ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING (ECE)

# Course numbers with the # symbol included (e.g. #400) have not been taught in the last 3 years.

ECE 401 - Perspectives in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Credits: 4
An introductory course for electrical and computer engineering majors that introduces incoming students to the fundamental concepts of analysis and design. Concepts are presented through an examination of real-world problems. Students are introduced to electrical and computer engineering problem solving and design through active learning techniques in lecture and in a laboratory setting. Provides a context for the electrical engineering and computer engineering curriculum and introduces the profession and activities of electrical and computer engineering. Lab.
Attributes: Inquiry (Discovery)
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 444 - Bionics: Technology from Nature
Credits: 4
Bionics is the study of living systems with the intention of applying their principles to the design of useful technology for mankind. Students learn strategies to discover bio-inspired technology. The student investigates the fields of bio-inspired cyborgs, defense and attack mechanisms in biology leading to military applications including non-lethal weapons, bio-inspired sensors including brain-computer interfaces, bio-inspired robots, and animal and plants that generate energy for technology. Writing Intensive. Lab.
Attributes: Biological Science(Discovery); Discovery Lab Course; Inquiry (Discovery); Writing Intensive Course
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 537 - Introduction to Electrical Engineering
Credits: 4
Fundamentals of electrical engineering. Topics are circuit elements; signal waveforms; circuit laws and theorems; transfer functions; free, forced, and steady state responses; power calculations; amplifiers; and magnetic circuits. Non-ECE majors only. Prereq: PHYS 408. Pre- or Coreq: MATH 527. Lab.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 541 - Electric Circuits
Credits: 0 or 4
Linear passive circuits beginning with resistive circuits, power and energy relations, mesh and node analysis. Transient and steady-state behavior of simple circuits containing energy storage elements (capacitors, inductors). Introduction to linear active circuits using dependent source models and ideal op amps. Introduction to transfer function and frequency response concepts. For ECE majors only. Pre- or Coreq: MATH 426; PHYS 408. Lab.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 543 - Introduction to Digital Systems
Credits: 4
Fundamental analysis and design principles. Number systems, codes, Boolean algebra, and combinational and sequential digital circuits. Lab: student-built systems using modern integrated circuit technology and an introductory design session on a CAD workstation. Lab.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 548 - Electronic Design I
Credits: 4
Introduction to electronic design for analog signal processing. Basic Concepts of Semiconductor Materials (electrons and holes, n-type and p-type semiconductors), Diodes (Modeling, Biasing, Zener Diodes, and Rectifier Circuits), FETs (Device Structure, Modes of Operation, and I-V Characteristics), BJTs (Device Structure, Modes of Operation, and I-V Characteristics), Transistor Amplifiers (Biasing a Transistor, Small-Signal Modeling, and Configurations), Operational Amplifier circuits for amplification and filtering. Prereq: ECE 541. Lab.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 562 - Computer Organization
Credits: 4
Basic computer structure, including arithmetic, memory, control, and input/output units; the tradeoffs between hardware, instruction sets, speed, and cost. Laboratory experiments will use hardware and software to understand the concepts of instruction set architecture, machine language programming, control and data path design, and I/O interfacing. Prereq: ECE 543 and CS 410C or equivalent.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 583 - Designing with Programmable Logic
Credits: 4
This course covers topics related to field programmable logic devices. Students will be introduced to Hardware Description Language (HDL) design entry languages and simulation procedures, along with common logic synthesis tools. In laboratory exercises, each student will prototype a digital system starting with HDL entry, functional and timing simulations, logic synthesis, device programming, logic probing, and system verification. Prereq: ECE 562 and ECE 543 and CS 410C or equivalent.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 602 - Engineering Analysis
Credits: 3
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 603 - Electromagnetic Fields and Waves I
Credits: 3
Maxwell's equations in integral and differential form with applications to static and dynamic fields. Uniform plane waves in free space and material media. Boundary conditions; simple transmission line theory; parallel plate and rectangular waveguides; simple radiating systems. Prerequisite(a): PHYS 408 with a minimum grade of D- and ECE 602 with a minimum grade of D-.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 617 - Junior Laboratory I
Credits: 4
Application of laboratory instrumentation to the investigation of active and passive circuit characteristics; introduction to computer-aided design, analysis, and testing; development of report writing and oral presentation skills. Prereq: ECE 633; ECE 651. Writing intensive.
Attributes: Writing Intensive Course
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
ECE 618 - Junior Laboratory II  
**Credits:** 0 or 4  
Laboratory exercises in the design and analysis of active circuits, techniques of signal processing, and the properties of distributed circuits. Continued development of report writing and oral presentation skills. Prereq: ECE 617. Pre- or Coreq: ECE 603. Writing intensive.  
**Attributes:** Writing Intensive Course  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

ECE 633 - Signals and Systems I  
**Credits:** 3  
**Equivalent(s):** ECE 633H  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

ECE 633H - Honors/Signals and Systems I  
**Credits:** 4  
Mathematical characterization of continuous-time systems using time- and frequency-domain concepts. Properties of linear systems described by ordinary differential equations. Fourier analysis of signals and system frequency response functions. Applications to communication and control systems. Introduction to system simulation using computer methods. Honors students will attend an additional one-hour meeting each week. Prereq: MATH 527. Pre- Coreq: MATH 645. permission required.  
**Attributes:** Honors course  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

ECE 634 - Signals and Systems II  
**Credits:** 3  
Transient response analysis of linear systems using Laplace transforms, application to feedback control systems. Introduction to discrete-time linear systems; system response determination using Z-transform; elementary design of digital filters and controllers. State variable formulation of dynamical systems.  
**Prerequisite(s):** ECE 633 with a minimum grade of D-.  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

ECE 647 - Random Processes and Signals in Engineering  
**Credits:** 3  
Emphasis on applied engineering concepts such as component failure, quality control, noise propagation. Topics include random variables, probability distributions, mean and variance, conditional probability, correlation, power spectral density. Prereq: MATH 426; ECE 602.  
**Equivalent(s):** ECE 647H  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

ECE 647H - Honors/Random Processes and Signals  
**Credits:** 4  
Emphasis on applied engineering concepts such as component failure, quality control, noise propagation. Topics include random variables, probability distributions, mean and variance, conditional probability, correlation, power spectral density. Honors students attend an additional one-hour meeting each week. Prereq: MATH 426; ECE 602, permission required.  
**Attributes:** Honors course  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

ECE 649 - Embedded Microcomputer Based Design  
**Credits:** 4  
Topics include: architectures for embedded processors, hardware and software aspects of interfacing, handling interrupts, low-level programming including debugging of real-time systems, and embedded application implementations. Laboratory studies will be required to reinforce theoretical and applied concepts in an embedded architecture. Prereq: ECE 562, ECE 583.  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

ECE 651 - Electronic Design II  
**Credits:** 4  
Design of fundamental circuit blocks in electronic systems. Multistage amplifiers; feedback systems and stability; power amplifiers. Nonlinear electronic circuits: oscillators, function generators; clippers and peak detectors; A/D and D/A conversion. Switching mode and logic circuits. Prereq: ECE 548.  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

ECE 652 - Electronic Design II  
**Credits:** 6  
Continuation of ECE 652 with emphasis on more advanced circuits including: active filters, Nonlinear electronic circuits: oscillators, function generators, phase-locked loops; clippers and peak detectors; A/D and D/ A conversion, switching mode circuits. Laboratory exercises in the design and analysis of active circuits. Application of laboratory instrumentation to the investigation of active circuit characteristics; computer-aided design, analysis, and testing; development of report writing skills. Writing intensive. Prereq: ECE 548. This course is required of EE majors, but it is not required of CE majors.  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

ECE 653 - Electronic Design III  
**Credits:** 6  
Continuation of ECE 652 with emphasis on more advanced circuits including: active filters, Nonlinear electronic circuits: oscillators, function generators, phase-locked loops; clippers and peak detectors; A/D and D/ A conversion, switching mode circuits. Laboratory exercises in the design and analysis of active circuits. Further advanced application of laboratory instrumentation to the investigation of active circuit characteristics; computer-aided design, analysis, and testing; development of report writing skills. Writing intensive. Prereq: ECE 652. This course is required of EE majors, but it is not required of CE majors.  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

ECE 714 - Introduction to Digital Signal Processing  
**Credits:** 4  
Introduction to digital signal processing theory and practice, including coverage of discrete time signals and systems, frequency domain transforms and practical spectral analysis, digital filter terminology and design, and sampling and reconstruction of continuous time signals. Laboratory component providing an introduction to DSP design tools and real-time algorithm implementation. Prereq: ECE 634. Lab.  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading

ECE 715 - Introduction to VLSI  
**Credits:** 4  
Principles of VLSI (Very Large Scale Integration) systems at the physical level. CMOS circuit and logic design, CAD tools, CMOS system case studies. Students exercise the whole development cycle of a VLSI chip: design and layout with the up-to-date commercial EDA tools. An IA (continuous grading) grade is given at the end of semester I. Lab.  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading
ECE 717 - Introduction to Digital Image Processing  
Credits: 4  
Digital image representation; elements of digital processing systems; multidimensional sampling and quantization; image perception by humans, image transformations including the Fourier, the Walsh, and the Hough Transforms; image enhancement techniques including image smoothing, sharpening, histogram equalization, and pseudo color processing; image restoration fundamentals; image compression techniques, image segmentation and use of descriptors for image representation and classification. Prereq: ECE 634; ECE 647. Lab.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 724 - Ubiquitous Computing Fundamentals  
Credits: 4  
Ubiquitous computing, or ubicomp, explores embedded, interconnected computing devices that are part of everyday objects and activities. This course takes an interdisciplinary look at the foundations of ubiquitous computing. Topics include software and hardware for ubicomp, human-computer interaction in ubicomp, and issues related to privacy and security in ubicomp. Students undertake a research project inspired by the material. Registration by permission only.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 757 - Fundamentals of Communication Systems  
Credits: 4  
Spectra of deterministic and random signals; baseband and bandpass digital and analog signaling techniques; transmitter and receiver architectures; performance analysis of digital and analog signaling in additive noise channels; carrier and symbol timing synchronization methods. Prereq: ECE 634; ECE 647. Lab.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 772 - Control Systems  
Credits: 4  
Development of advanced control system design concepts such as Nyquist analysis; lead-lag compensation; state feedback; parameter sensitivity; controllability; observability; introduction to non-linear and modern control. Includes interactive computer-aided design and real-time digital control. Prereq: ECE 634. Lab. (Also offered as ME 772.)  
Equivalent(s): ME 772  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 775 - Applications of Integrated Circuits  
Credits: 4  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 784 - Biomedical Instrumentation  
Credits: 4  
Principles of physiological and biological instrumentation design including transducers, signal conditioning, recording equipment, and patient safety. Laboratory includes the design and use of instrumentation for monitoring of electrocardiogram, electromyogram, electroencephalogram, pulse, and temperature. Current research topics, such as biotelemetry, ultrasonic diagnosis, and computer applications. Prereq: ECE 651. Lab.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 791 - Senior Project I  
Credits: 3  
First semester of the capstone design experience. Topics include creativity, design methodology, specification development, project management, ethics, safety, reliability and preparation for oral and written reports. Students develop project plans, and prepare and present written and oral project proposals. The project plans must include aspects of design, implementation and evaluation. At the end of the semester, students prepare a written progress report. Prereq: ECE senior standing. Writing intensive.  
Attributes: Honors course; Writing Intensive Course  
Equivalent(s): ECE 791H  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 791H - Senior Honors Project I  
Credits: 4  
First semester of the capstone honors senior thesis research. Topics include creativity, design methodology, specification development, project management, ethics, safety, reliability and preparation for oral and written reports. Students develop project plans, and prepare and present written and oral project proposals. The project plans must include aspects of design, implementation and evaluation, similar to ECE 791. However, honors thesis research must also include independent research beyond the normal scope of ECE 791. At the end of the semester students prepare a written progress report. Prereq: ECE senior standing, permission required. Writing intensive.  
Attributes: Honors course; Writing Intensive Course  
Equivalent(s): ECE 791  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 792 - Senior Project II  
Credits: 3  
This course requires the completion of the capstone design experience begun in ECE 791. At the end of the semester students prepare written final project reports, and present their results in a research poster session. Prereq: ECE 791. Writing intensive.  
Attributes: Honors course; Writing Intensive Course  
Equivalent(s): ECE 792H  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 792H - Senior Honors Project II  
Credits: 4  
This course requires the completion of the capstone honors thesis research begun in ECE 791H. At the end of the semester students prepare honors theses, and present their research results in a research poster session. ECE 791H/792H fulfills the requirement of one professional elective. Prereq: ECE 791H, permission required. Writing intensive.  
Attributes: Honors course; Writing Intensive Course  
Equivalent(s): ECE 792  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 795 - Electrical and Computer Engineering Projects  
Credits: 1-4  
Laboratory course. Student undertakes a project of mutual interest with an ECE faculty advisor. A written final report must be filed with the ECE Department. Prereq: permission.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

ECE 796 - Special Topics  
Credits: 1-4  
New or specialized courses and/or independent study. Prereq: permission. 1 to 4 credits some sections may use credit/fail grading.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading