

Course guide

230450 - CAL1 - Calculus I

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Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Telecommunications Engineering
Teaching unit: 749 - MAT - Department of Mathematics.

Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENGINEERING PHYSICS (Syllabus 2011). (Compulsory subject).

Academic year: 2025 **ECTS Credits:** 6.0 **Languages:** Catalan

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: JOSE BURILLO PUIG

Others: Primer quadrimestre:
JOSE BURILLO PUIG - 10
CARLES PADRO LAIMON - 10

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:

1. Ability to solve math problems that may arise in engineering. Ability to apply knowledge about linear algebra, geometry, differential geometry, differential and integral calculus, ordinary and partial differential equations, probability and statistics.
2. Ability to select numerical and optimization methods suitable for solving physical and engineering problems. Ability to apply the knowledge of numerical algorithms and optimization.

Generical:

3. ABILITY TO IDENTIFY, FORMULATE, AND SOLVE PHYSICAL ENGINEERING PROBLEMS. Planning and solving physical engineering problems with initiative, making decisions and with creativity. Developing methods of analysis and problem solving in a systematic and creative way.

Transversal:

1. EFFICIENT ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - Level 1. Planning oral communication, answering questions properly and writing straightforward texts that are spelt correctly and are grammatically coherent.
2. SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING - Level 1. Completing set tasks within established deadlines. Working with recommended information sources according to the guidelines set by lecturers.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

There will be two classes of sessions: the main lectures will be devoted to a careful presentation of the basic concepts and results of Calculus in one variable, developing complete proofs when possible, while the lab sessions will be devoted to the solution of a variety of exercises and problems.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

The main objective is that the student know the basic concepts, techniques and results from the Calculus of one variable in order to be able to apply them in other scientific contexts. Moreover, this course serves also as a basic background for future courses.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Self study	85,0	56.67
Hours large group	65,0	43.33

Total learning time: 150 h

CONTENTS

1. Numbers and functions

Description:

Natural numbers: the induction principle. Integer and rational numbers: the arithmetic operations. Real numbers: order, absolute value. Sequences of real numbers, limit of a sequence. Complex numbers: the fundamental theorem of algebra.

Real functions of one variable. Domain of a function. The elementary function: polynomials, rational fractions, exponentials, trigonometric and hyperbolic functions.

Full-or-part-time: 10h 50m

Theory classes: 3h

Practical classes: 2h

Guided activities: 3h 20m

Self study : 2h 30m

2. Limits and continuity

Description:

Limits, examples. Algebraic properties of limits. Infinite limits and limits at the infinite. One-sided limits. Continuous functions, examples. Bolzano's theorem and applications. Bisection method for zeros of continuous functions.

Full-or-part-time: 10h 50m

Theory classes: 3h

Practical classes: 4h 30m

Guided activities: 1h 40m

Self study : 1h 40m

3. Derivatives and approximation of functions

Description:

Derivative of a function at a point, examples. The derivative function. Derivability and continuity. Derivative rules, the chain rule. Derivation of implicit and inverse functions. Rolle's theorem and the mean value theorem. L'Hôpital rule. Taylor polynomial and its applications. Graphics. Optimization problems.

Full-or-part-time: 46h 40m

Theory classes: 12h

Practical classes: 8h

Guided activities: 2h 30m

Self study : 24h 10m

4. Integration

Description:

Integral of a function. Integrability of continuous functions. The Calculus fundamental theorem and Barrow's rule. Primitive calculus. Numerical integration: ntegració aproximada: Simpson's rule. Improper integrals. Convergence criteria. The Euler gamma function. . Applications of integral calculus: area, volues of revolution, lenght of a curve, center of mass, energy, work, moments of inertia, ...

Full-or-part-time: 45h 50m

Theory classes: 12h

Practical classes: 8h

Guided activities: 2h 30m

Self study : 23h 20m

5. Numerical series and power series

Description:

Sequences and series. The geometric series. Convergence for numerical series. Convergence criteria for positive and alternating series. Absolute convergence. The integral criterium.

Power series. Radius of convergence, function defined by a powwr series., its derivability and integrability. Taylor series, examples: exponencial, trigonometric and binomial series.

Full-or-part-time: 35h 50m

Theory classes: 9h

Practical classes: 6h

Guided activities: 2h 30m

Self study : 18h 20m

GRADING SYSTEM

There will be a final exam (EF) and a partial exam (EP). The students participation in practical sessions will also be taken into account (P). The final score will follow from

$$\max(EF, 0.65*EF+0.30*EP+0.05*P)$$

EXAMINATION RULES.

The exams will consist a some theoretical questions and some exercices and problems.

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Basic:

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