

## Optical Communication Systems (E012420)

Due to Covid 19, the education and assessment methods may vary from the information displayed in the schedules and course details. Any changes will be communicated on Ufora.

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 6.0**

**Study time 180 h**

**Contact hrs**

**60.0h**

### Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2021-2022

A (semester 2)	English	Gent	lecture	30.0h
			practicum	15.0h
			seminar: coached exercises	15.0h
B (semester 2)	Dutch	Gent	guided self-study	30.0h
			seminar: coached exercises	15.0h
			practicum	15.0h
O (semester 2)	English	Gent		

### Lecturers in academic year 2021-2022

Morthier, Geert

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lecturer-in-charge

Van Erps, Jurgen

VUB

co-lecturer

### Offered in the following programmes in 2021-2022

	crdts	offering
<a href="#">Bridging Programme Master of Science in Photonics Engineering</a>	6	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (main subject Communication and Information Technology )</a>	6	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (main subject Electronic Circuits and Systems)</a>	6	A
<a href="#">European Master of Science in Photonics</a>	6	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Electrical Engineering</a>	6	B
<a href="#">Master of Science in Photonics Engineering</a>	6	B
<a href="#">Master of Science in Photonics Engineering</a>	6	A, O

### Teaching languages

English, Dutch

### Keywords

optical fibre, communication links

### Position of the course

To acquire an understanding of the physical layer aspects of optical communication. To get to know the main components and understand their operation. To be able to take into account the component properties in the derivation of the system performance. Understanding of physical layer aspects of optical networks.

### Contents

- Optical communication systems: introduction: Historical perspective, Basic concepts, Introduction to noise
- Optical fibers: Geometry, fabrication and wave propagation, Dispersion and losses, Non-linear effects
- Optical transmitters: Basic concepts, LEDs, Semiconductor lasers, Noise and dynamics
- Optical receivers: Photo detectors, Receiver noise, BER and receiver sensitivity
- Optical amplifiers: Basic concepts, Semiconductor optical amplifiers, Raman and Doped Fiber Amplifiers, Noise of optical amplifiers
- Introduction to communication systems: Architectures and limiting factors
- Dispersion management: Pre- and post compensation, Dispersion compensation
- Multi channel systems: Modulation and multiplexing, WDM systems, WDM components, TDM

(optical)

- Introduction to access networks: Overview
- Introduction to solitons
- Introduction to coherent communication

### **Initial competences**

Electromagnetism, photonics

### **Final competences**

- 1 Knowing and understanding the main components and system concepts that are used in optical communication.
- 2 Being able to calculate signal to noise ratios for optical links.
- 3 Being able to design simple optical communication links.
- 4 Being able to use CAD tools for designing optical communication links.
- 5 Having acquired measurements skills with respect to optical communication.
- 6 Interpreting the datasheets of the most common optical communication components.

### **Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

### **Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

### **Teaching methods**

Practicum, Guided self-study, Lecture, Seminar: coached exercises

### **Learning materials and price**

"Fiber-Optic Communication Systems" van G. P. Agrawal, Wiley series in Microwave and Optical Engineering, 2010, 4th edition (ISBN 0-471-21571-6, target price 100 euros).

### **References**

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### **Course content-related study coaching**

### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term and continuous assessment

### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Written examination, Oral examination, Open book examination

### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Open book examination

### **Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Skills test

### **Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

### **Extra information on the examination methods**

During examination period: written open-book exam complemented with oral examination.

During semester: graded lab sessions. Frequency: 3 weeks.

### **Calculation of the examination mark**