

Course guide

300103 - STCVRAR - Integration of Virtual and Augmented Reality Technologies in Connected Industries

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Unit in charge: Castelldefels School of Telecommunications and Aerospace Engineering
Teaching unit: **Degree:** MASTER'S DEGREE IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR CONNECTED INDUSTRIES (AI4CI) (Syllabus 2025). (Optional subject).

Academic year: 2026 **ECTS Credits:** 3.0 **Languages:** English

LECTURER

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PRIOR SKILLS

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TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Lectures, assignments, autonomous work

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

The content of the STC is to present novel hardware solutions for virtual, augmented and mixed reality, and showcase different applications of immersive technologies in industrial environments. In particular, the STC will show how digital twins intertwine with immersive technologies, explaining the advantages of immersive Human-Machine-Interfaces (HMIs) over traditional HMIs, and helping to identify situations where to apply immersive technologies to improve use cases in the industrial plant. The STC will also present virtual simulators for education and training.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Self study	48,0	64.00
Hours large group	27,0	36.00

Total learning time: 75 h

CONTENTS

Integration of Virtual and Augmented Reality Technologies in Connected Industries

Description:

Introduction to Virtual and Augmented Reality Technologies. Understanding the fundamentals of Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR) and Mixed Reality (XR). Hardware alternatives and their advantages and disadvantages.

Applications of VR and AR in Connected Industries. Exploring use cases in manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, and other industries. Case studies of successful VR and AR implementations in connected industries.

Identifying potential challenges and solutions in real-world applications. Technical Foundations of VR and AR. Programming for VR and AR development: Unity, Unreal Engine.

Usability considerations in connected industries. Different types of interactions in VR and AR: Controllers, hand-tracking, and voice commands. Design principles for creating immersive and user-friendly interfaces with the particulars of VR and AR. Hands-on exercises in designing interfaces for specific industrial applications.

Integration of VR and AR applications with IoT devices and sensors in connected industries. Communication protocols between VR and AR applications and simulation servers or IoT devices: API Rest, Web Sockets, MQTT, OPC UA.

Fundamentals of digital twins and their levels. Integration and simulation of digital twins inside VR and AR visualizations. Alternating between digital twin simulation and real data feeds inside the same virtual experience.

Full-or-part-time: 75h

Theory classes: 27h

Self study : 48h

GRADING SYSTEM

Continuous monitoring and exam.