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**ECE 368 Signal Transmission 3 credits 3contact hours (3;0;0)**

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**Text books** S. Rosenstark, "Transmission lines in Computer Engineering," McGraw Hill,  
1994 SBN 0-07-053953-7 (main text) Online Manual  
A.F. Peterson and G.D. Durgin, Transient signals on Transmission lines, Morgan & Claypool,  
2009 ISSN 1932-1252

**Course Description:**

This course is not for EE majors. Signal transmission both within and between digital systems. Topics include the telegrapher's equations, wave propagation, lattice diagrams, transients in digital systems, crosstalk, proper termination for high-speed logic, and the transmission characteristics of various interconnecting geometries.

**Prerequisite:** ECE 232 and ECE 251

**Corequisite:** none

**Computer Usage in course:**

Multisim, Matlab

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

1. understand transmission lines and when they are used as interconnects; understand and minimize propagation delay; provide examples;
2. understand and utilize the basic solutions of transmission lines to transient phenomena in a resistive and reactive loads based on lattice diagrams;
3. utilize graphical solutions due to non-linear source and load terminations of transmission lines;
4. utilize solutions to include crosstalk for multiple coupled transmission lines;
5. utilize solutions to high speed ECL logic and other logic families in the presence of transmission lines.

**Relevant ABET 1-7 Student Outcomes(SOs):**

**SO1.** an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.

SO1.1. an ability to identify and formulate complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics (CLOs 1-5).

SO1.2. an ability to solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics (CLOs 1-5).

**SO5.** 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.

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create a collaborative and inclusive environment (CLO 3).

SO5.2. an ability to establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives (CLO 3).

**SO7.** an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies. (CLOs 1-5).

This course outline serves to provide a big picture of the course. Instructional materials such as textbooks, individual topics, and grading policy are subject to revision and changes by individual instructors.

<b>Tentative Course Schedule</b>	<b>Weeks</b>
Transmission Line Fundamentals	1
Reflections on Transmission Lines	2-3
Review and examination 1	4
Review of Laplace Transform	5
Transients on Transmission Lines, Multisim demonstration	6-7
Nonlinear sources and terminations, Bergeron plots	8
Review and examination 2	9-10
Crosstalk on transmission lines	11-12
Interconnecting high speed ECL	12-13
Review	14

**Grading policy:** Homework, quizzes class, participation: 10%  
Class Project 10%

Two examinations: 2x25%

Final examination: 30%

**Homeworks and projects** Multisim and Matlab based simulations of some transmission line problems

**Updates and Assignments** to be distributed via canvas or e-mail

**Office:** ECEC 311

**Office hours:**

M	11:30 AM – 11:59 AM
T	10:00 PM – 10:50 PM
W	11:00 AM – 11:45 AM
R	10:00 PM – 10:50 PM

Other times can be arranged through appointments; All appointments in the office should be preceded by an email at least 15 min before the appointment, and noting **the day and time** you want to meet. Any time, other than the office-hour times, will be conducted through Zoom with a day and time suitable for both parties. Times can be extended to beyond 10 PM on few days of the week, if need be.

**Set up an appointment for any office hour (regular or extraordinary) meeting through email stating the suitable meeting day and time.**

For extraordinary times, try to avoid Tuesdays to Fridays (you can use weekends if an emergency arises)

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