

ECE - Electrical and Computer Engineering

ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING Courses

ECE 111. Information Literacy and Research for Electrical and Computer Engineering. 2 Credits.

An introductory course for ECE students that explores information literacy in terms of information basics, information need, searching, locating, and evaluating information sources, citing and ethics of information, understanding the crucial difference of proper citation versus plagiarism, intellectual property, patent law and copyright law, and trademarks in relation to development and implementation of electrical and computer engineering projects. Prerequisites: ENGN 110.

ECE 201. Circuit Analysis I. 3 Credits.

An introduction to the analysis and theory of linear electrical circuits. Topics include: passive component definitions and connection rules; independent and dependent sources, concepts of power & energy; Kirchhoff's laws; development of network reduction techniques; formulation of mesh-current and node-voltage equations; network theorems including Thevenin, Norton, Maximum power transfer, and superposition Theorem, Operational Amplifiers, Energy Storage Elements, and initial conditions. Time Domain Analysis of First Order and Second Order Circuits, Introduction to Phasors. Basics of matrices and linear algebra with Gaussian elimination; matrix applications to linear circuit analyses; MATLAB and Circuit Simulation software (Multisim) with analyses and applications to passive circuits. (offered fall, spring, summer) Prerequisites: ECE 111 or equivalent and a grade of C or better in MATH 212. Pre- or corequisite: PHYS 232N or PHYS 262N.

ECE 202. Circuit Analysis II. 3 Credits.

Time domain analysis; Sinusoidal steady state analysis; Phasor representation of AC Circuits, Maximum power transfer and Thevenin-Norton theorems for AC circuits; Frequency response of circuits (with R, L, and C components), Laplace Transforms and transfer functions of linear circuits; extension to frequency domain circuit analysis including Bode plots. Active and passive filter design and analysis. (offered fall, spring, summer) Prerequisites: PHYS 232N or PHYS 262N; MATH 280 or MATH 307 and a grade of C or better in ECE 201.

ECE 241. Fundamentals of Computer Engineering. 4 Credits.

This course develops the foundation of computer engineering for computer engineers as well as an introductory breadth appropriate for electrical engineers. Class topics include computer information, digital design (combinational and sequential circuits), computer organization, and assembly language. The laboratory includes building digital circuits (focusing on programmable logic), assembly language programming, and system interfacing. The use of a hardware description language is employed in class and the laboratory to specify, simulate and synthesize digital circuits. Prerequisites: CS 150 or ENGN 150 and MATH 211 with a grade of C or above for both.

ECE 242. Fundamentals of Computer Engineering Lab. 1 Credit.

Available for pass/fail grading only. The laboratory includes building digital circuits (focusing on programmable logic), assembly language programming, and system interfacing. The use of a hardware description language is employed in the laboratory to specify, simulate and synthesize digital circuits. This course is only for students who do not have the laboratory component in ECE 241. Prerequisites: CS 150 or ENGN 150 and MATH 211 with a grade of C or better for both, and written permission of the Chief Departmental Advisor of the Electrical & Computer Engineering Department.

ECE 287. Fundamental Electric Circuit Laboratory. 2 Credits.

Objective of course is to provide students in electrical and computer engineering with a 'hands-on' introduction to selected topics in electrical engineering. Students will use basic circuit analysis skills and programming skills to design, build, and test electrical networks interfacing to an Arduino Uno micro-controller. Labs will also provide an introduction to basic measurement techniques and electrical laboratory equipment (power supplies, oscilloscopes, voltmeters, etc). Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in both CS 150 or ENGN 150 and ECE 201. Pre- or corequisite: ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C and ECE 202.

ECE 300. Math Review for Graduate Engineering Analysis. 3 Credits.

Complex algebra, linear algebra and matrix methods, aspects of multivariable calculus, differential equations, Laplace transforms, and aspects of probability. Applications and examples in the field of electrical engineering will be used. The use of Matlab in engineering problem solving will be presented. Course not available to ECE undergraduate majors. Prerequisites: Departmental approval.

ECE 301. Review of Electrical Engineering Analysis. 3 Credits.

Electrical engineering problems, including time-domain and frequency-domain circuit analysis, analysis of networks with electronic components. The use of Matlab and Simulink in electrical engineering problem solving will be presented. Course not available to ECE undergraduate majors. Prerequisites: Departmental approval.

ECE 302. Linear System Analysis. 3 Credits.

This course covers the fundamental concepts of signal and linear system representation and analysis in continuous time. Topics include: Operations with sinusoids and complex exponentials. Signal properties, operations, and models. System properties, classification, and models. Time-domain system analysis, including impulse response, total system response, stability, and convolution. Fourier analysis of continuous-time signals and signal transmission through linear time-invariant systems. Ideal and practical filters. Advanced matrix operations and linear algebra with applications to signal and system analysis. Characteristic equation of a matrix, eigenvalues and eigenvectors. Performing time and frequency domain analysis using MATLAB. (offered fall, spring). Prerequisites: MATH 280 or MATH 307 and a grade of C or better in ECE 201 and ECE 202. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 287.

ECE 303. Introduction to Electrical Power. 3 Credits.

AC steady state power, single-phase and three-phase networks, electric power generation, transformers, transmission lines, electric machinery and the use of power. Energy resources, power plants, renewable energy, electric safety. (offered fall, summer) Prerequisites: a grade of C or better in ECE 201.

ECE 304. Probability, Statistics, and Reliability. 3 Credits.

Introduction to probability, probability models, discrete and continuous random variables, statistics, reliability, and stochastic processes. Applications include modeling of physical systems, data analysis, communications, designed engineering experiments, stochastic processes, and hypothesis testing. Prerequisites: a grade of C or better in MATH 212.

ECE 306. Discrete System Modeling and Simulation. 3 Credits.

An introduction to the modeling and simulation of discrete-state, event-driven systems. Models for Discrete Event Systems (DES) are presented including state automata, Petri nets, queuing models, and event graphs. Event management strategies are developed leading to methodologies for simulating DES models. Example engineering simulation applications covered include digital circuits, computer networks, manufacturing, and traffic. Investigation of the steps of a DES simulation study including problem formulation, conceptual model design, simulation model development, input data modeling, output data analysis, verification and validation, and design of simulation experiments. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ECE 241. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 304.

ECE 313. Electronic Circuits. 4 Credits.

Introduction to junction diodes, bipolar junction transistors (BJTs), MOS field-effect transistors (MOSFETs) and operational amplifiers (op-amps). Design concepts for discrete analog circuits with diodes, BJTs, MOSFETs and op-amps. The lab component introduces design and techniques for implementation of analog circuits. Prerequisites: CHEM 123N, a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, and a grade of C or better in ECE 201, ECE 202 and ECE 287. Pre- or corequisite: a grade of C or better in ECE 241.

ECE 320. Continuous System Modeling and Simulation. 3 Credits.

An introduction to the fundamentals of modeling and simulating continuous-state, time-driven systems. Topics include state-space model formulation of systems, model representation using block diagrams, stock-flow diagrams and bond graphs, and numerical integration techniques including Taylor series, families of Runge-Kutta and Adams methods. Application domains include electrical systems, signals (including sampling), physical, and biological simulations. Prerequisites: Junior standing. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 302.

ECE 323. Electromagnetics. 3 Credits.

This course provides an introduction to the basic concepts of electromagnetics. Topics include math fundamentals for electromagnetic studies, Maxwell's equations, electrostatics, electromagnetic waves, polarization, wave propagation in various media and across interfaces and transmission lines. This fundamental course is to build an electrical engineering/physics foundation for students and enable them to identify, formulate, and solve future engineering problems. Prerequisites: MATH 285 or MATH 312 and a grade of C or better in ECE 201, ECE 202 and ECE 287.

ECE 332. Microelectronic Materials and Processes. 3 Credits.

An introduction to fundamental properties of semiconductors and device fabrication processes. The topics include crystal structure, bonding, energy bands, doping, carrier densities, mobility, resistivity, recombination, drift, and diffusion. Basic structure of p-n junctions, BJTs and MOSFETs and their fabrication processes, including solid state diffusion, thermal oxidation of silicon, ion implantation, chemical vapor deposition, thin film deposition, photolithography and etching are reviewed. (offered fall and spring) Prerequisites: CHEM 123N and a grade of C or better in ECE 201, ECE 202 and ECE 287.

ECE 341. Digital System Design. 3 Credits.

Tools and methodologies for top-down design of complex digital systems. Important topics include minimization, mixed logic, algorithmic state machines, microprogrammed controllers, creating and using a gold model, data and control path design and data movement and routing via buses. Design methodologies covered include managing the design process from concept to implementation, verification using a gold model, and introduction to design flow. A hardware description language is used extensively to demonstrate models and methodologies, and is also used in design exercises and projects. (offered fall, spring) Prerequisites: a grade of C or better in ECE 241.

ECE 346. Microcontrollers. 3 Credits.

A hands-on approach to microprocessor and peripheral system programming, I/O interfacing, and interrupt management. A sequence of projects requiring the programming and integration of a microcontroller-based system is conducted. Project assignments require a microcontroller evaluation board and accessories supplied by the student. (offered spring) Prerequisites: a grade of C or better in ECE 241.

ECE 348. Simulation Software Design. 3 Credits.

Introduction to data structures, algorithms, programming methodologies, and software architectures in support of computer simulation. Topics include object-oriented programming, data structures (including lists, queues, sets, and trees), algorithms (including searching, sorting, and order of complexity), and advanced topics (reusable code, design patterns, multithreading, and coroutines). Simulation structures developed include event lists, time management, and queuing models. Software models are implemented and tested. Application areas focus on digital circuit and computer networks. The course also analyzes the broader impacts of simulation in a global, economic and societal context. Prerequisites: ECE 306, CS 381, and a grade of C or better in CS 250. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 341.

ECE 350. Mathematics for Data Analytics Engineering. 3 Credits.

Mathematical concepts for data analytics engineering including linear algebra, matrix operations, linear spaces, and advanced differential calculus. Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in MATH 212. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 304.

ECE 355. Introduction to Networks and Data Communications. 3 Credits.

This course introduces the basic concepts of computer networks and data communications. Topics include protocol layers, the application layer, the transport layer, the network layer, the data link layer, and the physical layer. Students will learn how to use network packet analyzer tools to do simple network analysis. Emphasis is on gaining an understanding of network engineering as it relates to system operation and maintenance. (offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 304 and a grade of C or better in ECE 241.

ECE 368. Student Internship/Cooperative Education. 1-3 Credits.

Student participation for credit based on the academic relevance of the work experience, criteria, and evaluative procedures as formally determined by the department and Career Development Services prior to the semester in which the work experience is to take place. Upon successful completion, the combination of three consecutive semesters of ECE 368 (one-credit internship) can be considered equivalent to one three-credit Technical Elective course. (offered fall, spring, summer) Prerequisites: Approval by department and Career Development Services.

ECE 381. Introduction to Discrete-time Signal Processing. 3 Credits.

This course covers fundamental digital signal processing (DSP) techniques that form the basis for a wide variety of application areas. Topics include discrete-time signals and systems, time domain analysis, solutions of difference equations, Z-transform analysis, discrete Fourier transforms (DFT), sampling theorem, and Fourier analysis of linear time-invariant systems. (offered fall and spring) Prerequisites: ECE 302.

ECE 387. Microelectronics Fabrication Laboratory. 3 Credits.

The laboratory course will enable students to fabricate MOSFETs, MOS capacitors, diffused resistors and p-n diodes. Students will be trained to operate the equipment required for wet and dry oxidation, thin film deposition, solid state diffusion, photolithography, and etching. Students will fabricate and analyze the devices by current-voltage characteristic, capacitance-voltage characteristic, film thickness and conductivity measurements. (offered fall and spring). Prerequisites: ECE 332.

ECE 395. Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 1-3 Credits.

Study of topics in electrical and computer engineering. Prerequisites: departmental approval.

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ECE 403/503. Power Electronics. 3 Credits.

Power electronics provides the needed interface between an electrical source and an electrical load and facilitates the transfer of power from a source to a load by converting voltages and currents from one form to another. Topics include: alternating voltage rectification, Pulse Width Modulation (PWM), DC converters (Buck, Boost, Buck-Boost, Cuk and SEPIC converters), negative feedback control in power electronics, isolated switching mode power supply, flyback and forward power supply, solid state power switches, AC inverter. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 303, ECE 313 and a grade of C or better in ECE 202 and ECE 287.

ECE 404/504. Electric Drives. 3 Credits.

Electric drives efficiently control the torque, speed and position of electric motors. This course has a multi-disciplinary nature and includes fields such as electric machine theory, power electronics, and control theory. Topics include: switch-mode power electronics, magnetic circuit, DC motor, AC motor, Brushless DC motor, induction motor, speed control of induction motor, vector control of induction motor, stepper-motor. (offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 303 and a grade of C or better in ECE 202 and ECE 287.

ECE 405/505. Power System Design & Analysis. 3 Credits.

This course covers basic power circuit analysis and introductory power system engineering and focuses on the transmission line design, power flow study, short circuit protection, and power distribution in electric power systems, followed by a survey of several applications and case studies. (offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 303 and a grade of C or better in ECE 202 and ECE 287, or equivalent knowledge in electric machines and circuits.

ECE 406/506. Computer Graphics and Visualization. 3 Credits.

The course provides a practical treatment of computer graphics and visualization with emphasis on modeling and simulation applications. It covers digital image and signal processing basics such as sampling and discrete Fourier transform, computer graphics fundamentals, visualization principles, and software architecture for visualization in modeling and simulation. Written communication and information literacy skills are stressed in this course. (Cross listed with MSIM 441.) (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 348 or CS 361.

ECE 407/507. Introduction to Game Development. 3 Credits.

An introductory course focused on game development theory and modern practices with emphasis on educational game development. Topics include game architecture, computer graphics theory, user interaction, audio, high level shading language, animation, physics, and artificial intelligence. The developed games can run on a variety of computer, mobile, and gaming platforms. (Cross listed with MSIM 408.) (Offered spring) Prerequisites: CS 361 or MSIM 331.

ECE 408/508. Fundamentals of Electric Vehicles. 3 Credits.

This course covers the fundamentals of electric vehicles and focuses on the components, power control, energy management, power train dynamics and other related topics in purely electric and hybrid electric vehicle systems, including a survey of several applications and case studies. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 303 and a grade of C or better in ECE 202 and ECE 287.

ECE 409/509. Introduction to Distributed Simulation. 3 Credits.

An introduction to distributed simulation. Topics include motivation for using distributed simulation, distributed simulation architectures, time management issues, and distributed simulation approaches. Current standards for distributed simulation are presented. Prerequisites: MSIM 331 or ECE 348.

ECE 410/510. Model Engineering. 3 Credits.

The goal of this course is to develop understanding of the various modeling paradigms appropriate for capturing system behavior and conducting digital computer simulation of many types of systems. The techniques and concepts discussed typically include UML, concept graphs, Bayesian nets, Markov models, Petri nets, system dynamics, Bond graphs, etc. Students will report on a particular technique and team to implement a chosen system model. (Cross-listed with MSIM 410.) (Offered spring) Prerequisites: MSIM 205. Pre- or corequisite: MSIM 320.

ECE 416/516. Cyber Defense Fundamentals. 3 Credits.

This course focuses on cybersecurity theory, information protection and assurance, and computer systems and networks security. The objectives are to understand the basic security models and concepts, learn fundamental knowledge and tools for building, analyzing, and attacking modern security systems, and gain hands-on experience in cryptographic algorithms, security fundamental principles, and Internet security protocol and standards. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 355.

ECE 419/519. Cyber Physical System Security. 3 Credits.

Cyber Physical Systems (CPS) integrate computing, networking, and physical processes. The objectives of this course are to learn the basic concepts, technologies and applications of CPS, understand the fundamental CPS security challenges and national security impact, and gain hands-on experience in CPS infrastructures, critical vulnerabilities, and practical countermeasures. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 355 or permission of the instructor.

ECE 441/541. Advanced Digital Design and Field Programmable Gate Arrays. 3 Credits.

Course will present FPGA technologies and methods using CAD design tools for implementation of digital systems using FPGAs. Topics include advanced methods of digital circuit design including specification, synthesis, implementation and prototyping; managing multiple clock domains, static timing analysis, timing closure, system reset design, simulation, and optimization; troubleshooting using embedded logic analyzers and integrated development environments (IDEs). Practical system design examples include general purpose data processing, system on a chip (SOC) prototyping, hardware accelerators, and an introduction to domain specific architectures. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 341.

ECE 443/543. Computer Architecture. 3 Credits.

An introduction to computer architectures. Analysis and design of computer subsystems including central processing units, memories and input/output subsystems. Important concepts include datapaths, computer arithmetic, instruction cycles, pipelining, virtual and cache memories, direct memory access and controller design. (offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 341 and ECE 346.

ECE 445/545. Introduction to Computer Vision. 3 Credits.

Overview of digital image processing including visual perception, image formation, spatial transformations, image enhancement, color image representation and processing, edge detection, image segmentation, and data processing method for computer vision applications. Hand-on projects will be introduced to better understand computer vision applications. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGN 150 or CS 150. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 350.

ECE 450/550. Introduction to Machine Learning for Data Analytics Engineering. 3 Credits.

Machine Learning provides a practical treatment of design, analysis and implementation of algorithms, which learn from examples. Topics include multiple machine learning models: linear regression, logistic regression, neural networks, support vector machines, deep learning, Bayesian learning and unsupervised learning. Students are expected to use popular machine learning tools and algorithms to solve real data engineering problems. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGN 150 or CS 150. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 350.

ECE 451/551. Communication Systems. 3 Credits.

Fundamentals of communication systems engineering. Modulation methods including continuous waveform modulation (amplitude, angle). Design and analysis of modulation systems and performance in the presence of noise. Communication simulation exercises through computer experiments. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 304 and ECE 302.

ECE 452/552. Introduction to Wireless Communication Networks. 3 Credits.

Introduction to current wireless network technologies and standards. The radio frequency spectrum and radio wave propagation models (pathloss, fading, and multipath). The radio link and link budgets. Modulation, diversity, and multiple access techniques. Wireless network planning and operation. Current and emerging wireless technologies (satellite systems, vehicular/sensor networks). (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 304 and ECE 302.

ECE 453/553. Analysis for Modeling and Simulation. 3 Credits.

An introduction to analysis techniques appropriate to the conduct of modeling and simulation studies. Topics include input modeling, random number generation, output analysis, variance reduction techniques, and experimental design. In addition, techniques for verification & validation are introduced. Course concepts are applied to real systems and data. Prerequisites: MSIM 205 or ECE 306 and ECE 304.

ECE 454/554. Introduction to Bioelectrics. 3 Credits.

Covers the electrical properties of cells and tissues as well as the use of electrical and magnetic signals and stimuli in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Typical topics to be covered include basic cell physiology, endogenous electric fields in the body, electrocardiography, cardiac pacing, defibrillation, electrotherapy, electroporation, electrotherapy in wound healing. In addition, ultrashort electrical pulses for intracellular manipulation and the application of plasmas to biological systems will be covered. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: PHYS 111N or higher; MATH 200 or higher.

ECE 455/555. Network Engineering and Design. 3 Credits.

This course is an extension of ECE 355 into a semester long project. Emphasis is on gaining an understanding of networking design principles that entails all aspects of the network development life cycle. Topics include campus LAN models and design, VLANs, internetworking principles and design, WAN design, design of hybrid IP networks, differentiated vs. integrated services, traffic flow measurement and management. (offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 355 or permission of the instructor.

ECE 458/558. Instrumentation. 3 Credits.

Computer interfacing using a graphical programming language with applications involving digital-to-analog conversion (DAC), analog-to-digital conversion (ADC), digital input output (DIO), Virtual Instrument System Architecture (VISA) and universal Service Bus (USB). Analysis of sampled data involving use of probability density function, mean and standard derivations, correlations, and the power spectrum. (offered spring, summer) Prerequisite: ECE 302 or permission of instructor.

ECE 461/561. Automatic Control Systems. 3 Credits.

Analysis and design of control systems as found in automobiles and aircraft, autonomous vehicles, robots, and many other engineering systems. Time and frequency domain techniques such as root locus, Bode, Nyquist and state space techniques are utilized together with computer-aided analysis and design. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 302.

ECE 462/562. Introduction to Medical Image Analysis (MIA). 3 Credits.

Introduction to basic concepts in medical image analysis. Medical image registration, segmentation, feature extraction, and classification are discussed. Basic psychophysics, fundamental ROC analysis and FROC methodologies are covered. (Offered every other spring) Prerequisites: a grade of C or better in MATH 212.

ECE 463/563. Design and Modeling of Autonomous Robotic Systems. 3 Credits.

This course focuses on autonomous robotics systems with emphasis on using modeling and simulation (M&S) for system level design and testing. Fundamental concepts associated with autonomous robotic systems are discussed. Course topics include: robotic control, architectures, and sensors as well as more advanced concepts such as error propagation, localization, mapping and autonomy. Design strategies that leverage M&S to accelerate the development and testing of sophisticated autonomous robotic algorithms for individual or teams of robots are covered. Prerequisites: CS 150 or ENGN 150.

ECE 464/564. Biomedical Applications of Low Temperature Plasmas. 3 Credits.

This course is cross listed between ECE, BME and BIOL. It is designed to be taken by senior undergraduate students and first year graduate students. The course contents are multidisciplinary, combining materials from engineering and the biological sciences. The course covers an introduction to the fundamentals of non-equilibrium plasmas, low temperature plasma sources, and cell biology. This is followed by a detailed discussion of the interaction of low temperature plasma with biological cells, both prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Potential applications in medicine such as wound healing, blood coagulation, sterilization, and the killing of various types of cancer cells will be covered. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: Senior standing.

ECE 470/570. Foundations of Cyber Security. 3 Credits.

Course provides an overview of theory, tools and practice of cyber security and information assurance through prevention, detection and modeling of cyber attack and recovery from such attacks. Techniques for security modeling, attack modeling, risk analysis and cost-benefit analysis are described to manage the security of cyber systems. Fundamental principles of cyber security and their applications for protecting software and information assets of individual computers and large networked systems are explored. Anatomy of some sample attacks designed to compromise confidentiality, integrity and availability of cyber systems are discussed. (Cross-listed with MSIM 470) (Offered fall) Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGN 150 or CS 150 and junior standing or permission of the instructor.

ECE 471/571. Introduction to Solar Cells. 3 Credits.

This course is designed to provide the fundamental physics and characteristics of photovoltaic materials and devices. A focus is placed on i) optical interaction, absorption, and design for photovoltaic materials and systems, ii) subsequent energy conversion processes in inorganic/organic semiconductor such as generation, recombination, and charge transport, and iii) photovoltaic testing and measurement techniques to characterize solar cells including contact and series resistance, open circuit voltage, short circuit current density, fill factor, and energy conversion efficiency of photovoltaic devices. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 332.

ECE 472/572. Plasma Processing at the Nanoscale. 3 Credits.

The science and design of partially ionized plasma and plasma processing devices used in applications such as etching and deposition at the nanoscale. Gas phase collisions, transport parameters, DC and RF glow discharges, the plasma sheath, sputtering, etching, and plasma deposition. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 323.

ECE 473/573. Solid State Electronics. 3 Credits.

The objective of this course is to understand basic semiconductor devices by understanding semiconductor physics (energy bands, carrier statistics, recombination and carrier drift and diffusion) and to gain an advanced understanding of the physics and fundamental operation of advanced semiconductor devices. Following the initial introductory chapters on semiconductor physics, this course will focus on the theory of p-n junctions, metal-semiconductor Schottky diodes, MOS capacitors, MOS field effect transistors (MOSFET) and bipolar junction transistors (BJTs). (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 313, ECE 323, ECE 332 and MATH 212.

ECE 474/574. Optical Fiber Communication. 3 Credits.

This course introduces seniors and first year graduates to the physics and design of optical fiber communication systems. The topics covered are: electromagnetic waves; optical sources including laser diodes; optical amplifiers; modulators; optical fibers; attenuation and dispersion in optical fibers; photodetectors; optical receivers; noise considerations in optical receivers; optical communication systems. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 323.

ECE 475/575. Transportation Data Analytics. 3 Credits.

This course presents the basic techniques for transportation data analytics. It will discuss statistical modeling, prominent algorithms, and visualization approaches to analyze both small- and large-scale data sets generated from transportation systems. Practices of using different data for various real-world traffic/transportation applications and decision making will also be discussed. Prerequisites: Basic probability and statistics (e.g., STAT 330 or ECE 304); any programming language such as C, Python or Java is beneficial but not required.

ECE 483/583. Embedded Systems. 3 Credits.

This course covers fundamentals of embedded systems: basic architecture, programming, and design. Topics include processors and hardware for embedded systems, embedded programming and real time operating systems. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 346.

ECE 484W. Computer Engineering Design I. 3 Credits.

Emphasis is on the design of a complex digital circuit and microcontroller interfacing. A semester-long project involves the design, simulation and testing of a digital architecture and software GUI. Several moderate scale digital modules are designed, simulated, implemented and tested during the semester. Design methods incorporate CAD design tools, implementation with advanced integrated circuit technology and contemporary software tools. Oral and written communication skills are stressed. This is a writing intensive course. (offered fall and spring) Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C; ECE 302; ECE 341; ECE 346; and ECE 381 OR ECE 320. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 304, ECE 313, and ECE 406 OR ECE 443.

ECE 485W. Electrical Engineering Design I. 3 Credits.

This course is designed to give senior electrical engineering students the opportunity to design and test electronic subsystems to address realistic engineering problems. Lectures focus on providing professional orientation and exploration of the design process. Small group design projects focus on the development of electronic subsystems. Oral and written communication skills are stressed. The students will be in groups of two or three and they are to develop a robot, test its capabilities and modify them to meet a design challenge in the last few weeks of the semester. Topics include programming the ARDUINO UNO, wire-wrap techniques, sensor testing, motor testing, and overall robot functioning. This is a writing intensive course. (offered fall, spring) Prerequisites: ECE 302, ECE 313 and ECE 381 and a grade of C or better in ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 303, ECE 304, ECE 323, and ECE 332.

ECE 486. Preparatory ECE Senior Design II. 2 Credits.

The course is the preparatory, proposal development section of part two of the senior capstone design experience for electrical and computer engineering majors. The course will focus on developing a proposal for a group design project. The senior design projects aim at developing engineering design skills of a complete computer/electrical system. Elements of developing a successful proposal are emphasized along with written communication skills. Industry-sponsored multi-disciplinary design projects are an option. Prerequisites: senior standing. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 484W or ECE 485W.

ECE 487. ECE Senior Design II. 2 Credits.

Part two of the senior capstone design experience for electrical and computer engineering majors. In this course, students will implement the design proposal developed in ECE 486. The senior design projects aim at developing engineering design skills of a complete computer/electrical system. Oral and written communication skills are emphasized. Industry-sponsored multi-disciplinary design projects are an option. Prerequisites: ECE 486. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 484W or ECE 485W.

ECE 488. ECE Senior Design III. 3 Credits.

Part three of the senior capstone design experience for electrical and computer engineering majors. Individual and group design projects focus on the development of complete electrical and computer systems. Oral and written communication skills are stressed. Industry-sponsored multi-disciplinary design projects are an option. Prerequisites: ECE 487.

ECE 491. Microelectronics Design Experience. 3 Credits.

This is a Virginia Microelectronics Consortium (VMEC) practical hands-on, state-of-the-art summer research internship experience in the laboratory. This is not a regular class, but a summer research internship open only to those undergraduate students who apply for and win a VMEC Summer Research Scholarship. The VMEC internship provides excellent technical knowledge as well as industrial and academic contacts for career development. Students complete a 10-13 week summer project on a microelectronics research project or design activity at an engineering school or in the State-of-the-Art Cleanroom of the two industry members of the VMEC, which are Micron Technology & British Aerospace Systems (BAE Systems) both in Manassas, VA. Details regarding eligibility and report requirements are available in the department during fall with application deadline of October 30 each fall. Prerequisites: Sophomore or Junior standing in electrical or computer engineering with GPA above 3.0 and department approval.

ECE 495/595. Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 1-3 Credits.

Study of topics in electrical and computer engineering. Prerequisites: departmental approval.

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Study of topics in electrical and computer engineering. Prerequisites: departmental approval.

ECE 498. ECE Senior Thesis I. 1 Credit.

Part one of a two-semester thesis project involving literature research, development of technical writing skills, and possibly obtaining lab experience using a variety of techniques and equipment. Each student will undertake a research experience under the supervision of a departmental faculty member. A preliminary report of research findings is required at the end of the semester. Upon successful completion, the combination of ECE 498 (1 credit) and ECE 499 (2 credits) can be considered equivalent to one 3-credit ECE Technical Elective Course. (Offered fall, spring, summer) Prerequisites: Major in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, or Modeling & Simulation Engineering; Cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 484W or ECE 485W.

ECE 499. ECE Senior Thesis II. 2 Credits.

Continuation of ECE 498. The research culminates in a thesis that includes a literature review, description of methods, results and conclusions, and an oral presentation. Upon successful completion, the combination of ECE 498 (1 credit) and ECE 499 (2 credits) can be considered equivalent to one 3-credit ECE Technical Elective Course. (Offered fall, spring, summer) Prerequisites: ECE 498, and a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better.

ECE 503. Power Electronics. 3 Credits.

Power electronics provides the needed interface between an electrical source and an electrical load and facilitates the transfer of power from a source to a load by converting voltages and currents from one form to another. Topics include: alternating voltage rectification, Pulse Width Modulation (PWM), DC converters (Buck, Boost, Buck-Boost, Cuk and SEPIC converters), negative feedback control in power electronics, isolated switching mode power supply, flyback and forward power supply, solid state power switches, AC inverter. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 303, ECE 313 and a grade of C or better in ECE 202 and ECE 287.

ECE 504. Electric Drives. 3 Credits.

Electric drives efficiently control the torque, speed and position of electric motors. This course has a multi-disciplinary nature and includes fields such as electric machine theory, power electronics, and control theory. Topics include: switch-mode power electronics, magnetic circuit, DC motor, AC motor, Brushless DC motor, induction motor, speed control of induction motor, vector control of induction motor, stepper-motor. (offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 303 and a grade of C or better in ECE 202 and ECE 287.

ECE 505. Power System Design & Analysis. 3 Credits.

This course covers basic power circuit analysis and introductory power system engineering and focuses on the transmission line design, power flow study, short circuit protection, and power distribution in electric power systems, followed by a survey of several applications and case studies. (offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 303 or equivalent knowledge in electric machines and circuits.

ECE 506. Computer Graphics and Visualization. 3 Credits.

The course provides a practical treatment of computer graphics and visualization with emphasis on modeling and simulation applications. It covers digital image and signal processing basics such as sampling and discrete Fourier transform, computer graphics fundamentals, visualization principles, and software architecture for visualization in modeling and simulation. Written communication and information literacy skills are stressed in this course. (Cross listed with MSIM 541.) (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 348 or CS 361.

ECE 507. Introduction to Game Development. 3 Credits.

An introductory course focused on game development theory and modern practices with emphasis on educational game development. Topics include game architecture, computer graphics theory, user interaction, audio, high level shading language, animation, physics, and artificial intelligence. The developed games can run on a variety of computer, mobile, and gaming platforms. (Cross listed with MSIM 508.) (Offered spring) Prerequisites: CS 361 or MSIM 331.

ECE 508. Fundamentals of Electric Vehicles. 3 Credits.

This course covers the fundamentals of electric vehicles and focuses on the components, power control, energy management, power train dynamics and other related topics in purely electric and hybrid electric vehicle systems, including a survey of several applications and case studies. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 303 and a grade of C or better in ECE 202 and ECE 287.

ECE 509. Introduction to Distributed Simulation. 3 Credits.

An introduction to distributed simulation. Topics include motivation for using distributed simulation, distributed simulation architectures, time management issues, and distributed simulation approaches. Current standards for distributed simulation are presented. Prerequisites: MSIM 331 or ECE 348.

ECE 510. Model Engineering. 3 Credits.

The goal of this course is to develop understanding of the various modeling paradigms appropriate for capturing system behavior and conducting digital computer simulation of many types of systems. The techniques and concepts discussed typically include UML, concept graphs, Bayesian nets, Markov models, Petri nets, system dynamics, Bond graphs, etc. Students will report on a particular technique and team to implement a chosen system model. (Cross-listed with MSIM 510.) (Offered spring) Prerequisites: MSIM 205 or equivalent. Pre- or corequisite: MSIM 320 or equivalent.

ECE 516. Cyber Defense Fundamentals. 3 Credits.

This course focuses on cybersecurity theory, information protection and assurance, and computer systems and networks security. The objectives are to understand the basic security models and concepts, learn fundamental knowledge and tools for building, analyzing, and attacking modern security systems, and gain hands-on experience in cryptographic algorithms, security fundamental principles, and Internet security protocol and standards. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 355.

ECE 519. Cyber Physical System Security. 3 Credits.

Cyber Physical Systems (CPS) integrate computing, networking, and physical processes. The objectives of this course are to learn the basic concepts, technologies and applications of CPS, understand the fundamental CPS security challenges and national security impact, and gain hands-on experience in CPS infrastructures, critical vulnerabilities, and practical countermeasures. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 355 or permission of the instructor.

ECE 541. Advanced Digital Design and Field Programmable Gate Arrays. 3 Credits.

Course will present FPGA technologies and methods using CAD design tools for implementation of digital systems using FPGAs. Topics include advanced methods of digital circuit design including specification, synthesis, implementation and prototyping; managing multiple clock domains, static timing analysis, timing closure, system reset design, simulation, and optimization; troubleshooting using embedded logic analyzers and integrated development environments (IDEs). Practical system design examples include general purpose data processing, system on a chip (SOC) prototyping, hardware accelerators, and an introduction to domain specific architectures. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 341.

ECE 543. Computer Architecture. 3 Credits.

An introduction to computer architectures. Analysis and design of computer subsystems including central processing units, memories and input/output subsystems. Important concepts include datapaths, computer arithmetic, instruction cycles, pipelining, virtual and cache memories, direct memory access and controller design. (offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 341 and ECE 346.

ECE 545. Introduction to Computer Vision. 3 Credits.

Overview of digital image processing including visual perception, image formation, spatial transformations, image enhancement, color image representation and processing, edge detection, image segmentation, and data processing method for computer vision applications. Hand-on projects will be introduced to better understand computer vision applications. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGN 150 or CS 150. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 350.

ECE 550. Introduction to Machine Learning for Data Analytics Engineering. 3 Credits.

Machine Learning provides a practical treatment of design, analysis and implementation of algorithms, which learn from examples. Topics include multiple machine learning models: linear regression, logistic regression, neural networks, support vector machines, deep learning, Bayesian learning and unsupervised learning. Students are expected to use popular machine learning tools and algorithms to solve real data engineering problems. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGN 150 or CS 150. Pre- or corequisite: ECE 350.

ECE 551. Communication Systems. 3 Credits.

Fundamentals of communication systems engineering. Modulation methods including continuous waveform modulation (amplitude, angle). Design and analysis of modulation systems and the performance in the presence of noise. Communication simulation exercises through computer experiments. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 304 and ECE 302.

ECE 552. Introduction to Wireless Communication Networks. 3 Credits.

Introduction to current wireless network technologies and standards. The radio frequency spectrum and radio wave propagation models (pathloss, fading, and multipath). The radio link and link budgets. Modulation, diversity, and multiple access techniques. Wireless network planning and operation. Current and emerging wireless technologies (satellite systems, vehicular/sensor networks). (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 304 and ECE 302.

ECE 553. Analysis for Modeling and Simulation. 3 Credits.

An introduction to analysis techniques appropriate to the conduct of modeling and simulation studies. Topics include input modeling, random number generation, output analysis, variance reduction techniques, and experimental design. In addition, techniques for verification & validation are introduced. Course concepts are applied to real systems and data. Prerequisites: MSIM 205 or ECE 306 and ECE 304.

ECE 554. Introduction to Bioelectrics. 3 Credits.

Covers the electrical properties of cells and tissues as well as the use of electrical and magnetic signals and stimuli in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Typical topics to be covered include basic cell physiology, endogenous electric fields in the body, electrocardiography, cardiac pacing, defibrillation, electrotherapy, electroporation, electrotherapy in wound healing. In addition, ultrashort electrical pulses for intracellular manipulation and the application of plasmas to biological systems will be covered. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: PHYS 111N or higher; MATH 200 or higher.

ECE 555. Network Engineering and Design. 3 Credits.

Emphasis is on gaining an understanding of networking design principles that entails all aspects of the network development life cycle. Topics include campus LAN models and design, VLANs, internetworking principles and design, WAN design, design of hybrid IP networks, differentiated vs. integrated services, traffic flow measurement and management. (offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 355 or permission of the instructor.

ECE 558. Instrumentation. 3 Credits.

Computer interfacing using a graphical programming language with applications involving digital-to-analog conversion (DAC), analog-to-digital conversion (ADC), digital input output (DIO), Virtual Instrument System Architecture (VISA) and universal Service Bus (USB). Analysis of sampled data involving use of probability density function, mean and standard derivations, correlations, and the power spectrum. (offered spring, summer) Prerequisite: ECE 302 or permission of the instructor.

ECE 561. Automatic Control Systems. 3 Credits.

Analysis and design of control systems as found in automobiles and aircraft, autonomous vehicles, robots, and many other engineering systems. Time and frequency domain techniques such as root locus, Bode, Nyquist and state space techniques are utilized together with computer-aided analysis and design. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 302.

ECE 562. Introduction to Medical Image Analysis (MIA). 3 Credits.

Introduction to basic concepts in medical image analysis. Medical image registration, segmentation, feature extraction, and classification are discussed. Basic psychophysics, fundamental ROC analysis and FROC methodologies are covered. (Offered every other spring) Prerequisites: a grade of C or better in MATH 212.

ECE 563. Design and Modeling of Autonomous Robotic Systems. 3 Credits.

This course focuses on autonomous robotics systems with emphasis on using modeling and simulation (M&S) for system level design and testing. Fundamental concepts associated with autonomous robotic systems are discussed. Course topics include: robotic control, architectures, and sensors as well as more advanced concepts such as error propagation, localization, mapping and autonomy. Design strategies that leverage M&S to accelerate the development and testing of sophisticated autonomous robotic algorithms for individual or teams of robots are covered. Prerequisites: CS 150 or ENGN 150.

ECE 564. Biomedical Applications of Low Temperature Plasmas. 3 Credits.

This course is cross listed between ECE, BME and BIOL. It is designed to be taken by senior undergraduate students and first year graduate students. The course contents are multidisciplinary, combining materials from engineering and the biological sciences. The course covers an introduction to the fundamentals of non-equilibrium plasmas, low temperature plasma sources, and cell biology. This is followed by a detailed discussion of the interaction of low temperature plasma with biological cells, both prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Potential applications in medicine such as wound healing, blood coagulation, sterilization, and the killing of various types of cancer cells will be covered. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: Senior standing.

ECE 570. Foundations of Cyber Security. 3 Credits.

Course provides an overview of theory, tools and practice of cyber security and information assurance through prevention, detection and modeling of cyber attacks and recovery from such attacks. Techniques for security modeling, attack modeling, risk analysis and cost-benefit analysis are described to manage the security of cyber systems. Fundamental principles of cyber security and their applications for protecting software and information assets of individual computers and large networked systems are explored. Anatomy of some sample attacks designed to compromise confidentiality, integrity and availability of cyber systems are discussed. Cross-listed with MSIM 570. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENGN 150 or CS 150 and junior standing or permission of the instructor.

ECE 571. Introduction to Solar Cells. 3 Credits.

This course is designed to provide the fundamental physics and characteristics of photovoltaic materials and devices. A focus is placed on i) optical interaction, absorption, and design for photovoltaic materials and systems, ii) subsequent energy conversion processes in inorganic/organic semiconductor such as generation, recombination, and charge transport, and iii) photovoltaic testing and measurement techniques to characterize solar cells including contact and series resistance, open circuit voltage, short circuit current density, fill factor, and energy conversion efficiency of photovoltaic devices. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 332.

ECE 572. Plasma Processing at the Nanoscale. 3 Credits.

The science and design of partially ionized plasma and plasma processing devices used in applications such as etching and deposition at the nanoscale. Gas phase collisions, transport parameters, DC and RF glow discharges, the plasma sheath, sputtering, etching, and plasma deposition. (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 323.

ECE 573. Solid State Electronics. 3 Credits.

The objective of this course is to understand basic semiconductor devices by understanding semiconductor physics (energy bands, carrier statistics, recombination and carrier drift and diffusion) and to gain an advanced understanding of the physics and fundamental operation of advanced semiconductor devices. Following the initial introductory chapters on semiconductor physics, this course will focus on the theory of p-n junctions, metal-semiconductor Schottky diodes, MOS capacitors, MOS field effect transistors (MOSFET) and bipolar junction transistors (BJTs). (Offered fall) Prerequisites: ECE 313, ECE 323, ECE 332 and MATH 212.

ECE 574. Optical Fiber Communications. 3 Credits.

This course introduces seniors and first year graduates to the physics and design of optical fiber communication systems. The topics covered are: electromagnetic waves; optical sources including laser diodes; optical amplifiers; modulators; optical fibers; attenuation and dispersion in optical fibers; photodetectors; optical receivers; noise considerations in optical receivers; optical communication systems. (Offered spring) Prerequisites: ECE 323.

ECE 575. Transportation Data Analytics. 3 Credits.

This course presents the basic techniques for transportation data analytics. It will discuss statistical modeling, prominent algorithms, and visualization approaches to analyze both small- and large-scale data sets generated from transportation systems. Practices of using different data for various real-world traffic/transportation applications and decision making will also be discussed. Prerequisites: Basic probability and statistics (e.g., STAT 330 or ECE 304); any programming language such as C, Python or Java is beneficial but not required.

ECE 583. Embedded Systems. 3 Credits.

This course covers fundamentals of embedded systems: basic architecture, programming, and design. Topics include processors and hardware for embedded systems, embedded programming and real time operating systems. (Offered fall) Pre- or corequisite: ECE 346.

ECE 595. Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 1-3 Credits.

Study of topics in electrical and computer engineering. Prerequisites: departmental approval.

ECE 596. Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 1-3 Credits.

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ECE 601. Linear Systems. 3 Credits.

A comprehensive introduction to the analysis of linear dynamical systems from an input-output and state space point of view. Concepts from linear algebra, numerical linear algebra and linear operator theory are used throughout. Some elements of state feedback design and state estimation are also covered. Prerequisites: MATH 307.

ECE 607. Machine Learning I. 3 Credits.

Course provides a practical treatment of design, analysis, implementation and applications of algorithms. Topics include multiple machine learning models: linear models, neural networks, support vector machines, instance-based learning, Bayesian learning, genetic algorithms, ensemble learning, reinforcement learning, unsupervised learning, etc. Prerequisites: Graduate standing.

ECE 611. Numerical Methods in Engineering Analysis. 3 Credits.

Course intended to provide graduate students in Electrical and Computer Engineering with a basic knowledge of numerical methods applied to engineering problem-solving process. The course includes the following topics: Introduction to computing (Matlab), Truncation errors and Taylor series, Numerical integration, Solution of non-linear equations, Least-Square regression, Interpolations, Ordinary and partial differential equations, and Finite difference methods. Applications to the area of electrical engineering. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or advisor's permission (for BS/MS students).

ECE 612. Digital Signal Processing I. 3 Credits.

This course will present the fundamentals of digital signal processing. Topics will include frequency domain analysis of discrete-time linear systems, sampling and reconstruction of signals, the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) and Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), and digital filter design and implementations. Practical applications and examples will be discussed. Problem solving using MATLAB is required. Prerequisites: ECE 381 or equivalent.

ECE 623. Electromagnetism. 3 Credits.

Review of electrostatic and magnetostatic concepts, time varying field, Maxwell's equations, plane wave propagation in various media, transmission lines, optical wave guides, resonant cavities, simple radiation systems, and their engineering applications. Prerequisites: ECE 323 or equivalent.

ECE 642. Computer Networking. 3 Credits.

The course is based on the ISO (International Standard Organization) OSI (Open Systems Interconnection) reference model for computer networks. A focus is placed on the analysis of protocols at different layers, network architectures, and networking systems performance analysis. Current topic areas include LANs, MANs, TCP/IP networks, mobile communications, and ATM. Prerequisites: ECE 455 or ECE 555 or permission of the instructor.

ECE 643. Computer Architecture Design. 3 Credits.

Digital computer design principles. The course focuses on design of state-of-the-art computing systems. An emphasis is placed on superscalar architectures focusing on the pipelining and out-of-order instruction execution operations. Prerequisites: ECE 443 or ECE 543.

ECE 648. Advanced Digital Design. 3 Credits.

This course introduces methods for using high level hardware description language such as VHDL and/or Verilog for the design of digital architecture. Topics include top-down design approaches, virtual prototyping, design abstractions, hardware modeling techniques, algorithmic and register level design, synthesis methods, and application decomposition issues. Final design project is required. Prerequisites: ECE 341.

ECE 651. Statistical Analysis and Simulation. 3 Credits.

An introduction to probabilistic and statistical techniques for analysis of signals and systems. This includes a review of probability spaces, random variables, and random processes. Analysis and simulation of systems with random parameters and stochastic inputs are considered. Prerequisites: MATH 312 and one undergraduate course in probability or statistics or permission of instructor.

ECE 652. Wireless Communications Networks. 3 Credits.

Fundamental concepts in wireless communication systems and networks: radio waveform propagation modeling (free-space, reflections and multipath, fading, diffraction and Doppler effects); physical and statistical models for wireless channels; modulation schemes for wireless communications and bandwidth considerations; diversity techniques; MIMO systems and space-time coding; multiuser systems and multiple access techniques (TDMA, FDMA, CDMA); spread spectrum and multiuser detection; introduction to wireless networking and wireless standards; current and emerging wireless technologies. Prerequisites: ECE 451 or ECE 551 or permission of instructor.

ECE 667. Cooperative Education. 1-3 Credits.

Student participation for credit based on academic relevance of the work experience, criteria, and evaluative procedures as formally determined by the department and the Cooperative Education/Career Development Services program prior to the semester in which the work experience is to take place.

ECE 668. Internship. 1-3 Credits.

Academic requirements will be established by the department and will vary with the amount of credit desired. Allows students an opportunity to gain short duration career related experience. Meant to be used for one-time experience. Work may or may not be paid. Project is completed during the term. Prerequisites: approval by department and Career Development Services.

ECE 669. Practicum. 1-3 Credits.

Academic requirements will be established by the department and will vary with the amount of credit desired. Allows students an opportunity to gain short duration career related experience. Student is usually already employed - this is an additional project in the organization. Prerequisites: approval by department and Career Development Services.

ECE 695. Topics in Electrical or Computer Engineering. 3 Credits.

This course will be offered as needed, depending upon the need to introduce special subjects to target specific areas of master's-level specializations in electrical or computer engineering.

ECE 698. Master's Project. 1-3 Credits.

Individual project directed by the student's professor in major area of study.

ECE 699. Thesis. 1-9 Credits.

Directed research for the master's thesis. Prerequisites: departmental approval.

ECE 731. Graduate Seminar. 1 Credit.

Graduate seminar presentations concerning technical topics of current interest given by faculty and invited speakers. Prerequisites: graduate standing.

ECE 742. Computer Communication Networks. 3 Credits.

This is an advanced level course in data communications. A focus is placed on the analysis, modeling, and control of computer communication systems. Topics include packet switched networks, circuit switched networks, ATM networks, network programming, network control and performance analysis, network security, and wireless sensor networks. Prerequisites: ECE 642 or permission of instructor.

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This course covers the theoretical foundation and application of commonly used techniques in biomedical engineering. Topics include linear algebra, partial differential equations, regression analysis, applied probabilities, multivariate distributions, Bayesian statistics, hypothesis tests, multiple comparisons, ANOVA, solution of non-linear equations, numerical methods and optimization. Programming software will be used to perform simulations and analyze biomedical data.

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This course will give an overview of the structure and dynamics of biomembranes, the ion channels that are embedded in them, and the electrical properties of biomembranes. Topics include molecular dynamics modeling of biomembranes, membrane damage and repair, ion channel dynamics and their experimental assessment using patch clamping, and excitability in neurons and cardiomyocytes. Prerequisites: ECE 454 or ECE 554 or BIOL 523.

ECE 762. Digital Control Systems. 3 Credits.

Mathematical representation, analysis, and design of discrete-time and sampled-data control systems. Topics include transfer function and state space representations, stability, the root locus method, frequency response methods, and state feedback. Prerequisites: ECE 381, ECE 461 or ECE 561, and ECE 601 or permission of instructor.

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ECE 774. Semiconductor Characterization. 3 Credits.

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Theory, design and fabrication of modern integrated circuits that consist of nano scale devices and materials. Topics include crystal growth and wafer preparation process including epitaxy, thin film deposition, oxidation, diffusion, ion implantation, lithography, dry etching, VLSI process integration, diagnostic assembly and packaging, yield and reliability. Prerequisites: ECE 473 or ECE 573.

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Principles and applications of computer vision, advanced image processing techniques as applied to computer vision problems, shape analysis and object recognition. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

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ECE 795. Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 3 Credits.

Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering Prerequisites: departmental approval.

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Principles and applications of computer vision, advanced image processing techniques as applied to computer vision problems, shape analysis and object recognition. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

ECE 887. Digital Communications. 3 Credits.

Fundamental concepts of digital communication and information transmission: information sources and source coding; orthonormal expansions of signals, basis functions, and signal space concepts; digital modulation techniques including PAM, QAM, PSK and FSK; matched filters, demodulation and optimal detection of symbols and sequences; bandwidth; mathematical modeling of communication channels; channel capacity. Prerequisites: ECE 451/ECE 551 or equivalent or permission of the instructor.

ECE 892. Doctor of Engineering Project. 1-12 Credits.

Directed individual study applying advanced level technical knowledge to identify, formulate, and solve a complex, novel problem in electrical and computer engineering.

ECE 895. Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 3 Credits.

Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Prerequisites: departmental approval.

ECE 896. Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering. 3 Credits.

Topics in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

ECE 897. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.

This course allows students to develop specialized expertise by independent study (supervised by a faculty member) Prerequisites: departmental approval.

ECE 899. Dissertation Research. 1-9 Credits.

Directed research for the doctoral dissertation. Prerequisites: departmental approval.

ECE 998. Master's Graduate Credit. 1 Credit.

This course is a pass/fail course for master's students in their final semester. It may be taken to fulfill the registration requirement necessary for graduation. All master's students are required to be registered for at least one graduate credit hour in the semester of their graduation.

ECE 999. Doctoral Graduate Credit. 1 Credit.

This course is a pass/fail course doctoral students may take to maintain active status after successfully passing the candidacy examination. All doctoral students are required to be registered for at least one graduate credit hour every semester until their graduation.