

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 code and name		
Code	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					
Tuition language	Spanish				
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 co	vered				
1. Vector operators					
1.1. Gradient of a	scalar field				
1.2. Divergence ar	nd rotational of a vector field				
1.3. Helmholtz's th	neorem				
2. Plane acoustic way	ves				
2.1. Complex nota	tion				
2.2. Linear acousti	cs				
2.3. Wave equation	n. Harmonic solution				
2.4. Energy densit	y. Acoustic intensity				
3. Spherical acoustic	waves				
3.1. Spherical wav	e equation				
3.2. Harmonic solution. Acoustic variables of a spherical wave					
3.3. Intensity of a	spherical wave				
4. Stationary acoustic	c waves				
4.1. Reflection and	l transmission of a plane wave				
4.2. Standing acou	stic 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

## 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

- 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 3ª. 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.