Course guides
230252 - TELED - Remote Sensing and Earth Observation Systems

Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Telecommunications Engineering
Teaching unit: 739 - TSC - Department of Signal Theory and Communications.

Degree:
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AUDIOVISUAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Optional subject).
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Syllabus 2010). (Optional subject).
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Optional subject).
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2015). (Optional subject).
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN DATA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2017). (Optional subject).

Academic year: 2021   ECTS Credits: 6.0   Languages: Catalan, Spanish, English

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: Antoni Broquetas (QP)
Adriano Camps (QT)

Others:

PRIOR SKILLS

Remote Sensing is a multidisciplinary subject applied to Earth Observation and uses a large number of technologies and techniques related to Microwaves, Antennas, Optics, Radar, Signal Processing which are studied in other Courses. For this reason it is recommended having notions of these topics. The eventual lack of knowledge of the cited areas can be easily surmountable by consulting basic reference books.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Fundamentals Lectures
Exercises
Laboratory practice
Selected Topic teamwork

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

The course provides the basic concepts and techniques necessary to work on the development and use of spaceborne and airborne sensors for earth observation.

STUDY LOAD

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Total learning time: 150 h

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5. Optical and infrared sensors

Description:
5.1 The impact of atmosphere
5.2 Spectral signatures of materials
5.3 Sensor Technology
5.4 Cameras and hyperspectral classification
5.5 Geometric correction of optical images
5.6 Examples of space programs: NOAA, Meteosat, Landsat, etc.
5.7 Laser sensors (LIDAR) and applications

Full-or-part-time: 12h
Theory classes: 12h

6. Microwave radiometers

Description:
6.1 Radiation Laws
6.2 Brightness, Apparent and Antenna Temperatures
6.3 Total power and Dicke radiometers
6.4 Calibration and Applications

Full-or-part-time: 12h
Theory classes: 12h

7. Image characteristics and post-processing

Description:
7.1 Quality parameters and evaluation
7.2 Radiometric and geometric distortions

Full-or-part-time: 4h
Theory classes: 4h

8. The Remote Sensing sector

Description:
8.1 Main agencies and institutions
8.2 Final users categories. Business and Careers

Full-or-part-time: 4h
Theory classes: 4h

GRADING SYSTEM

- Final examination 60%
- Written group assignment 20%
- Practical laboratory work (1h per week on average): 20%

EXAMINATION RULES.

A4 form written both sides can be brought to the exam with formulas, duration 2 h.
BIBLIOGRAPHY

Basic:

Complementary:

RESOURCES

Audiovisual material:

Hyperlink:
- Remote Sensing Tutorial In Spanish, French, Portuguese, and English. Recurs

Other resources:
http://www.grss-ieee.org/cool-videos/