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Data of the subject	
Subject name	Fundamentals of Telecommunications
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DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT

Contextualization of the subject
Prerequisites
Students willing to take this course should be familiar with linear algebra, basic probability and statistics, and undergraduate-level programming. Previous experience with MATLAB is also desired although not strictly required.

Course contents

Contents
Theory
BLOCK 1: FUNDAMENTALS OF INFORMATION TRANSMISSION
Unit 1. Introduction
1.1 Introduction to the transmission of information
1.2 Divide et impera: OSI Layer stack
1.3 Packet Vs. Circuit switching
Unit 2. Application Layer's Functions
2.1 Main functions for the Application Layer



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2.2 HTTP and FTP examples

Unit 3. Transport Layer's Functions

3.1 Connection-Oriented Vs. Non-Connection-Oriented transmissions

3.2 Segmentation and Reassembly

3.3 Flow control: Sliding Window

3.4 Error Control: ARQ, go-back-N, Stop and Wait, and Selective Retransmission

3.5 TCP Vs. UDP

Unit 4. Network Layer's Functions

4.1 Fundamental Routing Functions

4.2 Network Resolution

4.3 IPv4 Vs. IPv6

Unit 5. Medium Access Functions

5.1 ALOHA

5.2 CSMA / CD / CA

Unit 6. Internet Stack

6.1 TCP/IP

6.2 ARP

6.3 Examples for common applications

BLOCK 2: FUNDAMENTALS OF SIGNAL TRANSMISSION

Unit 7. Signals and Linear Systems

7.1 Analog Vs. Digital Signals

7.2 Linear Systems

7.3 Fourier Series and Fourier Transform for analog signals

Unit 8. Sampling and Digitalization

8.1 Sampling

8.2 Quantization and Quantization Noise

8.3 Fourier Transform for digital signals

Unit 9. Fundamental Modulation Techniques

9.1 Modulation for analog signals: AM / FM

9.2 Electronic Noise

9.3 Modulation for digital signals: Base-Band and Pass-Band modulations

9.4 Signal-to-Noise Ratio and Bit-Error Rate

Unit 10. Multiplexing Systems

10.1 FDM

10.2 TDM

10.3 CDM

Laboratory

Lab 1. TCP/IP

In this first session, students will use a common software tool when trying to sniff the traffic in a communication network: Wireshark. This tool will be used to analyze the traffic generated in a laboratory LAN.

Lab 2. Matlab for Signal Processing



The aim of this session is that students become familiar with one of the tools that they will be using throughout the course: Matlab. Even if they are already familiar in general with the tool, this session will focus on how it can be used for signal processing thanks to the built-in libraries.

Lab 3. Sampling and Quantization

In the third lab session, students will use the previously acquired skills with Matlab to implement an ideal sampler. They will become familiar with concepts studied in theory such as the aliasing effect and the quantization noise.

Lab 4. Analog Modulation and Spectral Analysis

In the final session, students will leave the abstraction of software tools to perform some electrical experiments on modulation. During this session, the use of the Spectrum Analyzer will be introduced.

EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

Grading

Theory will account for 100%, based on a final exam. Lab activities and results will be included in the final exam by means of specific questions.

Course rules

- Class attendance is mandatory according to Article 93 of the General Regulations (Reglamento General) of Comillas Pontifical University and Article 6 of the Academic Rules (Normas Académicas) of the ICAI School of Engineering. Not complying with this requirement may have the following consequences:
 - Students who fail to attend more than 15% of the lectures may be denied the right to take the final the regular assessment period.
 - Regarding laboratory, absence to more than 15% of the sessions can result in losing the right to take the final exam of the regular assessment period and the retake. Missed sessions must be made up for credit.
- Students who commit an irregularity in any graded activity will receive a mark of zero in the activity and disciplinary procedure will follow (cf. Article 168 of the General Regulations (Reglamento General) of Comillas Pontifical University).

WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE

Activities	Date of realization	Delivery date
The work plan and schedule will be presented the first day of lesson		

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Basic References

- Slides prepared by the lecturer (available in Moodle)
- Discrete-Time Signal Processing (2nd Edition). Oppenheim, Schaffer, Buck. Prentice-Hall.
- Digital Signal Processing Handbook. Vijay K. Madisetti, Douglas B. Williams. Chapman & Hall
- Alan V. Oppenheim. Signals and Systems
- J. D. Sherrick. Concepts in Systems and Signals, Prentice-Hall

- Digital & Analog Communication Systems, 7th edition. Leon W. Couch. Prentice Hall

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Timetable Fundamentals of Telecommunications

15:00 - 18:00

M	Tu	W	Th	F
02-sep	03-sep	04-sep	05-sep	06-sep
Welcome Session	Theory Unit 2	Theory Units 3,4	Theory Units 5,6	
Theory Unit 1				
Lab 1 Intro Matlab for Signal Processing	Lab 2 Sampling and Quantization	Lab 3 AM modeling with Matlab	Lab 4 Spectrum Analyzer and Linear Filtering (PCB)	

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15:00 - 18:00

09-sep	10-sep	11-sep	12-sep	13-sep
Theory Units 7,8	Theory Units 8,9	Theory Units 9,10	Exam	
Lab 5 AM and FM Modulation (PCB)	Optical Fiber OOK modulation Optical propagation basics	Lab 6 & 7 Wireshark		