

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT**

**Code:** 44281  
**Name:** Communications technologies  
**Cycle:** Master's Degree  
**ECTS Credits:** 5  
**Academic year:** 2025-26

**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
2199 - Master's Degree in Electronic Engineering	Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria	1	Second quarter

**SUBJECT-MATTER**

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
2199 - Master's Degree in Electronic Engineering	Digital systems and communications	COMPULSORY

**COORDINATION**

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**SUMMARY**

The subject Technology of Communications develops the content necessary to form the electrical engineer in digital transmission at high speed, typically above 200 MHz (100 Mbps) and up to 500 MHz (1 Gbps). The course describes the problems associated with the spread of digital signals in the frequency range that disrupt its integrity, including reflections and couplings and techniques to minimize these effects (terminations, adaptations, topologies). Concepts of the power distribution and timing and thermal aspects are also introduced.

The course provides a balance between the development of the theoretical aspects and simulations to observe and analyze the phenomena described. For this purpose, the Allegro SigXpert and Cadence tools are used.

**PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE****RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE**

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.



## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The background needed to follow the subject are: logic families and their typical output structures (totem-pole, open collector), circuits with transistors and signal propagation in transmission lines. On this last requirement its recommended to have followed the subject "Propagation on Physical Media" in the same Master of Electronic Engineering.

## COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Capacidad para el modelado matemático, cálculo y simulación en todos los ámbitos relacionados con la Ingeniería Electrónica y campos multidisciplinares afines. En especial los de tratamiento de la señal, sistemas digitales y de comunicaciones y electrónica industrial.

Capacidad para proyectar, calcular y diseñar productos, procesos e instalaciones en todos los ámbitos de la Ingeniería Electrónica y en particular los de tratamiento de la señal, sistemas digitales y de comunicaciones y electrónica industrial.

Conocer las técnicas avanzadas para la propagación de señales y datos mediante soporte físico, haciendo especial hincapié en el estudio de casos prácticos y el diseño de circuitos de microondas mediante líneas de transmisión.

Demostrar una comprensión sistemática de un campo de estudio y el dominio de las habilidades.

Diseñar un sistema, componente o proceso que cumpla unas especificaciones desde diferentes puntos de vista: electrónico, económico, social, ético y medioambiental.

Realizar un análisis crítico, evaluación y síntesis de ideas nuevas y complejas.

Ser capaz de fomentar, en contextos académicos y profesionales, el avance tecnológico, social o cultural dentro de una sociedad basada en el conocimiento.

Students should apply acquired knowledge to solve problems in unfamiliar contexts within their field of study, including multidisciplinary scenarios.

Students should be able to integrate knowledge and address the complexity of making informed judgments based on incomplete or limited information, including reflections on the social and ethical responsibilities associated with the application of their knowledge and judgments.

Students should communicate conclusions and underlying knowledge clearly and unambiguously to both specialized and non-specialized audiences.

Students should demonstrate self-directed learning skills for continued academic growth.

Take into account the economic and social context in engineering solutions, be aware of diversity and multiculturalism and ensure sustainability and respect for human rights and equality between men and women.



## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

### 1. Introduction to signal integrity

Signal integrity.  
Evolution of technology.  
Analysis of the interconnections.  
Spectral content.  
Signaling standards.  
High-speed logic families  
Modelling.

### 2. Fundamentals of high-speed digital communications through guided media

Localized and distributed parameters.  
Transmission lines.  
Multiconductor transmission lines.

### 3. Noise and crosstalk

Introduction.  
Crosstalk.  
Crosstalk in transmission lines.  
Backplane connections.  
Simultaneous Switching Noise.

### 4. PLL and syntethizers

Introduction  
Terminations  
Connectors  
Vias

### 5. Power and Clock distribution networks (PDN and CDN)

Introduction.  
Jitter.  
Clock signal distribution.  
Power distribution.

## WORKLOAD

**PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Theory	25,00
Laboratory	25,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>50,00</b>

**NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	25,00
Independent study and work	15,00
Preparation of lessons	35,00
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>75,00</b>

**TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

The teaching methods employed in the development of the course are:

a) Theoretical activities.

Expository development of matter with the student's participation in the resolution of specific issues.

b) Practical activities.

Solving practical problems

c) Student's personal work.

Description: Performing outside the classroom to issues and problems as well as the preparation of classes and exams (study). This task will be performed individually and try to promote self-employment.

We will use e-learning platforms (LMS) to support communication with students. Through it the student will have access to course materials used in class, as well as solving problems and exercises.

**EVALUATION**

The evaluation of the subject will consist of a written test, with theoretical and practical questions, and laboratory



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