



Course file

Study cycle	BACHELOR IN CIVIL ENGINEERING			
Course	MATHEMATICAL METHODS TO CIVIL	Mandatory	\boxtimes	
Course	ENGINEERING	Optional		
Course scientific area	CIVIL ENGINEERING	Category	В	

Course category: B - Basic; C - Core Engineering; E - Specialization; P - Complementary.

	Year: 2nd	Semester: 3r	d	ECTS: 5,5		Total: 148
	Contact time	T:	TP: 45	PL: 22,5	S:	OT:

T - Lectures; TP - Theory and practice; PL - Lab Work; S - Seminar; OT - Tutorial Guidance.

Course Director	Title	Position
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Learning objectives (knowledge, skills and competences to be developed by students)				
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1-Modeling in continuous time				
2-Solve e.d.o. 's				
3-Drafting slope fields				
4-Analyze linear systems of e.d.o.'s				
5-Study harmonic oscillators				
6-To identify resonance phenomenon				
7-Calculate Laplace transforms and their inverse				
8-Study nonlinear systems of e.d.o.'s				
9-Determine Fourier series of periodic functions				
10-Approaching periodic functions through the Fourier partial sums and calculate the respective error				
11-To introduce mathematical software tools, like Matlab, Maxima or another.				
12-Implementing numerical methods for solving nonlinear systems				
13-Implementing numerical methods for function approximation				





14-Implementing numerical methods for solving differential equations

15-Develop a structured thinking and demonstrate analytical and critical skills in problem solving in engineering

Demonstration of the consistency between the syllabus and the course objectives

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Objs. 1,2,3: Secs. 1,3,4,5 TP, 3 PL; objs. 4,5,6,8: Secs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 TP, 3 PL; obj. 7: Sec. 5 TP; objs. 9, 10: Sec. 7 TP, 2 PL; objs. 11, 12, 13, 14: Secs. 1, 2, 3 PL; obj. 15: transversal.

Teaching methodology (evaluation included)

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The TP component, consists of theoretical and practical lessons, where we present the theory behind the techniques used, choosing carefully the statements to demonstrate and illustrating with examples, preferably of applications to engineering. Next, we present exercises, supporting students in their resolution. The assessment of this component is classic: with the realization of two mid term exams, yielding the final grade as their arithmetic mean; alternatively students can make a final exam in two alternative dates. Grades less than 8 are not considered and one of the mid term exams can be repeated in the first date of final exam.

The PL component consists in the presentation and implementation of numerical methods, as well as introduction to mathematical software, using, whenever possible, the models of Civil Engineering. The assessment of this component is done through one or more practical works.

The final grade is obtained using the formula 0.75*TP + 0.25*PL.

Demonstration of the consistency between teaching methodology and the course learning objectives

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The overall goals of a discipline of applied mathematics to engineering, are ,given the usual constraints of time available and level of prior knowledge by the students, to introduce students, in a theoretically solid way, to the main mathematical techniques used in the specific area of engineering concerned, with obvious focus on the respective applications. These objectives are achieved in the methodology used, and the application c to Civil Engineering, is enhanced by the Lab component, usually taught by a Civil Engineer.

Main Bibliography

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