

**MEC 220 Practical Electronics for Mechanical Engineers**  
FALL 2017

---

**Instructor:** Noah D. Machtay, Ph.D., P.E., 146 Heavy Engineering Building, 2-9014  
e-mail: [noah.machtay@stonybrook.edu](mailto:noah.machtay@stonybrook.edu)  
(emails will generally be answered within 2 business days)

**Office Hours:** M&W 2-3PM, HE146

**Lecture:** MWF 9:00-9:50am, Frey 102

**Attendance policy:** Lectures are required – there will be no make-ups for announced or unannounced in-class assignments. When scheduled, lab sessions are absolutely mandatory. Students who are late for or miss a lab session will receive a grade of zero for that lab report.

**Recommended Text:** Horowitz and Hill, "The Art of Electronics," 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Cambridge University Press 2015. ISBN: 978-0-521-80926-9.

**Required Materials:** Each lab group will require and must provide one (1) of the electronics kits used for Dr. Purwar's MEC101 (see campus bookstore for pricing); a delta kit containing supplementary materials will be provided by the lab, and must be returned to the lab at the end of the semester.

**Assignments:** Homework problems have been assigned for the duration of the semester, and have been posted along with their solutions. Homework is not graded, due to the prevalence of website selling solutions to homework sets. Homework is assigned solely for the benefit of the student, so that they may practice the principles discussed during lecture, evaluate their understanding, and, in part, prepare for examinations. There will also be a number of laboratory projects that must be completed and submitted. Assignments are due and must be submitted as specified on Blackboard, through the Blackboard system; it is each group member's responsibility to ensure that their reports are properly submitted through Blackboard before the deadline; late submissions will result in a grade of zero for the assignment.

**Lab work:** Students will form into lab groups of 4. Lab groups are responsible for conducting experiments and design work as instructed, and preparing and submitting reports as a group. It is each student's responsibility to ensure that the group functions well and achieves the assigned goals. Students found to be making insufficient contributions to their group's work will be removed from the group, and will receive a grade of zero for all lab work, at the sole discretion of the instructor.

**Exams:** *Two midterm exams and a final exam.* Dates TBA. No make-up exams will be given. Exams will be closed book and closed notes

**Assessment Questions:** In order to receive a passing grade for this class, students must answer a set of assessment questions which will be administered throughout the semester. Assessment questions represent straightforward applications of concepts which are fundamental to the topic of this course.

**Grading:** *1<sup>st</sup> midterm: 10%, 2<sup>nd</sup> midterm: 10%, Lab and Design work: 40%, Final: 30%, Participation: 10%.*

**Cell phone and electronic device policy:** Cellular phones or other communication devices are not permitted in lectures or labs, and are especially prohibited from exams. If you are found to be in possession of such a device during an exam, you will be ejected from the exam and will receive a grade of

zero. Audio or video recording or photography during lectures is strictly prohibited, and anyone found in violation will be ejected from the course with a failing grade. Students may not use personal electronic devices during lectures, exams, or lab sessions – this includes but is not limited to cell phones, laptop computers, cameras, music devices, etc.

**Excused absences for religious observance:** From the university policy statement regarding religious holidays (<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/registrar/calendars/ucalcontent/RelHolPol%20081612%20cr.pdf>) “Students will be expected to notify their professor in advance, but definitely before the final date of the ‘add/drop’ period of their intention to be out for religious observance”. Notification of intention to be out for a religious holiday **MUST** be made through the CEAS Undergraduate office, who will verify and evaluate the notification, and provide the instructor with appropriate instructions; you must include your name, SBID#, and the course number when contacting CEAS in regards to your absence.

**Course Objectives:** This is a lecture and laboratory 2 credit course that will overview basic electronics from a practical level (versus a theoretical approach) to provide mechanical engineering students with the fundamentals to do basic electronics work needed for laboratories, subsequent courses, and their professional careers.

**Prerequisites:** PHY127, PHY132, or PHY142.

### Americans with Disabilities Act

If you have a physical, psychological, medical or learning disability that may impact your course work, please contact Disability Support Services, ECC (Educational Communications Center) Building, room 128, (631) 632-6748. They will determine with you what accommodations are necessary and appropriate. All information and documentation is confidential. Students requiring emergency evacuation are encouraged to discuss their needs with their professors and Disability Support Services. For procedures and information, go to the following web site: [www.stonybrook.edu/dss](http://www.stonybrook.edu/dss)

### Statement on Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is an extremely serious offense and will not be tolerated in any form. Academic dishonesty in general is the presentation of intellectual work that is not originally yours. Examples include, *but are not limited to*, copying or plagiarizing class assignments including homework, reports, designs, and other submitted materials; copying or otherwise communicating answers on exams with other students; bringing unapproved aids, either in physical (written) or electronic form to an exam; obtaining copies of an exam prior to its administration, etc. Academic dishonesty violates both the ethical and moral standards of the Engineering profession and all infractions related to academic dishonesty will be prosecuted to the fullest via the CEAS CASA committee. For you, the honest student, academic dishonesty results in lower class curves, hence a depression in your GPA and class standing, while cheapening the degree you earn. Please note that failing to provide proper citations in a paper or report constitutes plagiarism and will be prosecuted accordingly. Be sure to cite your sources!<sup>1</sup>

### Allowed Calculators

For both security and uniformity in this class **only** the following calculators will be allowed to be used on the midterm and final exams. **There will be no exceptions.** This list of calculators is identical to that allowed for the *National Council for Examiners for Engineering and Surveying* (NCEES) **Fundamentals of Engineering** (FE) exam that many of you will take in your senior year, as well as the **Professional Engineering** (PE) exam that you may take several years from now. The sooner you become comfortable on one of these calculators, the better. If you have any questions on this policy please feel free to contact me. The NCEES policy on calculators can be found here:

[http://www.ncees.org/Exams/Exam-day\\_policies/Calculator\\_policy.php](http://www.ncees.org/Exams/Exam-day_policies/Calculator_policy.php)

**Casio:** All **fx-115** models. Any Casio calculator must contain **fx-115** in its model name.

**Hewlett Packard:** The **HP 33s** and **HP 35s** models, but no others.

**Texas Instruments:** All **TI-30X** and **TI-36X** models. Any Texas Instruments calculator must contain either **TI-30X** or **TI-36X** in its model name.

---

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Jon Longtin, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Stony Brook University

Course Learning Objectives
1. Ability to analyze simple resistive circuits
2. Ability to analyze circuits with operational amplifiers
3. Ability to analyze capacitive and inductive circuits
4. Ability to analyze circuits with transistors and diodes
5. Ability to analyze AC circuits prevalent in MEC field
6. Ability to read and interpret circuit diagrams
7. Ability to use information from product datasheets to solve a circuit design problem to meet given specifications in the absence of a prescribed solution

Grading Policy:

Undergraduate:	
100-95 = A	
94-90 = A-	
89-87 = B+	
86-84 = B	
83-80 = B-	
79-77 = C+	
76-74 = C	
73-70 = C-	
69-65 = D+	
64-60 = D	
<60 = F	

Note: All grades are TRUNCATED, not rounded.

University required statements:

“DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS) STATEMENT (must be the following language)

If you have a physical, psychological, medical or learning disability that may impact your course work, please contact Disability Support Services, ECC (Educational Communications Center) Building, room128, (631) 632-6748. They will determine with you what accommodations, if any, are necessary and appropriate. All information and documentation is confidential.

[In addition, this statement on emergency evacuation is often included, but not required:

Students who require assistance during emergency evacuation are encouraged to discuss their needs with their professors and Disability Support Services. For procedures and information go to the following website:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/ehs/fire/disabilities> ]

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STATEMENT (must be the following language as approved by the undergrad council):

Each student must pursue his or her academic goals honestly and be personally accountable for all submitted work. Representing another person's work as your own is always wrong. Faculty are required to report any suspected instances of academic dishonesty to the Academic Judiciary. Faculty in the Health Sciences Center (School of Health Technology & Management, Nursing, Social Welfare, Dental Medicine) and School of Medicine are required to follow their school-specific procedures. For more comprehensive information on academic integrity, including categories of academic dishonesty, please refer to the academic judiciary website at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/uaa/academicjudiciary/>

CRITICAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (must be the following language as approved by the undergrad council):

Stony Brook University expects students to respect the rights, privileges, and property of other people. Faculty are required to report to the Office of Judicial Affairs any disruptive behavior that interrupts their ability to teach, compromises the safety of the learning environment, or inhibits students' ability to learn. Faculty in the HSC Schools and the School of Medicine are required to follow their school-specific procedures.”