

**Course Syllabus - ECE 657 Semiconductor Devices (3.00)****WED 6:00 – 8:50 pm / FMH 409****● Course description:**

This course introduces the fundamentals of semiconductor materials and devices that comprise modern integrated circuits. Students who successfully complete the course requirements will understand the physical operation of modern semiconductor devices, model and predict device characteristics under various conditions, and design semiconductor devices for targeted applications. Course topics include:

1. Electrons & Atoms, Chemical Bonds, Crystal Structures, Energy Bands, and Semiconductor Materials
2. Equilibrium Carrier Statistics
3. Carrier Transport, Non-equilibrium statistics
4. Crystal Growth and Device Fabrication
5. p-n Junction Electrostatics
6. p-n Junction Current-Voltage Characteristics
7. Metal-semiconductor Junctions, Semiconductor Heterojunctions
8. MOS Capacitors
9. MOS Field-Effect Transistors
10. Bipolar Junction Transistors
11. Modern CMOS Technology
12. Optoelectronic Devices: Photodetectors, Light-Emitting Diodes, Solar Cells, Lasers

**● Prerequisite:**

Undergraduate Solid State Physics or Electronic Devices

**● Textbook:**

-Lecture slides  
-Semiconductor Device Fundamentals, Robert F. Pierret, Addison-Wesley, 1996

**● Other reference material:**

-Physics of Semiconductor Devices, Simon M. Sze, Wiley, 2006  
-Solid State Electronic Devices, Ben G. Streetman, Prentice Hall, 2000

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**● Grading:**

Midterm exam: 35%  
Final Exam: 45%  
Quiz: 20%

- Exam dates (tentative)

Midterm exam, 10/22/2025, 6-8pm, FMH321

Final exam, 12/17/2025, 6-8pm, FMH321

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