230606 - ECS - Electronics for Communications Systems

Coordinating unit: 230 - ETSETB - Barcelona School of Telecommunications Engineering
Teaching unit: 710 - EEL - Department of Electronic Engineering
Academic year: 2019
Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (Syllabus 2019).
MASTER'S DEGREE IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2013). (Teaching unit Optional)
MASTER'S DEGREE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2013). (Teaching unit Optional)
ECTS credits: 5
Teaching languages: English

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Prior skills
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Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Specific:
1. Ability to design and manufacture integrated circuits
2. Ability to use programmable logical devices, as well as to design analog and digital advanced electronics systems. Ability to design communication devices, such as routers, switches, hubs, transmitters and receivers in different bands.
3. Ability to apply advanced knowledge in photonics, optoelectronics and high-frequency electronic
4. Ability to implement wired/wireless systems, in both fix and mobile communication environments.

Transversal:
5. 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.
6. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Achieving a level of spoken and written proficiency in a foreign language, preferably English, that meets the needs of the profession and the labour market.
Learning objectives of the subject:

The aim of this course is to give students an overview of the problems and issues that must be dealt with when designing circuits for communication transmitter and receiver front-ends, as well as a comprehensive overview of the basic concepts and theoretical foundation of analog/RF design in microelectronic CMOS technology. Concepts will be worked out with practical design exercises to be developed using professional circuit design CAD tools, and hands-on exercises to be developed along the course.

Learning results of the subject:

- Understand and analyze circuit solutions to implement the different blocks that constitute the RF/analog part in communication terminals (receivers, transmitters), both wired and wireless.
- Understand the issues that pose a limitation on the operating frequency of these circuits, and the basic techniques for bandwidth extension and operation at high frequency.
- Understand and evaluate the circuit non-idealities and how affect their performance.

Study load

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# Content

## 1. Basic CMOS amplification circuits

**Learning time:** 14h  
Theory classes: 14h

**Description:**  
Basic 1-stage amplifiers: Common-source, common drain.  
Bias circuits: the current mirror  
Frequency response.  
Bandwidth estimation  
Bandwidth extension

## 2. Differential amplifiers

**Learning time:** 24h  
Theory classes: 2h  
Laboratory classes: 6h  
Self study: 16h

**Description:**  
Differential amplifiers: resistive load and current mirror load. DC analysis. AC gain and BW. CMRR, PSRR and Slew-Rate.


**Learning time:** 32h  
Theory classes: 4h  
Laboratory classes: 6h  
Self study: 22h

**Description:**  
Narrowband amplifiers - The source-degenerated resonant LNA.  
Noise analysis in communication circuits - NF.  
Linearity in communications systems
5. Oscillators

**Description:**
- Definitions and figures of merit
- Oscillator types: ring oscillator, relaxation, Colpitts, LC
- The LC-CMOS VCO

**Learning time:** 18h
- Theory classes: 2h
- Laboratory classes: 4h
- Self study: 12h

Qualification system

Final examination: 40%
Partial examinations and exercises: 20%
Laboratory assessments: 40%

Bibliography

**Basic:**

**Others resources:**
- Course slides, exercises, tutorials and labs available through the Atenea virtual campus.