EE 105 Introduction to Electrical Engineering

Fall, 2020

Course Syllabus

16 August, 2020

EE 105 Course Web Site: https://blackboard.usc.edu/

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Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
OHE 230
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For Fall, 2020, the schedule will be determined in consultation with the class

Class Location
OHE 230 (Olin Hall of Engineering)

Class Time
Tuesday and Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.

Discussion Sections
Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Tentative)
Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Tentative)

Grading Policy
Homework: 25%
Midterm Examination: 30%
Final Examination: 45%

Midterm Examination
Tuesday, October 13th (Tentative)
Exact date, time, and location or format to be arranged

Final Examination
Tuesday, November 17th, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (7:30 p.m.)
Location or format to be arranged
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Graduate Teaching Fellows

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Prerequisite or Corequisite

Math 125  Calculus I; can be waived if calculus studied elsewhere

Required Textbooks


Excellent Recommended Texts


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EE 105 Course Outline (Topics)

1. Overview of Electrical Engineering (EE as a Discipline)
2. Information and Communication
3. Information Representations (Language)
4. Encryption and Decryption
5. Signals in the Time Domain: Analog and Digital
7. Signal Modulation; AM and FM Radio, TV
8. Communications Example: HDTV
9. Introduction to Computation: Computing and Computing Architectures
10. The Computer as a Communications Network
11. Key Computational Parameters: Throughput, Bandwidth, Storage Capacity
12. Main and Peripheral Device Buses; Data Storage; CPUs
13. Digital Logic
14. Digital Imaging
15. Introduction to Direct Current (DC) Linear Circuits
16. Circuit Parameters: Current, Voltage
17. Device Characteristics: Resistance, Capacitance, Inductance
18. Alternating Current (AC) Circuits
19. Semiconductor Devices: Diodes, Transistors
20. Semiconductor (VLSI Circuit) Fabrication; Cleanroom Tour

EE 105 Laboratory Experiments

**Probability Simulations**
(Simulations of the tossing of one or more dice in sequences)

**Pre-Laboratory for Experiment 1: Free Space Optical Communications**
(Introduction to laboratory instrumentation, including power supplies, signal generators, and digital storage oscilloscopes)

**Experiment 1: Free Space Optical Communications**
(Exploration of the design, fabrication, and operation of a free space optical communications system, consisting of a transmitter and receiver, the basis of modern fiber optics and space based communications systems)

**Experiment 2: Musical Tone Synthesizer**
(Construction, analysis, and operation of a simple circuit that allows for the generation of multiple musical tones, the basis for an electronic synthesizer)
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Course Calendar

17 August, 2020 (Monday) First Day of Fall Semester Classes
18 August, 2020 (Tuesday) First EE 105 Class
4 September, 2020 (Friday) Last Day to Register and Add Classes
4 September, 2020 (Friday) Last Day to Drop Without a “W”
4 September, 2020 (Friday) Last Day to Change Enrollment Option: (Pass/No Pass or Audit)
7 September, 2020 (Monday) Labor Day (University Holiday)
2 October, 2020 (Friday) Last Day to Drop Without a “W” Appearing on the Transcript
2 October, 2020 (Friday) Last Day to Change Enrollment Option: (Pass/No Pass to Letter Grade)
13 October, 2020 (Tuesday) Midterm Examination (Tentative)
6 November, 2020 (Friday) Last Day to Drop With a “W”
13 November, 2020 (Tuesday) Fall Semester Classes End
14 – 16 November, 2020 Stop Period (Study Days)
17 – 24 November, 2020 Final Examination Period
17 November, 2020 (Tuesday) EE 105 Final Examination, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (7:30 p.m.)