

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Modulation systems 310 (EMS 310)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	07
Programmes	BEng in Electronic Engineering 4-year programme BEng in Electronic Engineering 5-year programme
Prerequisites	ELI 220 GS and admission into relevant programme.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week, 9 hours practical per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Introduction to communication systems. Signals and the signal space, correlation, orthogonal signals, revision of the exponential Fourier series. Analysis and transmission of signals, revision of the Fourier transform, transmission channels and channel distortion, signal power and power spectral density. Analog modulation systems: amplitude modulation (AM), single sideband (SSB), vestigial sideband (VSB), phase modulation (PM), frequency modulation (FM). The phase locked loop (PLL). Sampled Systems (sampling theorem, aliasing). Pulse coded modulation (PCM) and quantisation noise, adaptive differential PCM (AD-PCM), delta modulation, pulse width modulation (PWM). Introduction to digital modulation. Line coding, pulse shaping, Nyquist's criterion, partial response signalling, digital receivers (equalisation and synchronisation), eye diagrams, digital modulation techniques: binary and M-ary amplitude shift keying (ASK), phase shift keying (PSK), frequency shift keying (M-FSK). The focus will be on analog and digital modulation techniques as applied to radio communication systems.

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