Faculty of Engineering
COURSE OUTLINE

ELEC 450 – Communication Theory and Systems II

Term – SUMMER 2015 (201505)

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Time: 1pm-2pm
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Course Objectives
- The objectives of the course are to introduce the fundamental theories of digital communications and the components of digital communication systems. This course lays the foundation for communications specialization.

Learning Outcomes
- a) Understand the basic concepts of energy signals and power signals, autocorrelation function, power spectral density of random signals
- b) Convert an analog source to digital signals by sampling and quantization, analyze quantization error, and compare uniform and non-uniform quantization
- c) Understand pulse coded modulation and other baseband transmission schemes, understand the different properties of these modulation schemes
- d) Grasp the basic idea of signal space and the concepts of signal distance, orthogonality, energy, and perform Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization on a set of signals
- e) Know how to characterize the additive white Gaussian noise channel
- f) Have full knowledge of basic digital modulation schemes such as ASK, PSK, QAM and FSK
- g) Understand the whole transmitter chain including pulse shaping
- h) Design optimum receivers based on matched filtering and optimum decision rules
- i) Analyze the performance of various digital modulation schemes
- j) Know the operating principle of differential encoding/detection and non-coherent receivers
- k) Design pulse shapes to avoid intersymbol interference in a bandlimited channel
- l) Have basic idea of channel equalizer

Syllabus
- a) Introduction, signals and spectra review, probability review
- b) Formatting and baseband transmission
- c) Bandpass modulation and signal space
- d) Optimum receivers in additive white Gaussian noise channels
- e) Differential encoding/detection and non-coherent receivers
- f) Channel equalization
A-Section(s): A01, A02 / CRN 30335, 30336
Days: Mondays and Thursdays
Time: 10am – 11:20am
Location: CLE A202

B01 Tue 14:30-17:20 starting May 26, 2015
B02 Tue 14:30-17:20 starting June 2, 2015
Labs happen every two weeks

Required Text
Title: Digital Communications Fundamentals and Applications
Author: B. Sklar
Publisher: Prentice Hall
Year: 2nd edition, 2001

Assessment:
Assignments: 10%
Labs: 15%
Mid-term: 30% Date: June 25, 2015
Final Exam: 45%

Note:
Failure to complete all laboratory requirements will result in a grade of N being awarded for the course.
Failure to pass the final exam will result in a failing grade for the course.

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the percentage-to-grade point conversion table as listed in the current Undergraduate Calendar.

There will be no supplemental examination for this course.

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