

COM-302

Principles of digital communications

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Communication systems minor	E	Opt.
Communication systems	BA6	Obl.
Computer science	BA6	Opt.
HES - IC	E	Opt.

Contact language	English
Credits	6
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	Written
Workload	180h
Weeks	14
Hours	6 weekly
Lecture	4 weekly
Exercises	2 weekly
Number of positions	

Summary

This course is on the foundations of digital communication. The focus is on the transmission problem (rather than being on source coding).

Content

Optimal receiver for vector channels
 Optimal receiver for waveform (AWGN) channels
 Various signaling schemes and their performance
 Efficient signaling via finite-state machines
 Efficient decoding via Viterbi algorithm
 Communicating over bandlimited AWGN channels
 Nyquist Criterion
 Communicating over passband AWGN channels

Keywords

Detection, estimation, hypothesis testing, Nyquist, bandwidth, error probability, coding, decoding, baseband, passband, AM, QAM, PSK.

Learning Prerequisites**Required courses**

Signal processing for communications and Modèles stochastiques pour les communications

Important concepts to start the course

Linear algebra, probability.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Estimate the error probability of a communication link
- Design a "physical layer" communication link
- Implement a prototype of a "physical layer" transmitter/receiver via Matlab

Teaching methods

Ex cathedra + exercises + project. Lots of reading at home and exercises in class.

Assessment methods

With continuous control

Resources

Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/COM-302>

Prerequisite for

Advanced Digital Communications
Software-Defined Radio: A Hands-On Course