

Academic year	2015-16
Subject	11003 - Complex Networks
Group	Group 1, 1S
Teaching guide	A
Language	English

Subject identification

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Credits	0.75 de presencials (18.75 hours) 2.25 de no presencials (56.25 hours) 3 de totals (75 hours).
Group	Group 1, 1S
Teaching period	First semester
Teaching language	English

Professors

Lecturers	Horari d'atenció als alumnes					
	Starting time	Finishing time	Day	Start date	Finish date	Office
Victor Martinez Eguiluz	12:00	13:00	Wednesday	12/10/2015	15/01/2016	201-IFISC

Contextualisation

This is one of the compulsory courses of the Structural Module of the Master of Physics of Complex Systems. The aim of this subject is to introduce the recent developments of the so-called Theory of Complex Networks.

Requirements

Recommendable

It is highly recommended that students have taken statistical physics courses during their undergraduate studies and have at least basic knowledge of computational methods.

Skills

Specific

- * E2: To develop and apply optimally numerical algorithms for the simulation of complex systems.
- * E15: To understand the main concepts and techniques of complex networks.

Generic

- * TG2: To acquire the capability to develop a complete research project: bibliographic search, subject development and elaboration of conclusions.
- * TG3: To be able to write in a clear, precise and rigorous way the different steps of the research process and to present the results to an expert audience.



* 'TG6: To acquire high computational skills and advanced numerical methods capabilities in applications to problems in the context of complex systems.

Basic

* You may consult the basic competencies students will have to achieve by the end of the Master's degree at the following address: http://estudis.uib.cat/master/comp_basiques/

Content

Theme content

1. Introduction
 - History of complex networks. Sociology and Mathematics.
 - Examples of networks. Biological, social, technological networks.
 - Random networks. The Erdős-Rényi model.
 - Regular Networks.
2. Small-world networks
 - Diameter and clustering. Empirical evidence.
 - Watts-Strogatz model.
3. Scale-free networks.
 - Distribution of degree. Empirical evidence.
 - Barabasi-Albert model.
 - Choice. Configurational model.
4. Characterization of networks.
 - Correlations of degree. Assortativity. Betweenness.
 - Communities. Detection of communities.
 - Motifs.
5. Resilience of complex networks.
 - Percolation theory.
 - Tolerance of complex networks to errors and attacks.
6. Directed networks. Weighted nets.

Teaching methodology

In-class work activities

Modality	Name	Typ. Grp.	Description	Hours
Theory classes	Lectures	Large group (G)	The students will acquire the concepts and methodology to understand state-of-the-art research in complex networks.	18.75

At the beginning of the semester a schedule of the subject will be made available to students through the UIBdigital platform. The schedule shall at least include the dates when the continuing assessment tests will



be conducted and the hand-in dates for the assignments. In addition, the lecturer shall inform students as to whether the subject work plan will be carried out through the schedule or through another way included in the Campus Extens platform.

Distance education work activities

Modality	Name	Description	Hours
Individual self-study	Assignments & oral presentation	<p>The students will apply the concepts and techniques learnt during the lectures to solve assignments.</p> <p>The students will also present the final project as a short oral presentation and as a written report.</p>	56.25

Specific risks and protective measures

The learning activities of this course do not entail specific health or safety risks for the students and therefore no special protective measures are needed.

Student learning assessment

Lectures

Modality	Theory classes
Technique	Papers and projects (non-retrievable)
Description	The students will acquire the concepts and methodology to understand state-of-the-art research in complex networks.
Assessment criteria	<p>Participation in the lectures.</p> <p>Accuracy and quality of the presented work.</p>

Final grade percentage: 50%

Assignments & oral presentation

Modality	Individual self-study
Technique	Papers and projects (non-retrievable)
Description	The students will apply the concepts and techniques learnt during the lectures to solve assignments. The students will also present the final project as a short oral presentation and as a written report.
Assessment criteria	Presentation (both oral and written) and quality of the project proposed by the lecturer.

Final grade percentage: 50%

Resources, bibliography and additional documentation



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Basic bibliography

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S Fortunato, Community detection in graphs, Physics Reports 486, 75-174 (2010).
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