

## THEORY OF ELECTRICITY

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Code: 322119

Main Scientific Area: Electronics and hardware

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Language of Instruction: Portuguese

Regime: S1

Contact Hours: 60h Total Workload: 108h

ECTS: 6,0

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### **Objectives**

This curricular unit presents the concepts implicit in electrical and electromagnetic phenomena.

The aim is thus to enable students to better understand electrical phenomena, either by learning skills to analyze electrostatic and electromagnetic actions, or by applying the theoretical concepts presented to real situations.

### **Learning Outcomes**

Students who successfully complete this course should be able to:

Know and apply the concepts underlying the theory of electric fields and magnetic fields;

Understand, distinguish and apply the basic laws implicit in electromagnetic fields;

Apply the theoretical concepts presented in solving real problems.

### **Course Contents**

Electric Fields

Electric charge as a property of material

Conductors and insulators

Coulomb's Law

Electrical Field

Electrical Field of a Continuous Distribution of Charges

Electric Field Lines

Motion of Charged Particles in a Uniform Electric Field

Gauss' Law

Electric flow

Gaussian Law

Applications of Gauss' Law to Charged Insulators

Conductors in Electrostatic Balance

## Electric potential

Difference of Potential (Voltage) and Electrical Potential  
Potential Differences in a Uniform Electric Field  
Electrical Potential and Potential Energy of Point Charges  
Electrical Potential of Continuous Charge Distributions  
Potential of a Charged Conductor  
Calculation of the electric field from the Electric Potential.

## Capacity and Dielectrics

Capacity Definition  
Calculation of the Capacity of a Capacitor  
Capacitor Combinations  
Parallel Connection  
Serial Connection  
Energy from a Charged Capacitor  
Capacitor with Dielectrics

## Currents and Resistance

Electric current  
Resistance and Ohm's Law  
The Resistivity of Different Conductors  
Electrical Field  
Electrical Field of a Continuous Distribution of Charges  
Electric Field Lines  
Superconductors  
A Model for Electric Conduction  
Electric Energy and Electric Power.

## Series and Parallel Resistors

### Kirchhoff's Laws

### RLC circuit analysis

### sinusoidal alternating current

### Period, frequency and phase

### Electrical Instruments Production of alternating voltages

### Simple and compound voltages

### Connection of three-phase receivers

## Magnetic Fields

Definition and properties of the magnetic field  
Magnetic force in a conductor carried by an electric current  
Momentum over a loop of current in a uniform magnetic field  
Motion of a charged particle in a magnetic field

#### Magnetic Field Sources

The Law of Biot-Savart  
The Magnetic Force between two Conductors  
Ampere's Law  
The Magnetic Flux  
The Gaussian Law of Magnetism

#### The Magnetic Field of a Solenoid

#### Faraday's law

The Faraday Law of Induction  
The f.e.m. of induction on a moving conductor  
The Law of Lenz  
Induced Fields and Induced Electric Fields  
Generators and Engines  
Maxwell's Equations

#### Inductance

Self-Inductance  
RL Circuits  
Energy in a Magnetic Field  
Mutual Inductance

#### **Recommended Bibliography**

Villate, J. (1999, 2015). Electromagnetismo. Mc-Graw Hill.

Pollack, G. and Stump D. (2001). Electromagnetism. Addison Wesley.

Edminister, J. (1994, 2014). Electromagnetics, 2nd Edition, Mc-Graw Hill.

#### **Learning and Teaching Methods**

The syllabus is presented in order to explore in a sustained way the topics needed to complement the training students in the field of circuit analysis and electrotechnics seeking to deepen concepts related areas of major importance to the design activities of electronic circuits and alternated current systems. The content of the proposed syllabus addresses the various aspects essential to the fulfillment of these objectives, particularly in respect to current topics and recent developments.

#### **Assessment Methods**

The continuous evaluation will be obtained by performing 2 written Tests with equal weight of 35% each in obtaining the final result, requiring a minimum grade of 7 values in each one and a practical / research work, including its

presentation, with a weight of 30% in obtaining the final result, being also required a minimum grade of 7 values.

The approval will be obtained with a final result of 9.5 or more.

In case of not obtaining the approval in the continuous evaluation, the student can carry out the examination of resource with a weight of 70% in obtaining the final result.