MEC 220 Practical Electronics for Mechanical Engineers
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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. Lab sessions will be announced
one week in advance.

Teaching Assistant: TBA
Office hours: TBA


Required Materials: Each lab group will require and must provide one (1) of the electronics kits used
for Dr. Purwar’s MEC101; a delta kit containing additional 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 at the beginning of the lecture on the due date unless otherwise
stated by the instructor, and late assignments will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Lab work: Students will form into lab groups of 4. Lab groups are responsible for conducting experiments 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.

Calculators: Only approved calculators will be permitted in the midterms and final exam. See the discussion below for approved calculators for this course. Use of an unapproved calculator during an exam will result in a grade of zero for that exam.

Exams: Two midterm exams and a final exam. Dates TBA. No make-up exams will be given. Exams
will be open book and closed notes; only the required course textbook, devoid of markings and loose papers/notes, will be permitted in examinations. Alternate versions of the text (previous edition, international editions, etc.) will not be permitted in exams; only unmodified texts matching the above ISBN number exactly will be allowed in exams (no photocopies, no printouts, etc.). Electronic versions are not permitted, regardless of ISBN number, as no electronic devices are permitted in exams. Plan accordingly if you wish to use a textbook on exams.
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: 1st midterm: 15%, 2nd midterm: 15%, Lab work: 40%, Final: 20%, 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.

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

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!

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

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.

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