

**Module Description, available in: EN**

## Wireless Communications

**General Information****Number of ECTS Credits**

3

**Module code**

TSM\_WireCom

**Valid for academic year**

2024-25

**Last modification**

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**Explanations regarding the language definitions for each location:**

- Instruction is given in the language defined below for each location/each time the module is held.
- Documentation is available in the languages defined below. Where documents are in several languages, the percentage distribution is shown (100% = all the documentation).
- The examination is available 100% in the languages shown for each location/each time it is held.

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<b>Instruction</b>					X E 100%		
<b>Documentation</b>					X E 100%		
<b>Examination</b>					X E 100%		

**Module Category**

TSM Technical scientific module

**Lessons**

2 lecture periods and 1 tutorial period per week

**Entry level competences****Prerequisites, previous knowledge**

The students are expected to have basic knowledge on serial communication, communication topologies (e.g. point-to-point, point-to-multipoint), OSI reference model, statistics and Fourier analysis.

**Brief course description of module objectives and content**

The module starts with the physical properties of radio propagation, analog and digital modulation and forward error correction.

Then the students will be exposed to the functioning and characteristics of a selection of the most important wireless standards at the present time. The focus will be on the physical layer and the medium-access layer.

Exercises will be used throughout the course to exemplify the use and application of the module content to examine existing standards for a given problem in the context of the merits and limitations of each technology.

## Aims, content, methods

### Learning objectives and competencies to be acquired

The student will be able to

- discriminate between the various advanced modulation, coding and transmission concepts and explain their benefits and limitations
- explain the key characteristics of a selection of the most important wireless standards at the present time in regards to the Physical and Data Link layers
- research information on different wireless technologies
- select the most suitable wireless technology for a practical problem.

### Module content with weighting of different components

#### Common Fundamentals (25%)

Applications, requirements, market and frequency spectrum issues in wireless communications. Wireless receivers and transmitters, Radio propagation and Digital modulation and coding.

#### Standards(75%)

Introduction to a selection of the most important standards and technologies at the time of the course (the actual technologies taught may differ somewhat from this list) :

- GSM / UMTS / LTE / 5G / IoT
- GNSS (GPS, Galileo)
- Satellite Communication
- WLAN / Bluetooth
- RFID
- DAB
- etc.

### Teaching and learning methods

- Lectures
- Work through exercises
- Self-study:
  - completion of exercises
  - research using online and print resources
  - Analysis of case studies

### Literature

- Ke-Lin Du, M.N.S. Swamy, "Wireless Communication Systems", Cambridge, 2010
- J.-F. Wagen, "Mobile & Wireless Networks and Services", HEIA-FR book
- J. Proakis, M. Salehi, "Digital Communications", McGraw-Hill Press
- A. Paulraj, N. Nabar, D. Gore, "Introduction to Space-Time Wireless Communications", Cambridge Press
- C. Lüders, "Mobilfunksysteme", Vogel Verlag
- M. Sauter, "Grundkurs Mobile Kommunikationssysteme", Springer Vieweg Verlag
- D. von Grünigen, "Digitale Signalverarbeitung", Fachbuchverlag Leipzig
- Klaus Finkenzeller, "RFID-Handbuch", 7. Auflage, Hanser Verlag
- J. Schiller, "Mobilkommunikation", Addison-Wesley
- J.-M. Zogg, "Telemetrie mit GSM/SMS und GPS Einführung", Franzis Verlag
- R. Tanner (ed.), J. Woodard (ed.), "WCDMA Requirements and Practical Design", Wiley
- M. Sauter, "From GSM to LTE Advanced PRO and 5G", Wiley, 2011
- E. Dahlman, St. Parkvall, J. Skold, "4G LTE / LTE Advanced for Mobile Broadband", Elsevier
- E. Dahlman, St. Parkvall, J. Skold, "5G NR: The Next Generation Wireless Access Technology", Academic Press
- Gordon Colbach, "The WiFi Networking Book"
- Standards, e.g. 3GPP, IEEE 802.x, ETS 300 401, ISO/IEC 18000-6C, ISO/IEC 15693

## Assessment

### Certification requirements

Module does not use certification requirements

### Basic principle for exams

**As a rule, all standard final exams are conducted in written form. For resit exams, lecturers will communicate the exam format (written/oral) together with the exam schedule.**

### Standard final exam for a module and written resit exam

Kind of exam

Written exam

Duration of exam

120 minutes

Permissible aids

*Aids permitted as specified below:*

Permissible electronic aids

Calculator

Other permissible aids

Part of the exam will be open book and there may be also a part in which no reference material is allowed.

### Special case: Resit exam as oral exam

Kind of exam

Oral exam

Duration of exam

30 minutes

Permissible aids

*Aids permitted as specified below:*

Permissible electronic aids

Calculator.

Other permissible aids

No reference material will be allowed.