Course guides
820092 - NSAE - Numerical Simulation Applied to Engineering

Unit in charge:  Barcelona East School of Engineering
Teaching unit:  748 - FIS - Department of Physics.

Degree:  BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS AND AUTOMATIC CONTROL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Optional subject).
BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Optional subject).
BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Optional subject).
BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Optional subject).
BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN MATERIALS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Optional subject).

Academic year: 2020  ECTS Credits: 6.0  Languages: English

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer:  Domingo García Senz
Others:  Domingo García Senz

PRIOR SKILLS

Ability to work with the computer and a basic knowledge of a programming language.

REQUIREMENTS

Basic knowledge of algebra, calculus and physics. The main teaching language of the course will be English.

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Transversal:
1. SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING - Level 3. Applying the knowledge gained in completing a task according to its relevance and importance. Deciding how to carry out a task, the amount of time to be devoted to it and the most suitable information sources.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

40 % Expositive methodology plus 35% individual work plus 25% working in group.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

To introduce the student into basic techniques of numerical simulation and their application to solve basic engineering problems.

STUDY LOAD

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Total learning time: 150 h
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## 1. Chapter: A primer on numerical calculus.

**Description:**

**Specific objectives:**
To introduce the student to the basic numerical techniques addressed to program and simulate physical and engineering systems

**Related activities:**
A fraction of the laboratori sessions will be devoted to write easy programs of numerical calculus using MatLab.

**Full-or-part-time:** 60h
- Theory classes: 24h
- Self study : 36h

## 2. Chapter: Applications to several engineering disciplines.

**Description:**

**Specific objectives:**
Apply the main concepts already learnt in the previous chapter. Applications to interesting engineering problems will be carefully described.

**Related activities:**
During the laboratory sessions and using MatLab the student will implement several of the algorithms developed at the theory sessions. A simulation program dealing to a physical system linked to engineering has to be written by the interested students as a part of the evaluation of the course. There will be a public exposition of the work done.

**Full-or-part-time:** 60h
- Theory classes: 24h
- Self study : 36h


**Description:**
Discrete simulation. The game of life. Application to the study of virus replication. Fractal geometry and applications.

**Specific objectives:**
To introduce the student to this especial class of simulation techniques, where a set of empirical rules drive the evolution of a complex system settled in a 2D grid. This approach is often useful in biology and natural sciences.

**Related activities:**
The interested students have to write a simple program based on the discrete simulation methods as a main work of the course. There will be a specific session devoted to the exposition of the works done by the students at the end of the course.

**Full-or-part-time:** 30h
- Theory classes: 12h
- Self study : 18h
GRADING SYSTEM

Two classroom exams P1 and P2 and a practical work, T, consisting in planify and devise a computer algorithm aimed at solving a particular engineering problem.
Final qualification: 0.25 P1+0.25 P2+0.5 T.
NSAE does not have a final reavaluation exam.

The generic competence will be evaluated taking into account: 1) The ability of the student to apply the concepts explained in the classroom to practical engineering problems, 2) the self-study abilities of the students, improvement and collective work, 3) abilities to make a public presentation and defend the work done. The weight of the generic competence within the evaluation of the course will be of 10%.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Basic: