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## Course Unit Description

# SISTEMAS DE EXPLORACIÓN ELECTROMAGNÉTICA

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## 1. Subject data

<b>Name</b>	SISTEMAS DE EXPLORACIÓN ELECTROMAGNÉTICA
<b>Code</b>	511103011
<b>Type</b>	Optativa
<b>ECTS</b>	7.5
<b>Length of subject</b>	Cuatrimestral
<b>Semester and course</b>	Curso 4º - Segundo cuatrimestre
<b>Speciality</b>	
<b>Language</b>	Inglés
<b>Mode of study</b>	Presencial



## 2. Lecturer data

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<b>Qualifcation/Degree</b>	Licenciatura en telecomunicaciones por la Universidad de Zagreb, Croacia; Doctora por la Universidad de Zagreb, Croacia (homologado por la UPCT) Acreditación ANECA Profesor Titular de Universidad
<b>Academic rank in UPCT</b>	Profesor/a Contratado/a Doctor/a de Facultades y Escuelas Superiores
<b>Number of five-year periods</b>	3
<b>Number of six-year periods</b>	2
<b>CV</b>	

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CV



### 3. Competencies and learning outcomes

#### 3.1. Basic curricular competences related to the subject

[CB3]. Students are required to have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their area of study) to make judgments that include a reflection on relevant issues of a social, scientific or ethical nature.

#### 3.2. General curricular competences related to the subject

[CG2]. Application of general technologies and fundamental subjects in the industrial domain for the solving of engineering problems

#### 3.3. Specific curricular competences related to the subject

[CE30]. Analyze topics applied to engineering and aircraft systems operations

#### Specific topic competences (for elective topics which have them)

#### 3.4. Transversal curricular competences related to the subject

[CT4]. Using information resources responsibly

#### 3.5. Subject learning outcomes

The main objective of the course is to understand the underlying principles of operation and capabilities of modern radar and radionavigation systems. Specifically, the student should be able to:

1. Explain the principles of electromagnetic wave propagation and radio detection
2. Enumerate the basic elements of radar systems
3. Explain the workings of radar subsystems and the influence of external factors
4. Identify the problematics associated with radar system design
5. Distinguish between different types of radar and modern radar applications and identify their capabilities and limitations
6. Explain positioning methods used in radionavigation
7. Explain the basic principles of operation of terrestrial navigation systems (point-to-point systems and aircraft landing systems)
8. Explain the basic principles of satellite navigation systems
9. Describe the capabilities and limitations of terrestrial radionavigation systems and global satellite navigation systems



## 4. Contents

### 4.1 Curricular contents related to the subject

Radio determination. Air navigation aids. Ground equipment. Onboard equipment. Radar.

### 4.2. Theory syllabus

Teaching modules	Units
BLOCK I. RADAR SYSTEMS Unit 1: Introduction to radar systems	Lecture 1: Introduction and Basic Concepts Lecture 2: The Radar Range Equation
BLOCK I. RADAR SYSTEMS Unit 2: Radar Subsystems and External factors	Lecture 3: Propagation effects Lecture 4: Radar Cross Section Lecture 5: Detection of Signals in Noise Lecture 6: Pulse Compression Lecture 7: Radar antennas Lecture 8: Clutter Lecture 9: Signal Processing - MTI and Pulse Doppler Techniques Lecture 10: Tracking and Parameter Estimation Lecture 11: Transmitters and Receivers
BLOCK I. RADAR SYSTEMS Unit 3: Selected Radar Applications	Lecture 12: Air Traffic Control Radars
BLOCK 2. RADIONAVIGATION SYSTEMS Unit 4: Introduction to radionavigation systems	Lecture 13: Introduction and Basic Concepts
BLOCK 2. RADIONAVIGATION SYSTEMS Unit 5: Terrestrial systems	Lecture 14: Direction Finding: Nondirectional Beacons (NDB), Automatic Direction Finding (ADF), VHF Direction Finding (VDF) Lecture 15: VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR), Distance Measuring Equipment (DME), Tactical Air Navigation (Tacan) Lecture 16: Aircraft Landing Systems: Instrument Landing System (ILS), Microwave Landing System (MLS)
BLOCK 2. RADIONAVIGATION SYSTEMS Unit 6: Satellite Systems	Lecture 17: Satellite Systems: Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS); fundamentals of satellite navigation; Global Positioning System (GPS); Global



#### 4.2. Theory syllabus

##### Teaching modules

##### Units

Orbiting Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS), Galileo, Compass

#### 4.3. Practice syllabus

##### Name

##### Description

Practical 1: Radar Range Equation

In this practical, students will become familiar with the radar range equation which describes the response of radar systems and involves the main design parameters.

Practical 2: Signal Analysis in a Continuous Wave Radar.

The different signals involved in the transmission and reception of this type of Radar will be analyzed.

Practical 3: Signal Analysis in a Pulsed Radar.

In this practical, the signals corresponding to the transmission, reception and processing processes of a pulsed radar will be simulated.

Practical 4: Pulsed Wave Radar.

Different experiments will be carried out in a Pulsed Radar to study the different characteristics and functionalities of this radar.

Practical 5: Characterization of pulsed radars.

In this practical, the students will analyze the different characteristics and benefits of the most relevant radars, both civilian and military.

##### Comments

#### Risks prevention

Promoting the continuous improvement of working and study conditions of the entire university community is one of the basic principles and goals of the Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena. Such commitment to prevention and the responsibilities arising from it concern all realms of the university: governing bodies, management team, teaching and research staff, administrative and service staff and students.

The UPCT Service of Occupational Hazards (Servicio de Prevención de Riesgos Laborales de la UPCT) has published a "Risk Prevention Manual for new students" (Manual de acogida al estudiante en materia de prevención de riesgos), which may be downloaded from the e-learning platform ("Aula Virtual"), with instructions and recommendations on how to act properly, from the point of view of prevention (safety, ergonomics, etc.), when developing any type of activity at the University. You will also find



recommendations on how to proceed in an emergency or if an incident occurs.

Particularly when carrying out training practices in laboratories, workshops or field work, you must follow all your teacher's instructions, because he/she is the person responsible for your safety and health during practice performance. Feel free to ask any questions you may have and do not put your safety or that of your classmates at risk.

#### 4.4. Comments

##### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The course "Electromagnetic Exploration Systems (EES)" is an elective course in the 4th year of the undergraduate program in Industrial Organization offered at the University Centre of Defence (CUD) as part of the formation of future Air Force officers at the Spanish Air Force Academy (AGA). Specifically, the main objective is for students to learn the basic theoretical and practical concepts of radar and radionavigation systems, and thus, develop the skills needed to apply them in their future professional practice.

Radar systems apply the concepts of electromagnetic wave propagation to detect objects (targets) and determine their distance (range). Modern radar systems can be used to track, identify, and image targets, and have numerous military and civilian applications, such as aircraft and missile detection and tracking, fire control, weather radar, and airport surveillance. The first part of this course covers the basic elements of radar systems, their underlying principles of operation, design issues and applications. It develops upon the basic concepts on radar systems introduced in course Security and Defense Technology.

In addition to the aforementioned radar applications, exploiting the properties of electromagnetic wave propagation is widely used in navigation systems to determine the position of moving objects with respect to a reference, referred to as radionavigation. The second part of this course covers a wide range of air radionavigation aids, including both terrestrial systems (point source systems, aircraft landing systems, and hyperbolic systems) and satellite systems.

The complex and practical character of the course will also be aimed at developing skills such as teamwork, independent learning, quality concern and critical thinking.

##### HOW THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES TO A PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Radar systems have extensive military applications, including target tracking, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions, as well as military and civilian applications in air traffic control and weather detection. Thus, knowledge of the underlying principles of operation of radar systems is critical for military officers with direct responsibilities in the areas mentioned. Furthermore, understanding the foundations of various radionavigation systems, specifically air navigation aids, including both terrestrial and





satellite systems, form an integral part of the formation of future Air Force officers. This course is meant to provide the fundamental knowledge needed to understand the theoretical workings and design of radar and radionavigation systems, and thus prepare the students with a solid theoretical background to face their practical training within the Spanish Air Force.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF LEARNING GOALS FOR EVERY TEACHING MODULE:

##### BLOCK 1: Radar Systems

##### Unit 1: Introduction to Radar Systems

##### TOPIC 1 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 1): RADAR SYSTEMS: INTRODUCTION AND BASIC CONCEPTS

The objective is to introduce the students to radar systems, outlining the basic concepts and design issues of modern radar.

##### TOPIC 2 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 1): THE RADAR RANGE EQUATION

The objective is to teach the students to interpret and calculate Radar Range Equation (RRE) which one of the basic and most important topics in radar systems, tying together all the radar subsystems and external factors.

##### Unit 2: Radar Subsystems and External factors

##### TOPIC 3 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 2): PROPAGATION EFFECTS

The objective is to teach the students the individual propagation effects affecting electromagnetic radar signals as they travel to and from the target.

##### TOPIC 4 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 2): RADAR CROSS SECTION

The objective is to familiarize the students with the basic concepts of the The Radar Cross Section (RCS) which is a measure of power scattered in a given spatial direction when a target is illuminated by an incident wave

##### TOPIC 5 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 2): DETECTION OF SIGNALS IN NOISE

The objective is to teach the students the basic concepts of detection of a target, a detection threshold, and the probabilities of false alarm and detection. These concepts will then be tied together in a description of the radar detection problem.

##### TOPIC 6 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 2): PULSE COMPRESSION

The objective is to teach the students the basic concepts and motivation behind Pulse Compression, including a discussion on range resolution, bandwidth and pulsewidth.

##### TOPIC 7 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 2): RADAR ANTENNAS

The objective is to familiarize the students with the fundamentals of radar antennas, such as field regions, radiation patterns (with a main focus on beamwidth, gain and sidelobes), and polarization.

##### TOPIC 8 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 2): CLUTTER

The objective is to familiarize the students with the concepts of radar clutter, the differences between clutter and noise, and the main measure used for clutter backscatter (called the scattering coefficient).

##### TOPIC 9 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 2): SIGNAL PROCESSING - MTI (MOVING TARGET INDICATOR) AND PULSE DOPPLER TECHNIQUES

The objective is to teach the students the basics of radar signal processing, i.e. Moving Target Indicator (MTI) and Pulse Doppler Techniques, beginning with a review of clutter characteristics from the previous topic, a review of the Doppler effect, techniques for measuring Doppler shifts in pulsed waveforms, Doppler velocity ambiguity, and finally the differences between MTI and Pulse Doppler Techniques.

##### TOPIC 10 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 2): TRACKING AND PARAMETER ESTIMATION

The objective is to familiarize the students with radar tracking, including Single Target Tracking and Multiple Target Tracking in Track-while-Scan (Automatic Detection and Tracking) and Phased Array Tracking radars.

##### TOPIC 11 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 2): TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS

The objective is to familiarize the students with aspects relating to radar transmitter



and receivers and transmitter/receiver architectures used in radar systems.

**Unit 3: Selected Radar Applications**

**TOPIC 12 (BLOCK 1, UNIT 3): AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL RADARS**

The objective is to familiarize the students with Air Traffic Control (ATC) radars such as Primary Surveillance Radars (En-route and Airport Surveillance Radars) and Secondary Surveillance Radars (SSR).

**BLOCK 2: Radionavigation Systems**

**Unit 4: Introduction to Radionavigation Systems**

**TOPIC 13 (BLOCK 2, UNIT 4): INTRODUCTION AND BASIC CONCEPTS**

The objective is to give a general introduction to radionavigation systems and associated Term. Common position fixing methods will be covered, as well as overview of the main navigation system performance parameters.

**Unit 5: Terrestrial Systems**

**TOPIC 14 (BLOCK 2, UNIT 5): POINT SOURCE SYSTEMS I (DIRECTION FINDING)**

The objective is to teach the students the basic principles of operation of point source systems based on direction finding (NDB, ADF, VDF), as well as their capabilities and limitations.

**TOPIC 15 (BLOCK 2, UNIT 5): POINT SOURCE SYSTEMS II (VOR, DME, TACAN)**

The objective is to teach the students the basic principles of operation of point source systems DME, VOR, and TACAN, as well as their capabilities and limitations.

**TOPIC 16 (BLOCK 2, UNIT 5): AIRCRAFT LANDING SYSTEMS**

The objective is to teach the students the basic principles of aircraft landing systems, as well as their capabilities and limitations.

**Unit 6: Satellite Systems**

**TOPIC 17 (BLOCK 2, UNIT 6): SATELLITE SYSTEMS**

The objective is to teach the students the basic principles of satellite systems, as well as the characteristics, capabilities and limitations of different global satellite navigation systems.



## 5. Teaching method

Name	Description	Hours	In-class
Theory classes in the classroom	Presentation and explanation of the course material. Resolving doubts. Special emphasis will be made on the fundamental and more complex theoretical aspects of the course. In-class: Active attendance and class participation. Taking notes. Questions.	55	100
Preparation of assignments / reports	Preparation of laboratory reports. Self-study: Personal or group work where the results of the work made in the laboratory will be described.	20	0
Completion of formative and summative evaluation activities	Preparing the individual written examinations In-class: Attending and taking the midterms and final exam.	4	100
Problem class in the classroom	Solving problems in the classroom and/or presenting case studies. In-class: Active attendance. Questions and problem solving.	10	100
Practical Laboratory Sessions	Explaining the laboratory exercises. Supervising and leading the laboratory classes. Evaluating student knowledge and participation. In-class: Individual and/or cooperative work in the laboratory under lecturer supervision. Active participation.	10	100
Tutorials	Resolving student questions and doubts related to the course. In-class: Actively participating in resolution of their questions/doubts.	4.5	100
Individual work / study	Lecture notes covering all course topics will be made available to the students to ease individual study. Self-study: Individual study. Problem solving.	84	0



## 6. Assessment method

6.1. Assesment system		
Name	Description and criteria	Percentage
Official written tests	<p>Partial Exam PEI_B1: A written exam consisting of theoretical and theoretical-practical questions and problems covering Topics 1-6 (32%)</p> <p>Partial Exam PEI_B2: A written exam consisting of theoretical and theoretical-practical questions and problems covering Topics 7-12 (32%)</p> <p>Partial Exam PEI_B13 A written exam consisting of theoretical and theoretical-practical questions and problems covering Topics 13-17 (26%)</p> <p>Final Exam (90%): The final exam is divided in 3 parts: PEI_B1 of the final written exam will consist of theoretical and/or practical questions aimed at evaluating the acquired knowledge of Topics 1-6 (32%) PEI_B2 of the final written exam will consist of theoretical and/or practical questions aimed at evaluating the acquired knowledge of Topics 7-12 (32%) PEI_B3 of the final written exam will consist of theoretical and/or practical questions aimed at evaluating the acquired knowledge of the material covered in Topics 13-17 (26%)</p> <p>(*) See comments below</p>	90 %
Formative and summative evaluation activities for the assessment of competence performance: - Evaluation by the teacher, Self-assessment and Co-assessment (peer evaluation) through quality criteria developed (rubrics) from laboratory reports, proposed problems,	Laboratory work: Evaluation based on participation, oral questioning and/or lab reports.	10 %



### 6.1. Assesment system

Name	Description and criteria	Percentage
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Cooperative Learning Activities, etc. - Observation charts (check-list, scales, rubrics) to evaluate performance. - Student portfolio and / or diary to assess self- reflection ability and dedication. - Completion of authentic tasks: simulations, case studies and / or real applied problems, etc.		
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### 6.2. Formative assesment

#### Description

Laboratory work: Evaluation based on participation, oral questioning and/or lab reports.

#### Information

As set forth in article 5.4 of the Reglamento de las pruebas de evaluación de los títulos oficiales de grado y de máster con atribuciones profesionales (UPCT), students in the special circumstances listed in the article 5.4 are entitled to a comprehensive assessment test, upon justified request which must be granted by the Department. This does not exempt them from carrying out compulsory tasks included in the teacher's guide of the subject (official syllabus).

#### Comments

(\*) There will be 3 individual written partial examinations during the semester: PEI\_B1 will cover topics 1-6, PEI\_B2 will cover topics 7-12, and PEI\_B3 will cover topics 13-17. For each partial exam, students who obtain a grade greater than or equal to 4.5 out of 10 have the option to skip that corresponding part of the final exam.



The Final examination will consist of three parts: Part PEI\_B1 covering Topics 1-6, Part PEI\_B2 covering Topics 7-12 and Part PEI\_B3 covering Topics 13-17 (Block 2: Radionavigation Systems) each carrying a maximum of 10 points. Each part will be taken by those students who did not pass the corresponding partial exam (received a grade <4.5) or by students who wish to try to improve upon their partial grades. Note: Students who decide to try to improve upon their partial grade(s) in the final exam, permanently renounce the grade received on the corresponding partial exam, irrespective of the result they obtain on the final exam.

The final grade is based on the grades received for each part (PEI\_B1, PEI\_B2 and PEI\_B3). To pass the course it is necessary to obtain a minimum score of 4.5 out of 10 for each part an overall minimum score of 5 out of 10 for the Final Grade. The grade for parts PEI\_B1, PEI\_B2 and PEI\_B3 can be obtained either through the partial exams or the Final Exam as outlined above.

Laboratory work grade (LAB) has no minimum grade and has a weight of 10%

The final grade will then be calculated as:

Final grade= 32%(PEI\_B1 grade) +32%(PEI\_B2 grade)+26%(PEI\_B3 grade)+10%LAB

To pass the course the student must obtain a Final grade  $\geq 5.0$ ,

such that PEI\_B1 grade  $\geq 4.5$ , PEI\_B2 grade  $\geq 4.5$  and PEI\_B3 grade  $\geq 4.5$

The grades received for each part (either from the partial exams or the final exam in June) which are  $\geq 4.5$ , and the laboratory work grade LAB, will remain valid for the exam call in August.



## 7. Bibliography and resources

### 7.1. Basic bibliography

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Merrill Skolnik Introduction to Radar Systems, 3 edition. McGraw-Hill Education; . 2002. 0072881380

Mark A. Richards (Editor), James A. Scheer (Editor), William A. Holm (Editor) Principles of Modern Radar: Basic Principles 1st Edition. Scitech Publishing. 2010. 978-1891121524

George W. Stimson Introduction to Airborne Radar, 3rd Edition. Scitech Publishing. 2014. 1613530226

### 7.2. Supplementary bibliography

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B. Hofmann-Wellenhof (Author), K. Legat (Author), M. Wieser (Author), H. Lichtenegger (Contributor) Navigation, Principles of Positioning and Guidance. Springer. 2011. B0014TI5JE

Peña Moran, L.c. Ayudas a la Navegación Aérea.. DIEGO MARIN LIBRERO EDITOR. 2000. 9788484250531

### 7.3. On-line resources and others

-All material used during the development of this course will be available online in the Virtual Classroom

-O'Donnell, Robert M. RES.LL-001 Introduction to Radar Systems, Spring 2007. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology: MIT OpenCourseWare), <http://ocw.mit.edu> License: Creative Commons BY-NC-SA