

Program	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 number and name		
Number	595000019, 595000318, 595000118, 595000218	
Name	Wave Propagation	
Semester	S7 [(September-January)] & S8 [(February-June)]	

	Credits and contact hours
<b>ECTS Credits</b>	4,5
<b>Contact hours</b>	45

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#### **Specific course information**

## **Description of course content**

Phenomena of generation and propagation of both electromagnetic and acoustic waves are studied.

The syllabus consists of 9 topics; the first one (Vector Operators) is a review of essential mathematical knowledges for a right progress of the course.

## List of topics to be covered

- 1. Vector operators
  - 1.1. Gradient of a scalar field
  - 1.2. Divergence and rotational of a vector field
  - 1.3. Helmholtz's theorem
- 2. Plane acoustic waves
  - 2.1. Complex notation
  - 2.2. Linear acoustics
  - 2.3. Wave equation. Harmonic solution
  - 2.4. Energy density. Acoustic intensity
- 3. Spherical acoustic waves
  - 3.1. Spherical wave equation
  - 3.2. Harmonic solution. Acoustic variables of a spherical wave
  - 3.3. Intensity of a spherical wave
- 4. Stationary acoustic waves
  - 4.1. Reflection and transmission of a plane wave
  - 4.2. Standing acoustic waves
  - 4.3. Impedance of a standing wave
- 5. Maxwell equations. Wave equation. Energy
  - 5.1. Maxwell's equations in differential form



- 5.2. Electrical and magnetic potentials
- 5.3. Wave equation for fields and potentials
- 5.4. Electromagnetic field energy. Poynting's theorem
- 5.5. Application: Radiation from an oscillating dipole
- 6. Propagation of electromagnetic waves in a dielectric medium
  - 6.1. Solution for plane waves
  - 6.2. Impedance and refractive index of the medium
  - 6.3. Energy propagation
  - 6.4. Polarization
- 7. Propagation of electromagnetic waves in conductive media
  - 7.1. Free charge density in the conductor. Transversal character
  - 7.2. Solution for plane waves. Complex magnitudes
  - 7.3. Energy balance
- 8. Reflection and refraction
  - 8.1. Reflection and refraction at the dielectric-dielectric boundary
  - 8.2. Fresnel equations
  - 8.3. Reflection and refraction coefficients
  - 8.4. Reflection and refraction at the dielectric-conductor boundary
- 9. Guided waves
  - 9.1. Standing waves produced by reflection at the dielectric-conductor boundary. TE and TM waves
  - 9.2. Waveguide formed by two parallel conductive planes
  - 9.3. Energy balance
  - 9.4. Rectangular waveguide

# **Prerequisites or co-requisites**

- Electromagnetism and Waves
- Calculus I & II
- Linear Algebra

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# Specific goals for the course

#### **Specific outcomes of instruction**

- RA94 To analyze plane and spherical acoustic waves within limited and unlimited environments.
- RA89 To analyze the main characteristics of the electromagnetic waves and fields
- RA95 To understand the basic properties of the device materials.
- RA85 To analyze the phenomena associated to the oscillations.
- RA88 To analyze the main characteristics of the magnetostatic field.
- RA87 To analyze the phenomena associated to the electric field.
- RA90 To understand and analyze the meaning and consequences of the Maxwell's equations.
- RA92 To analyze the effect of the boundary conditions and the guided



electromagnetic wave propagation.

- RA93 To analyze the phenomena associated to the radiation.
- RA86 To analyze the main characteristics of the wave propagation.
- RA91 To analyze the electromagnetic wave propagation in dielectrics and conductors.

## Further reading and supplementary materials

- Elementos de electromagnetismo. Matthew N. O. Sadiku. Edición 3<sup>a</sup>. Ed. Oxford University Press.
- Fundamentos de la teoría electromagnética. Reitz, Milford y Christy. Ed. Pearson Educación.
- Campos y ondas electromagnéticos. P. Lorrain y D.R.Corson. Ed. Selecciones Científicas.
- Fundamentos de Acústica. L.E. Kinsler, A.R. Frey, A.B. Coppens y J.V. Sanders.
   Ed. Limusa.
- Moodle.