Instructor Information

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Catalog Description

This course presents the fundamentals of analog communications including the analysis of signals and systems, amplitude modulation and demodulation, frequency modulation and demodulation. Course topics are reinforced with computer simulation of analog communication systems.

Prerequisites: EE 351 with a grade of C or better.  
Credits: 3

Course Aims and Objectives

The objective of this course is to introduce students to the fundamentals of communication systems. Upon completion of the course, the following competencies should be imparted to the students:

1. An understanding of basic signals, their analysis and frequency spectra, and their impact on modern communication systems.  
2. The ability to design and analyze basic analog transmitters and receivers.  
3. The ability to describe amplitude modulation and demodulation techniques.  
4. The ability to describe frequency modulation and demodulation techniques.  
5. The ability to apply computer software for the design and analysis of a simple analog communication system.

Course Materials

References: Handouts, class notes, library holdings, and worldwide web.  
Technology: Laptop and MATLAB.

Grading

The following percentages will be used to determine the final grades.

- Homework: 20%  
- Two Tests: 30%  
- Quiz: 20%  
- Final Exam: 30%
Grades will be awarded based on the following scale:

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**Tentative Schedule**

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| 01   | Classification of signals  
Signal operations, Some useful signals |
| 02   | Correlation of signals  
Orthogonal signal sets, Parseval’s theorem |
| 03   | Autocorrelation function, Energy and power spectral density  
Periodic signals, Fourier series |
| 04   | Fourier transform  
Properties of the Fourier transform |
| 05   | Signal transmission through a linear system  
Ideal and nonideal filters |
| 06   | Signal distortion over a communication channel  
**TEST 1** |
| 07   | DSB-SC modulation  
Demodulation of DSB-SC signals |
| 08   | Amplitude modulation and demodulation |
| 09   | Hilbert transform  
SSB modulation |
| 10   | Frequency modulation  
Phase modulation |
| 11   | Review  
**TEST 2** |
| 12   | Angle modulation  
Instantaneous frequency |
| 13   | Bandwidth of angle-modulated waves  
Sampling theorem |
| 14   | The recovery formula  
MATLAB exercises |
| 15   | Review |
Faculty Expectations of Students/Course Policies

Attendance:
Students are required to attend all lectures. In the event that a student must miss a class they should inform the instructor and be able to provide ample evidence to justify the absence.

Timely Submissions:
Typically assignments must be submitted on time or they will receive a grade of zero. The instructor MAY exercise discretion in the instance a student can demonstrate extenuating circumstances.

Expectations for Submitting Required Work:
Work will be completed to professional standards. Hand written work must be written legibly. Digital submissions will be done for some assignments.

Technology:
The School of Engineering + Technology requires that all students have a laptop computer capable of running standard software and accessing the internet. Many of the applications can be accessed without installation using virtual.wcu.edu. Mobile devices, such as phones, cannot replace a laptop.

Student Resources

Writing and Learning Commons (WaLC):
The Writing and Learning Commons (WaLC), located in BELK 207, provides free course tutoring, writing tutoring, academic skills consultations, international student consultations, and online writing and learning resources for all students. To view schedules and make appointments for any of these services, visit tutoring.wcu.edu or call 828-227-2274.

Math Tutoring Center:
The Mathematics Tutoring Center (MTC) in Stillwell 455 provides drop-in tutoring for math courses and math-related content across the curriculum, workshops on study skills specific to math courses, and graduate and professional exam preparation resources. Tutoring is available on a drop-in basis, MTWR 9:00am-9:00pm and Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. For more information, please visit http://mtc.wcu.edu/ or contact us at 828–227–3830.

Hunter Library:
Hunter Library provides students with access to group and individual study spaces and to thousands of information resources: print and electronic books, newspapers, and scholarly journal articles. These resources can be searched online and often accessed there (http://www.wcu.edu/hunter-library) or library staff and subject specialists skilled in their specific disciplines can be contacted via the library's research guides (http://researchguides.wcu.edu/).

Blackboard Support:
The learning management system for this class is Blackboard and can be found at http://wcu.blackboard.com. Additional help with Blackboard can be found at tc.wcu.edu, (828) 227-7487 or by visiting the Technology Commons located on the ground floor of the Hunter Library.

Academic Toolbox:
The Academic Toolbox is available in all WCU courses via the course Blackboard site. It can be found in the left-hand side column. The Academic Toolbox contains information and contact information for nearly all of the resources needed by WCU students, including but not limited to: technology assistance, academic services, student support, co-curricular programs and university policies.

Academic Calendar
This includes dates for all breaks, university closures, final exams, etc. The academic calendar can be found at http://www.wcu.edu/learn/academic-calendar.asp

Final Exam
The university final exam schedule can be found at http://www.wcu.edu/learn/academic-services/registrars-office/

Syllabus Updates
This syllabus, along with its course schedule, is based on the most recent information about the course content and schedule planned for this course. Its content is subject to revision as needed to adapt to new knowledge or unanticipated events. Updates will remain focused on achieving the course objectives and students will receive notification of such changes. Students will be notified of changes and are responsible for attending to such changes or modifications as distributed by the instructor or posted to Blackboard.
Academic Integrity Policy and Reporting Process

This policy addresses academic integrity violations of undergraduate and graduate students. Graduate students should read inside the parenthesis below to identify the appropriate entities in charge of that step of the process.

Students, faculty, staff, and administrators of Western Carolina University (WCU) strive to achieve the highest standards of scholarship and integrity. Any violation of the Academic Integrity Policy is a serious offense because it threatens the quality of scholarship and undermines the integrity of the community. While academic in scope, any violation of this policy is by nature, a violation of the Code of Student Conduct and will follow the same conduct process (see ArticleVII.B.1.a.). If the charge occurs close to the end of an academic semester or term or in the event of the reasonable need of either party for additional time to gather information timelines may be extended at the discretion of the Department of Student Community Ethics (DSCE).

General:

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Definitions:
Cheating – Using, or attempting to use, unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise.

Fabrication – Creating and/or falsifying information or citation in any academic exercise.

Plagiarism – Representing the words or ideas of someone else as one’s own in any academic exercise.

Facilitation – Helping or attempting to help someone to commit a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy in any academic exercise (e.g. allowing another person to copy information during an examination).

Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Integrity Process:
Additional information is available on the Student Success website under Student Community Ethics: http://www.wcu.edu/experience/dean-of-students/academic-integrity.aspx