
- Laboratory classes: 2h  
- Guided activities: 6h  
- Self study: 9h

**Description:**  
- Analysis of research papers from Air Traffic Management and Air Traffic Control.  
- Advanced techniques of management and automatization of Air Traffic Control.

### ATM - SESAR/NextGen

**Learning time:** 24h  
- Theory classes: 2h  
- Laboratory classes: 2h  
- Guided activities: 6h  
- Self study: 14h

**Description:**  
- Introduction to SESAR and NextGen projects  
- Differences and specificities of the USA air traffic management

### Bibliography

**Basic:**  

**Others resources:**  
Excel, MatLab/Octave, PowerPoint