

## SUBJECT TEACHING GUIDE

1096 - Theory of Information and Channel Coding

Master's Degree in Telecommunication Engineering

Academic year 2025-2026

1. IDENTIFYING DATA					
Degree	Master's Degree in Telecommunication Engineering			Type and Year	Compulsory. Year 1
Faculty	School of Industrial Engineering and Telecommunications				
Discipline					
Course unit title and code	1096 - Theory of Information and Channel Coding				
Number of ECTS credits allocated	5	Term	Semester based (2)		
Web	<a href="http://gtas.unican.es/docencia/ticc">http://gtas.unican.es/docencia/ticc</a>				
Language of instruction	Spanish	English Friendly	Yes	Mode of delivery	Face-to-face

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3.1 LEARNING OUTCOMES
- The student will learn the main concepts linked to information theory as well as the fundamental limits which apply to communication systems.
- The student will know the limits of source coding and compression techniques.
- The student will know with the most usual block and convolutional codes.

**4. OBJECTIVES**

To know the fundamental concepts handled in information theory such entropy, relative entropy and mutual information.

To learn the fundamental limits of source coding and data compression.

To learn the implications linked to channel capacity and the fundamental limits which apply to point -to-point and multipoint communications.

To study the algebraic techniques supporting block channel coding.

To learn the main block code families as well as its coding and decoding techniques.

**6. SUBJECT PROGRAM**

CONTENTS

1	Basic concepts in Information Theory. Entropy, relative entropy and mutual information.
2	Source coding. Typical set of sequences and the Asymptotic Equipartition Theorem. Source Coding Shannon Theorem. Fix and variable length codes. Huffman Codes. Lempel-Ziv Coding.
3	Channel capacity. Binary symmetric channel. Binary erasure channel. Discrete memoryless channel. Channel Coding and Channel Capacity Theorem. The Gaussian channel.
4	Basic concepts in channel coding. Interleaving. Code concatenation. Errors and erasures.
5	Algebraic coding and decoding techniques. Finite fields. BCH and RS codes.

**7. ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA**

Description	Type	Final Eval.	Reassessn	%
The subject will be evaluated through a final exam whose mark, FEM, will be weighted with the one linked to the continuous evaluation, CEM, as $\max(FEM; FEM*0.6+CEM*0.4)$ . A mark $FEM \geq 4.0$ is required.	Written exam	Yes	Yes	60,00
The students not attending the lectures or deciding not to rely on the continuous evaluation will have the mark corresponding to the final exam.	Written exam	No	Yes	40,00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>100,00</b>
<b>Observations</b>				
The subject will be evaluated through a final exam whose mark, FEM, will be weighted with the one linked to the continuous evaluation, CEM, as the maximum of $(FEM; FEM*0.60+CEM*0.40)$ . A mark $FEM \geq 4.0$ is required.				
<b>Observations for part-time students</b>				
The students not attending the lectures or deciding not to participate in the continuous evaluation will obtain the mark corresponding to the final exam.				

**8. BIBLIOGRAPHY AND TEACHING MATERIALS**

BASIC

T. M. Cover, J. A. Thomas, Elements of Information Theory, 2nd Ed., John Wiley, 2006

D. J. MacKay, Information Theory, Inference, and Learning Algorithms, Cambridge University Press, 2003

G. C. Clark, J. B. Cain, Error Correction Coding for Digital Communications, Plenum Press, 1988

A. Michelson, A. Levesque, Error-Control Techniques for Digital Communications, John Wiley, 1985

