

ABET COURSE OUTLINE

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3504 office hours/open classroom workshop:

Office hours: Thursday 4:15pm-5:15pm,

Extra sessions schedule provided separately by email, Contact 24/7 by e-mail;

Extra office meetings available upon request on Wednesdays at 4:00pm.

Course Number and Title: *ECE 231: Circuits and Systems I*

(3 credits, 4 contact hours, required course)

Text book: Nilsson, J.W. and Riedel, S.A., Electric Circuits, **10th Edition**, Pearson Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ.

Course Catalog Description (including prerequisites and co-requisites):

A first course in circuits and systems, covering the basic concepts of electric circuit theory. Topics include basic circuit elements, loop and node analysis, network theorems, sinusoidal steady-state analysis, power, resonance, mutual inductance, and ideal transformers.

Prerequisites: Phys 121, Math 112 or Math 133.

Specific Course Learning Outcomes (CLO): The student will be able to

1. Develop firm understanding of physical principles behind electric circuit theory.
2. Thoroughly understand the operation of passive circuit elements and their specific use in electric circuits.
3. Understand concepts of current and voltage, use and operation of ideal and non-ideal sources independent and dependent, electrical power and power sign convention.
4. Use Ohm's law and Kirchhoff's laws to produce a set of circuit equations, finding voltages and currents in a circuit
5. Use node voltage method of analysis, understand a concept of supernode for reduction of equations needed for a solution.
6. Use mesh current method of analysis, understand the concept of supermesh for reduction of equations needed for a solution.
7. Use Thevenin and Norton equivalents for circuit reduction, time constant and power calculation.
8. Understand superposition principle and use it to simplify a complex circuit solution.
9. Solve for transient response of first order resonant circuit
10. Understand and use phasor representation of sinusoidal excitation.
11. Develop firm knowledge and use of all circuit analysis methods applied to time varying excitation.
12. Understand operation of an ideal transformer.
13. Be able to calculate instantaneous, average and RMS power.
14. Use National Instruments' Multisim circuit modeling and analysis application software.
15. Use Diligent Analog Discovery Portable Circuit Design Kit (aka Portable Lab) to perform simple analog circuit experiments.

Relevant Student Outcomes (ABET criterion 3):

1. an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics (CLO 1-15)
2. an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs
3. with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors (CLO 2, 3, 13, 14, 15)
4. an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives (CLO 14, 15)
5. an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions (CLO14, 15)
6. an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies. (CLO1-15)

Course Outline:

Week	Chapter/ Sections	Topics	Problems*
1, 2	Appendix B, <i>Lecture Notes.</i>	PRE-TEST Pre-Test Common mistakes correction. Simple Graph Plotting. Complex numbers in circuit theory.	Special problems on the subject of functional signal expressions. Special problems on the subject of complex numbers. (<i>distributed by email or class file depository</i>)
2, 3	Ch. 1.1-1.6 Ch. 2.1-2.3	Basic Concepts of Electricity Voltage and Current Sources, Ohm's Law, Circuit Models	1.4, 1.7, 1.9, 1.12, 1.15, 1.19 2.2, 2.6, 2.8, 2.10
3 4	Ch 2.4-2.5 Ch 3.1-3.4	Kirchhoff's Laws, Dependent Sources in circuits Resistance in Parallel and Series connections	2.18, 2.21*, 2.23, 2.32, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.9*
5	Ch 3.5-3.7	QUIZ I Current and Voltage Dividers, Concept of Load Resistance, Measurements of Current and Voltage. Wheatstone Bridge, PI to TEE transforms <u><i>Home Lab Assignment #1</i></u> (<i>Materials distributed during prior week</i>)	3.12, 3.16, 3.18*, 3.32, 3.34, 3.37 3.52, 3.58, 3.59, 3.66H, 3.73H
6 7	Ch 4.1-4.13	Circuit Calculations, Node Voltage Method, Mesh Current Method, Source Transformations,	4.1, 4.3, 4.6, 4.9, 4.12, 4.13, 4.16, 4.17, 4.18, 4.21, 4.22, 4.26, 4.27, 4.28, 4.36, 4.38, 4.39, 4.41, 4.42, 4.46, 4.47, 4.52, 4.56, 4.57 4.59, 4.60, 4.62, 4.63,
8 9		QUIZ II Norton/Thevenin Equivalents Maximum Power delivery, Superposition <u><i>Home Lab Assignment #2 (optional)</i></u>	4.64, 4.66, 4.68, 4.74, 4.75, 4.77, 4.78, 4.79, 4.81 4.87, 4.88, 4.93, 4.96, 4.102H, 4.103H
10	Ch 6.1-6.3 Ch 6.4-6.5, LN, <i>Appendix C.1</i>	Inductors and Capacitors in Circuits Mutual Inductance	6.2, 6.3, 6.5, 6.7, 6.10, 6.15, 6.16, 6.17, 6.19*, 6.21, 6.22, 6.23, 6.24H, 6.27, 6.28, 6.31H, 6.35 6.36, 6.39, 6.40, 6.41, 6.47, 6.53
11	Ch 5.1-5.7	Operational Amplifier as a Dependent Source Element <u><i>Home Lab Assignment #3 (possible)</i></u>	5.1, 5.3, 5.5, 5.18, 5.21, 5.23, 5.33, 5.35
12	Ch 9.1-9.9 Ch	Sinusoidal Sources, Phasors. Passive Elements in Frequency Domain Kirchhoff's Laws in Frequency Domain Thevenin /Norton Equivalents Node and Mesh Methods of Circuit Analysis	9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.7, 9.8H, 9.9, 9.11, 9.13, 9.15, 9.16*, 9.18H, 9.22, 9.23, 9.24, 9.28, 9.29, 9.30, 9.34, 9.36, 9.40 9.43, 9.44, 9.45.
13 14	Ch 10.1-10.3	Instantaneous, Average, RMS Power QUIZ III	10.1, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6*, 10.10, 10.11, 10.12, 10.17
15	Ch 7	First Order transient response FINAL	

Grading Policy:

Pre-Test	5%
Three class examinations:	20%, 20%, 20%.
Final examination:	33%
Homework, Attendance	2%
<i>Pop-Quizzes, interactive class participation</i>	<i>4% extra</i>
<i>Take-Home Laboratory assignments (reports and simulations required):</i>	<i>3% Assignment #1 extra</i> <i>+ 2% Assignment #2 and</i> <i>+2 % Assignment #3</i>
<i>and/or Optional Multisim Project H</i>	<i>5% extra</i>

*Problems (marked with asterisk) should be solved using MultiSim. MultiSim ONLINE is available
<https://www.multisim.com/>

Honors Class fulfills 15% more work in form of homework, test problems and projects. Problems Marked with **H** are mandatory for Honors Class students.

All Tests and Final exams are closed notes and books.

Formula sheets provided for Tests II (one page), Test III (2 pages) and Final (3 pages).

Attendance: required at class lectures and recommended for recitations and extra problem-solving sessions.

Cellular Phones and Smart Watches: In quiet mode during Lectures. And FORBIDDEN DURING EXAMS.

Only Scientific Calculators are allowed during Tests. A list of acceptable models will be sent prior to first class.

This course expects students to work without artificial intelligence (AI) assistance in order to better develop their skills in this content area. As such, AI usage is not permitted throughout this course under any circumstance.

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