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PHYSICS 3420 – ELECTRONICS Syllabus Spring 2023

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Office Hours: Th 11:00-12:00 or by appointment

Lab: W 1:00-3:50 or Th 1:00-3:50, Physics Room 208

Textbooks

Required: Microelectronic Circuits, by Sedra, Smith, Carusone and Gaudet (8th edition, Oxford University Press,

2019), ISBN: 978-0190853464. There is an electronic version that can be purchased for a 6 month

period.

Recommended: Introductory Electronics for Scientists and Engineers, by Simpson (2nd edition, Allyn and Bacon 1987),

ISBN 0-205-08377-3

Prerequisites: Physics 1420/1440 or 2220/2240 (2nd semester of university physics) and Math 1710 (Calculus I).

<u>Content:</u> Analog and digital electronics, applications for instrumentation and diagnostic techniques. Direct and

alternating current circuits and measurements. Fundamentals of semiconductor devices; uses of diodes; transistors as switches and circuit elements; building blocks of digital electronics; memory and storage

devices; schematic computer structures; feedback and operational amplifiers; interfacing of instrumentation and computers. Labs on basic circuits, instrumentation and measurement.

Objective To gain an appropriate proficiency in analog and digital electronics; to learn the language and concepts of

electrical engineering necessary for the professional scientist.

Laboratory The required laboratory component of this course meets once a week, every week for 15 weeks of the

semester. The lab is in room 208 of the Physics Building, from 1-3:50 p.m Wednesday or Thursday. The

laboratory instructor is Aaron Richardson aaronrichardson2@my.unt.edu and Jeffrey Pound

ieffrevpound@mv.unt.edu.

Homework Assignments will be given on an approximately weekly schedule. Please feel free to discuss and work

together with others on these problems if you wish. What is important is that you make a good faith effort on each problem set, that you upload your own written work, and that you eventually understand how to do the problems. The uploaded problem sets will be graded simply pass/not pass. Exams will be largely based on the homework. If all your homework is passed, your low exam score will be dropped, and if all

your homework is passed, your final exam score can replace your exam scores if better.

Office Hours My office is on the third floor of the physics building (rooms 324/326/328), phone number is 565-3874,

email is shiner@unt.edu. Office hour is Tu 11:00 – 12:00 or by appointment.

Grading No extra credit is available. Pop quizzes will be given during the semester, lab grading detailed in lab.

Course Grade Exams: 25% Labs: 40% Quizzes: 10% Final Exam: 25%

Final Thought: We want to create a welcoming classroom and lab for all. If you ever feel like this is not the case,

please stop by my office and let's talk about how things could be improved.

You are responsible for modifications to this syllabus and any other information presented in class.

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