San José State University  
Department of Electrical Engineering  
EE 265, Hands-On Wireless Communications Using Software Defined Radios, Fall 2015

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MW 16:30-17:45

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ENGR 403

Prerequisites:  
EE 210 or instructor’s consent

Course Description

This course is an experimental approach to wireless communications. The topics will include analog/digital transmission, ADC/DAC, and wireless channel modeling. Students will be exposed to MATLAB, software defined radios (USRP), GNU Radio, GRC (GNU Radio Companion) as part of homework assignments and projects. GNU Radio (http://gnuradio.org) software development platform is based on Python and C++ languages. At the end of the class, students will be able describe design challenges associated with building a wireless digital communication system.

Course Goals and Student Learning Objectives

After completing this course, students will be able to understand and describe some of the design challenges associated with building a wireless digital communication system based on software-defined radios.

GE/SJSU Studies Learning Outcomes (LO), if applicable

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

LO1 Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamentals of Electrical Engineering, including its mathematical and scientific principles, analysis and design.

LO2 Demonstrate the ability to apply the practice of Engineering in real-world problems.

Course Content Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

LO3 Analyze the spectral domain representation of periodic signals.
LO4 Analyze characteristics of noise and interference in wireless channels.
LO5 Analyze filters, such as low-pass, bandpass and matched (correlation) and understand their impact on the performance of a communication system.
LO6 Describe analog modulation schemes, FM and AM, and specify the effect of system parameters (such as carrier frequency, bandwidth, rate) on performance.
LO7 Specify and quantify the effect of ADC and DAC on wireless system performance.
LO8 Describe digital modulation schemes (PSK, DPSK, GMSK, QPSK and QAM) and the effects of system parameters and synchronization errors in their performance.
LO9 Analyze the multipath effects of wireless channels and demonstrate their compensation with equalization.
LO10 Describe multicarrier (OFDM) modulation and its performance.
LO11 Interpret and report performance predictions of wireless communications with software-defined radios.

Required Texts/Readings

Textbook


Other Readings

Classroom Protocol
Students are expected to participate actively in class. Students will turn their cell phones off or put them on vibrate mode while in class. They will not answer their phones in class.

Dropping and Adding
Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drops, academic renewal, etc. Information on add/drops are available at http://info.sjsu.edu/web-dbgen/narr/soc-fall/rec-298.html. Information about late drop is available at http://www.sjsu.edu/sac/advising/latedrops/policy/. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for adding and dropping classes.

Assignments and Grading Policy
There will be one midterm exam and a final exam. Exams are closed book and notes. Students can bring a formula sheet (one page – both sides). There will be no make-up exams. Exam solutions will be posted in the web site of the course. Homework will be given regularly and due one week later. Homework, projects and exams require the use of MATLAB/Octave scripts.
Grades

Midterm exam 25 %
Project 25 %
Final exam 25 %
Assignments (Homework and post-lab reports) 25 %
Total 100 %

Grading Percentage Breakdown

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University Policies

Academic integrity

Students should know that the University’s Academic Integrity Policy is available at [http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/download/judicial_affairs/Academic_Integrity_Policy_S07-2.pdf](http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/download/judicial_affairs/Academic_Integrity_Policy_S07-2.pdf). Your own commitment to learning, as evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University and the University’s integrity policy, require you to be honest in all your academic coursework. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The website for Student Conduct and Ethical Development is available at [http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html](http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html).

Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person’s ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include in your assignment any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU’s Academic Policy F06-1 requires approval of instructors.

Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the DRC (Disability Resource Center) to establish a record of their disability.
## EE 265 / Hands-On Wireless Communications Using Software Defined Radios, Fall 2015, Course Schedule

(Subject to change with fair notice)

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<td>Introduction. Review of signals and linear systems</td>
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| 2    | Random processes, lowpass and bandpass representation  
Homework # 1 |
| 3    | Frequency shifting and amplitude modulation (AM) transmission and reception |
| 4    | Frequency modulation (FM) transmission and reception  
Homework # 2 |
| 5    | Analog-to-digital conversion |
| 6    | Digital-to-analog conversion  
Homework # 3 |
| 7    | Baseband digital transmission |
| 8    | Baseband digital transmission  
Homework # 4 |
| 9    | Wireless digital transmission |
| 10   | Wireless channel modeling  
Homework # 5 |
| 11   | Wireless channel modeling |
| 12   | **Midterm Exam. Project assigned** |
| 13   | Synchronization and channel estimation  
Homework # 6 |
| 14   | Equalization, RAKE receiver and OFDM |
| 15   | Wireless standards and applications |
| **Final Exam** | Thursday 12/10/15 14:45-17:00. **Project report and presentation due** |

**NOTES:**

1) At least four of the lectures will be held in the RF Communications Laboratory located in room 238 (second floor) of the Engineering building. The dates will be announced in advance in class and posted in the webpage. There will be post-lab assignments and therefore ALL students are REQUIRED to attend the lectures held in the laboratory.

2) In the event that I attend a conference and/or give a presentation out of town this semester, there will be a make-up lecture whose date/time will be announced in advance.