Course guide
230561 - IMPROCES - Image Processing in Biophotonics

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Unit in charge:	Barcelona School of Telecommunications Engineering
Teaching unit:	731 - OO - Department of Optics and Optometry.

Degree:	MASTER'S DEGREE IN PHOTONICS (Syllabus 2013). (Optional subject).

Academic year: 2023   **ECTS Credits:** 3.0   **Languages:** English

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer:	Consultar aquí / See here: https://telecos.upc.edu/ca/estudis/curs-actual/professorat-responsables-coordinadors/responsables-assignatura
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PRIOR SKILLS

Students are expected to be familiar with Python or Matlab

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:
CE3. (ENG) Màster en Fotònica:
Conocer los fundamentos de la física del láser, los tipos de láser y sus principales aplicaciones
CE4. (ENG) Màster en Fotònica:
Demostrar que conoce los fundamentos de la formación de imagen, de la propagación de la luz a través de los diferentes medios y de la Óptica de Fourier.
CE6. (ENG) Màster en Fotònica:
Haber realizado un conjunto de prácticas de laboratorio de nivel avanzado, similar al de futuros trabajos experimentales de investigación
CE9. (ENG) Màster en Fotònica:
Capacidad para sintetizar y exponer los resultados de investigación en fótonica según los procedimientos y convenciones de las presentaciones científicas en inglés.

Generical:
CG1. (ENG) Màster en Fotònica:
Capacidad para proyectar, diseñar e implantar productos, procesos, servicios e instalaciones en algunos ámbitos de la fotónica como los relacionados con la ingeniería fotónica, la nanofotónica, la óptica cuántica, las telecomunicaciones y la biofotónica

CG2. (ENG) Màster en Fotònica:
Capacidad para la modelización, cálculo, simulación, desarrollo e implantación en centros de investigación, centros tecnológicos y empresas, particularmente en tareas de investigación, desarrollo e innovación en todos los ámbitos relacionados con la Fotónica.
CG4. (ENG) Màster en Fotònica:
Capacidad para entender el carácter generalista y multidisciplinario de la fótonica viendo su aplicación por ejemplo a la medicina, biología, energía, comunicaciones o la industria

Transversal:

1. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES: Managing the acquisition, structuring, analysis and display of data and information in the chosen area of specialisation and critically assessing the results obtained.

2. ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION: Being aware of and understanding how companies are organised and the principles that govern their activity, and being able to understand employment regulations and the relationships between planning, industrial and commercial strategies, quality and profit.

3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Achieving a level of spoken and written proficiency in a foreign language, preferably English, that meets the needs of the profession and the labour market.

4. SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT: Being aware of and understanding the complexity of the economic and social phenomena typical of a welfare society, and being able to relate social welfare to globalisation and sustainability and to use technique, technology, economics and sustainability in a balanced and compatible manner.

5. TEAMWORK: Being able to work in an interdisciplinary team, whether as a member or as a leader, with the aim of contributing to projects pragmatically and responsibly and making commitments in view of the resources that are available.

Basic:

CB7. (ENG) Que los estudiantes sepan aplicar los conocimientos adquiridos y su capacidad de resolución de problemas en entornos nuevos o poco conocidos dentro de contextos más amplios (o multidisciplinares) relacionados con su área de estudio.

CB8. (ENG) Que los estudiantes sean capaces de integrar conocimientos y enfrentarse a la complejidad de formular juicios a partir de una información que, siendo incompleta o limitada, incluya reflexiones sobre las responsabilidades sociales y éticas vinculadas a la aplicación de sus conocimientos y juicio.

CB6. (ENG) Poseer y comprender conocimientos que aporten una base u oportunidad de ser originales en el desarrollo y/o aplicación de ideas, a menudo en un contexto de investigación

CB10. (ENG) Que los estudiantes posean las habilidades de aprendizaje que les permitan continuar estudiando de un modo que habrá de ser en gran medida autodirigido o autónomo.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Problem-based learning

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

This subject overviews several basic topics on digital image processing, focusing on biophotonics applications. This is a hands-on course that provides an in-depth treatment of image processing techniques, emphasizing software principles and practical implementation. Despite no previous knowledge of digital image processing is required, those students willing to attend this course should be familiar with Python or Matlab computing environments. No background on basic programming techniques will be provided.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours large group	24,0	32.00
Self study	51,0	68.00

Total learning time: 75 h

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Lab #1

Description:
Python concepts for image processing

Related activities:
Installation of the Anaconda Python distribution
Basic procedures in Python

Full-or-part-time: 1h
Guided activities: 1h

Lab #2

Description:
Basic image manipulation: channel processing, color maps.

Related activities:
Channels, luma, color maps and false color, look-up tables (LUT).

Full-or-part-time: 3h
Guided activities: 3h

Lab #3

Description:
Image binarization

Related activities:
Adaptive thresholding binarization
Error diffusion binarization (dithering)

Full-or-part-time: 3h
Guided activities: 3h

Lab #4

Description:
Color models: RGB, CIE, YCbCr, HSV

Related activities:
RGB coordinates from spectrum data. The CIE 1931 XYZ color model.
The YCbCr color model. Chroma subsampling.
The HSV color space. Use in image fusion.
Histogram equalization. Image entropy.

Full-or-part-time: 3h
Guided activities: 3h

Lab #5

Description:
K-means clustering.

Related activities:
Clustering of aerial images
Indexed color
Applications in biomedicine

Full-or-part-time: 3h 30m
Guided activities: 3h 30m

Lab #6

Description:
Mathematical morphology: Segmentation

Related activities:
Morphology to the rescue
Distance and Watershed transforms
Segmentation, labeling and counting of cells.

Full-or-part-time: 3h 30m
Guided activities: 3h 30m

Lab #7

Description:
Fourier transforms and spatial filtering.

Related activities:
Fourier series and filtering of spatial frequencies
Relative importance of amplitude and phase of the Fourier transform
Spatial filtering: Sharp cut-off low-pass filters, Laplacian filters, Gaussian filters, Butterworth filters, Quasi-periodic noise filtering
Spatial filtering in the image domain: Linear convolution kernels, the Kirsch compass kernel, Salt and Pepper noise and Roberts, Sobel and Prewitt filters
Image alignment by cross-correlation.

Full-or-part-time: 3h 30m
Guided activities: 3h 30m

Lab #8

Description:
Applications of Fourier filtering: image restoration and axial computer tomography

Related activities:
Point spread function of an optical system.
Image restoration filters.
Computer tomography. Radon transform.

Full-or-part-time: 3h 30m
Guided activities: 3h 30m

GRADING SYSTEM

Continuous assessment: Students must solve a total of 6 tasks (one per week). The weight of this part is 60% of the final grade.

Exam. Students must solve the proposed practical problem. Students can use the documentation, notes, and code discussed during the course. The use of their computer is encouraged and access to the internet will be granted during the exam. The weight of this part is 40% of the final grade.

Reassessment: Those students who have not passed the subject must submit the code of the totality of the problems discussed during the course. Grade 5 (pass) will be awarded if 80% of the exercises are successfully solved.

EXAMINATION RULES.

The exam will be practical, with full internet access and to the course documentation. The use of automatic code generators is not allowed.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Basic:
- González, R.C.; Woods, R.E. Digital image processing [on line]. 4th ed., global ed. New York, NY: Pearson, 2018 [Consultation: 28/05/2021]. Available on: https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/upcatalunya-ebooks/detail.action?docID=5573669. ISBN 1292223049.

RESOURCES

Hyperlink:
- ttps://scikit-learn.org/stable/. Resource
- http://scikit-image.org/. The skimage library
- http://docs.scipy.org/doc. Scipy documentation
- https://docs.opencv.org/3.4.1/d6/d00/tutorial_py_root.html. OpenCV-Python Tutorials