

59EC – Communications Electronic Engineering B. Eng. 59SC – Telecommunications Systems Engineering B. Eng. 59SO – Sound and Image Engineering B.Eng.
59TL – Telematics Engineering B. Eng.

Course code and name		
Code	595024234	
Name	Mobile Communications Networks	
Semester	S7 [(September-January)]	

Credits and contact hours		
ECTS Credits	6	
Contact hours	60	

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Specific course information				
Tuition language	Spanish			
Description of course content				
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List of topics to be covered

- 1. Introduction to cellular mobile systems.
- 2. GSM Systems: GSM, GPRS, EDGE.
- 3. 3G Systems: UMTS, HSDPA, HSUPA.
- 4. 4G/5G systems: LTE, LTE-Advanced, 5G.

Lab sessions:

- 1. Analysis of traffic and protocols in GSM networks: GSM, GPRS, EDGE.
- 2. Analysis of traffic and protocols in 3G networks: UMTS, HSDPA, HSUPA.
- 3. Protocol configuration and analysis in an LTE network.

Prerequisites or co-requisites

- Telecommunication Networks and Services
- Computer Networks
- Signaling and Switching

Course category in the program

☑ R (required) ☐ E (elective)

(elective courses may not be offered every year)



Specific goals for the course

Specific outcomes of instruction

- RA212 Ability to apply techniques that are based on networks, services and telematics applications in mobile environments, local and wide area, with different bandwidths and including telephony and data, systems management, signaling and switching, routing and routing and quality of service.
- RA349 Ability to describe the basic characteristics of cellular mobile systems.
- RA360 Ability to identify emerging technological alternatives in 4G.
- RA353 Ability to explain the structures of protocols on GSM/GPRS/EDGE interfaces.
- RA351 Ability to justify functional improvements between 2G technologies.
- RA357 Ability to detail the functionality of the elements of architecture in the 3G network: UMTS/HSDPA/HSUPA.
- RA350 Ability to establish a chronological classification comparison of mobile communications systems.
- RA355 Ability to relate messages signaling with the services of the level of link and the logical channels defined in the networks GSM/GPRS/EDGE radio interface.
- RA356 Ability to explain technical and functional improvements among the 3G technologies.
- RA223 Ability to advance with the technological progress in mobile environments both local and wide area in order to improve networks and telematic services.
- RA354 Ability to identify the functionality of control messages exchanged in the networks GSM/GPRS/EDGE radio interface.
- RA358 Ability to describe the interfaces and network protocols UMTS/HSDPA/HSUPA.
- RA359 Skill of linking the kind and quality parameters of service in UMTS.
- RA352 Ability to describe the functionality of the architecture elements of GSM mobile networks: GSM, GPRS, EDGE.
- RA219 Skill of building and exploiting the networks, services and telematics applications.
- RA735 Skill of describing the interfaces and protocols in LTE networks.
- RA213 Ability to advance with the technological progress in the areas of transmission, switching and processing in order to improve networks and telematic services.
- RA214 Ability to design and implement a communication network using the current systems, rules and recommendations for the telecommunications.
- RA734 Ability to describe the functionality of the architecture elements of a LTE network.
- RA736 Ability to analyze the basic procedures of a LTE network.

Further reading and supplementary materials

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