



COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS

Course name

Audio engineering

Course

Field of study

Electronics and Telecommunications

Area of study (specialization)

Level of study

First-cycle studies

Form of study

full-time

Year/Semester

2/4

Profile of study

general academic

Course offered in

English

Requirements

elective

Number of hours

Lecture

15

Laboratory classes

30

Other (e.g. online)

Tutorials

Projects/seminars

Number of credit points

4

Lecturers

Responsible for the course/lecturer:

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Responsible for the course/lecturer:

Prerequisites

Has a structured and mathematically grounded knowledge of one-dimensional signal theory necessary to understand the representation and analysis of signals in the time and frequency domain.

Has a structured, mathematically based detailed knowledge of basic methods of digital signal processing.

Can obtain information from literature and databases and other sources in Polish or English; can integrate information obtained, interpret it, reach conclusions and justify opinions.

Can solve basic problems in electronics and telecommunications with the use of mathematical analysis, algebra and probability calculus.

Can solve tasks related to the analysis of signals in time and frequency domain.

Can perform basic calculation algorithms using programming languages (e.g. Matlab, C).

Knows the limitations of his/her knowledge and skills and understands the necessity of further training.



Is aware of the necessity of a professional approach to solving technical problems and taking responsibility for the technical solutions he/she proposes. Is able to participate in team projects.

Course objective

Extending the knowledge on human auditory perception, understanding the underlying physics, and the limitations thereof. A deeper insight into most important digital processing techniques for speech and audio, and their applications in current telecommunications.

Acquiring deep knowledge on data compression techniques for speech and audio. Introduction to audio signal enhancement techniques. Introduction to speech recognition and synthesis, as well as musical sound synthesis.

Gaining the ability to select an appropriate data compression technique for speech and audio in wireless telephony, packet data transmission systems, DVB, internet TV, home cinema, and professional systems. Understanding the limitations of speech recognition and synthesis techniques as well as their possible applications in telecommunication systems and electronic services.

Course-related learning outcomes

Knowledge

Deep knowledge on construction and principles of audio parts in telecommunication systems. Structured and theoretically underpinned knowledge on compression techniques for speech and wideband audio, including applications of perceptual compression in communications via data transport networks.

Skills

Ability to analyze the operation of a multimedia system for its audio transmission path, as well as its limitations, and to gain the maximum use of the data transmission conditions offered. Ability to implement the audio path as well as to take into account the peculiarities of audio representation and perception, and how they impact the requirements of such systems. Ability to select appropriate tools for enhancement of an audio signal distorted or interfered by noise.

Social competences

Ability of self-learning (textbooks, computer programs).
Understanding the non-technical factors of engineering.
Knowing the responsibility for the electronic and telecommunication systems being designed.

Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows:

Lecture: written exam

The written exam is a set of 6-10 problematic questions, for which descriptive answer is expected.

Each answer is ranked from 0 to 1 points (fractional points also possible).

The exam is passed if the number of attained points is greater than 50%. More than 50% indicates the knowledge above of satisfactory level.

The course issues of which the questions are prepared, are sent to students by e-mail using the university's e-mail system.



Laboratories:

Activity during classes, reports from particular activities. Laboratory project realized individually/in small groups.

Programme content

Human auditory perception (the structure of the organ of hearing, the physical characteristics of the wave vs perceptual attributes of a sound, critical bands, limitations of perception, masking (simultaneous and temporal)).

Frequency domain and time-frequency representations of audio signals (STFT, the spectrogram, the uncertainty principle, filterbanks, cosine transform, MDCT, linear and quadratic time-frequency distributions, the uncertainty principle in time and frequency, Gabor transform, wavelet transform, subband analysis, filterbanks, cosine transform, MDCT, linear and quadratic time-frequency distributions, Wigner-Ville distributions, cepstrum analysis)

Spectral modeling of audio signals (linear AR, MA, and ARMA models, linear prediction, cepstrum, sinusoidal modeling and sinusoids+noise model)

Speech coding (lossy compression techniques: ADPCM, LPC, CELP, ACELP, RPE, AMR, vector quantization, sinusoidal coding, ITU-T standards and recommendations)

Perceptual coding of wideband audio (the peculiarities of subband and transform coding, fundamentals of perceptual coding, compression schemes of MPEG-1 and 2 layer 1, 2, and 3, MPEG-2 AAC, SBR bandwidth extension, parametric stereo coding, MPEG-4 AAC-HE technique, MPEG-USAC, parametric (model based) audio coding, discussion on MPEG-4 HILN and MPEG-4 SSC).

Lossless and lossy audio coding techniques: modeling of statistics, prediction with integer arithmetics, MPEG-4 ALS and SLS compression standards.

Audio signal enhancement for distorted and noised signals (adaptive filtering, prediction-based smoothing, LMS and RLS filters, narrowband and wideband noise suppression, spectral subtraction, nonlinear filters, masking and mitigation of gaps, reconstruction of missing frames in MPEG data).

Teaching methods

Lecture: multimedia presentation with examples presented on the blackboard.

Laboratories: implementation of projects on computers (individual or in groups of few people). Examples illustrated on screen/blackboard.

Bibliography

Basic

J. Watkinson, The Art of Digital Audio, Focal Press, 2001

Audio Signal Processing and Coding, A. Spanias, T. Painter, V. Atti, Wiley, 2007

DAFX, Digital Audio Effects, Udo Zoelzer (red.), Wiley, 2002



Additional

Breakdown of average student's workload

	Hours	ECTS
Total workload	100	4,0
Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher	55	2,0
Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for laboratory classes, preparation for exam) ¹	45	2,0

¹ delete or add other activities as appropriate