

## Engineering methods

### Operational research

#### IDENTIFICATION

CODE : GI-3-S1-EC-ROO  
ECTS : 2.0

#### HOURS

Lectures : 2.0 h  
Seminars : 18.0 h  
Laboratory : 12.0 h  
Project : 0.0 h  
Teacher-student  
contact : 32.0 h  
Personal work : 12.0 h  
Total : 44.0 h

#### ASSESSMENT METHOD

IE [interrogation écrite]  
EE [évaluation écrite: poster,  
rapports].

#### TEACHING AIDS

Available on caseine.org:  
- lecture notes [in English and  
French]  
- virtual programming labs to  
implement and test the programs  
as self-training [in English]  
- quiz to check your understanding  
[in English]  
- French / English glossary +  
crossword puzzles

#### TEACHING LANGUAGE

English

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#### AIMS

This course belongs to teaching unit Informatique et mathématiques décisionnelles (GI-3-S1-UE-IMAD) and contributes to the following skills :

- A1 Analyze a system (real or virtual) or a problem [Level 2]
- A2 Operate a model of a real or virtual system [Level 2]
- C2 Modeling and designing an information, decision and production system, of goods and services [Level 2]
- C3 Evaluating, prototyping and simulating a system [Level 1]
- C4 Sizing the hardware and / or software of a system [Level 1]
- C5 Managing a production system and react to malfunctions [Level 1]
- C8 Managing supply in connection with the planning and inventory management policy [Level 1]
- C9 Localizing and assigning the production, storage and transportation processes to different members of the supply chain [Level 1]

By allowing the engineering students to work and be evaluated on the following knowledge :

- Linear programming, simplex algorithm, duality [A1, A2, C2]
- Integer linear programming, branch&bound algorithm [A1, C2]
- Use of Excel Solver and OpenSolver for decision support [x A2, C2, C3]

To be able to :

- Specify a linear program in integer or real variables from the description of a problem expressed in natural language [C2, C3]
- Design a decision support tool for the management of a production or transport process
- Design a decision support tool for the management of a production or transport process [A1, A2, C2, C4, C5, C8, C9]
- Identify the classic problem class to which a given real problem relates [A1, C2]

#### CONTENT

Introduction to operations research and its industrial applications  
Modeling in linear programming, graphical solving  
Simplex algorithm  
Duality and sensitivity analysis  
Branch & Bound  
Modeling in integer linear programming; modeling tips; concepts of complexity and formulation quality  
Backpack and bin-packing problem  
Modeling in PL/PLNE with Excel: application to a lot-sizing problem with capacity constraints  
Coverage and partition issues  
Traveling Salesman [TSP] and Vehicle Routing [VRP] Issues

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- Dinkel J. J., G. A. Kochenberger and D. R. Plane, Management Science Text and Applications, Irwin Editor, 1978, ISBN 0-256-02037-X
- Taha H. A., Operations Research an introduction, Sixth edition, Prentice Hall, 1997, ISBN 0-13-272915-b

#### PRE-REQUISITE

- Linear algebra [matrix calculation],
- Production management [MRP, concept of independent / dependent need].
- Use of simple Excel functions