

## Course guide

### 230737 - IMS - Introduction to Measurement Systems

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**Unit in charge:** Barcelona School of Telecommunications Engineering  
**Teaching unit:** 710 - EEL - Department of Electronic Engineering.

**Degree:** MASTER'S DEGREE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2013). (Optional subject).  
MASTER'S DEGREE IN ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (Syllabus 2019). (Optional subject).  
MASTER'S DEGREE IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2022). (Optional subject).

**Academic year:** 2025    **ECTS Credits:** 5.0    **Languages:** English

#### LECTURER

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**Coordinating lecturer:** JUAN JOSE RAMOS CASTRO

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JOSEP MARIA TORRENTS DOLZ - 11

#### DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

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**Specific:**

1. Ability to develop electronic instrumentation, as well as transducers, actuators and sensors.
4. Ability to design, implement and operate high performance laboratory electronic instrumentation, with emphasis on error analysis, calibration and virtual control.
5. Ability to deploy distributed instrumentation systems and advanced sensor networks including self-powered systems based on energy harvesting from the environment.

**Transversal:**

2. TEAMWORK: Being able to work in an interdisciplinary team, whether as a member or as a leader, with the aim of contributing to projects pragmatically and responsibly and making commitments in view of the resources that are available.
3. 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.

#### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

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Lectures

- Application classes
- Laboratory classes
- Laboratory practical work
- Group work (distance)
- Individual work (distance)
- Exercises
- Extended answer test (Final Exam)

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

- Ability to perform the specification, implementation, documentation and development of equipment and instrumentation electronics and considering both the technical and related regulatory compliance.
- Ability to apply electronic and assistive technology in other fields and activities, not only in the field of Information Technologies and Communications.
- Ability to design analog electronic circuits and data capture. -Ability to specify and use electronic instrumentation and measurement systems.
- Ability to analyze and solve problems of interference and electromagnetic compatibility in measurement systems

## STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Self study	86,0	68.80
Hours large group	26,0	20.80
Hours small group	13,0	10.40

**Total learning time:** 125 h

## CONTENTS

### 1.- Introduction to measurement systems.

#### Description:

Structure of a measurement system. Types of measurement systems

#### Related competencies :

CEE8. Ability to deploy distributed instrumentation systems and advanced sensor networks including self-powered systems based on energy harvesting from the environment.

#### Full-or-part-time: 2h

Theory classes: 1h

Self study : 1h

### 2. Characteristics of a measurement system

#### Description:

Definition of basic terminology, types of measures. Methods of assessment of uncertainty in the measurement. Magnitude estimation in the time and frequency domain.

#### Full-or-part-time: 12h

Theory classes: 6h

Self study : 6h

### 3.- Sensors and signal conditioning

#### Description:

Types of signals. Classification of sensors and analysis of its characteristics. Analysis and circuit design of signal conditioning for sensors.

#### Full-or-part-time: 16h

Theory classes: 8h

Self study : 8h



#### 4.- Signal Acquisition

**Description:**

Structures and circuits for analog signals multiplexing. Sample and hold circuits. Analog to digital and D/A, conversion architectures.

**Full-or-part-time:** 16h

Theory classes: 8h

Self study : 8h

#### Laboratory 1: Introduction to the lab and measurement theory.

**Description:**

Introduction to Lab View and measurement automation. Measurements with basic tools, Uncertainty assessment.

**Full-or-part-time:** 7h

Laboratory classes: 2h

Self study : 5h

#### Laboratory 2: Basic sensors applications.

**Description:**

Design and assembly of signal conditioning circuits for resistive sensors. Sensor linearization, temperature measurements. Variable reactance sensors, and its signal conditioning circuits. The Wheatstone bridge for modulators sensors.

**Full-or-part-time:** 9h

Laboratory classes: 4h

Self study : 5h

#### Laboratory 3: Design and implementation of a measurement system.

**Description:**

Project design of a complete system of measurement: Choice of suitable sensors for measuring, design and installation of signal conditioning circuits, the choice of the structure of multiplexing and signal acquisition. Acquisition and processing software design.

**Full-or-part-time:** 12h

Theory classes: 6h

Laboratory classes: 6h

## GRADING SYSTEM

Final examination: 50%

Laboratory assessments: 25%

Written work: 25%

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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### Basic:

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