

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Introduction to Telecommunications

Reference	EN2520	Version	8
Created	August 2021	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	March 2004	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2021	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide the student with the ability to analyse the fundamentals of communication techniques and information theory.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Discuss the fundamental principles of communication signals, modulation schemes and transmission systems.
- 2 Explain concepts around data transmission devices, channels and information theory.
- 3 Analyse simple digital and analogue based telecommunication systems.
- 4 Investigate and explain the behaviour of circuits and processes relating to telecommunications systems.

Indicative Module Content

Fundamental concepts: Frequency, phase, amplitude, SNR, BER. Time and frequency domain signal representation, bandwidth, noise. Analogue & digital modulation techniques. Radio transmitter and receiver topologies. Digital transmission: sampling, quantisation, companding, Pulse Code Modulation, Multiplexing. Information Theory: sources, entropy, channels. Data Transmission: Modems, Telecommunications standards.

Module Delivery

This module is delivered by a combination of lectures and tutorials. It will be supported by lab based practical work and activities involving computer simulation exercises.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	36
Non-Contact Hours	114	114
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 30% Outcomes Assessed: 4
 Description: Report or online assessment.

Component 2

Type: Examination Weighting: 70% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3
 Description: Closed book examination.

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The module has 2 components and to gain an overall pass a minimum D grade must be achieved in each component. The component weighting is as follows: C1 is worth 30% and C2 is worth 70%.

		Coursework:						NS
		A	B	C	D	E	F	
Examination:	A	A	A	B	B	E	E	
	B	B	B	B	C	E	E	
	C	B	C	C	C	E	E	
	D	C	C	D	D	E	E	
	E	E	E	E	E	E	F	
	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	
	NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination						

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module None.
 Corequisites for module None.
 Precluded Modules None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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