Course guides
13964 - ORSP - Optical Remote Sensing II: Passive

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

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Academic year: 2015   ECTS Credits: 3.0   Languages: English

LECTURER
Coordinating lecturer:
Others:

PRIOR SKILLS

REQUIREMENTS

TEACHING METHODOLOGY
Classes in English. Oral-exposition classes combined with problem classes. Review of journal papers or others.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT
The aim of this course is to focus on the main systems, techniques and applications in remote sensing using passive optical sensors. The course reviews the fundamentals of radiometry from an unified point of view starting from Planck’s Law to the radiative transfer equation. The expressions used in the optical, infrared and microwave parts of the spectrum are then presented as particular cases of this general formulation. Then, the course introduces basic concepts on passive remote sensing so as to pave the way to present the sensors and electronic imagery involved as well as application examples/missions relying on passive remote sensing. The parallelism between the optical/infrared and microwave sensors and the nomenclature is emphasized all along the course to show the common physical principles among them.

CONTENTS

1. Passive Remote Sensing: From Planck’s law to the radiative transfer equation

Full-or-part-time: 2h
Theory classes: 2h
2. Passive Remote Sensing: Simplifications used in the different parts of the spectrum

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h  
Theory classes: 2h


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4. Passive Remote Sensing: BRDF, interactions with the atmosphere and Earth’s surface

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h  
Theory classes: 1h  
Practical classes: 1h

5. Sensors and electronic imagery: Types of scanning

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h  
Theory classes: 2h

6. Sensors and electronic imagery: Thermal detectors

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h  
Theory classes: 2h

7. Sensors and electronic imagery: Radiometers and relevant parameters

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h  
Theory classes: 2h

8. Sensors and electronic imagery: Multispectral, Thermal, and Hyperspectral passive remote sensing

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h  
Theory classes: 1h  
Practical classes: 1h

9. Applications: Target fields

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**GRADING SYSTEM**

75 % final exam (multiple-answer test), 25 % Guided research work (can be computer based).

**EXAMINATION RULES.**

A minimum attendance of 80% is required. Exam duration: 2h. Guided research work: Oral exposition or interview (depending on the number of students).