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**PHYSICS 3420 – ELECTRONICS**  
**Syllabus Spring 2024**

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**Office Hours: Tu 11:00-12:00 or by appointment**

**Lecture: TuTh 9:30-10:50 , Language Rm 217**

**Recitation: Th 11-11:50 , Language Rm 313**

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

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Textbooks

**Required:** *Microelectronic Circuits*, by Sedra, Smith, Carusone and Gaudet (8<sup>th</sup> edition, Oxford University Press, 2019), ISBN: 978-0190853464. There is an electronic version that can be purchased for a 6 month period (see Oxford Univ. Press Website: <https://global.oup.com/ushe/product/microelectronic-circuits-9780190853464?cc=us&lang=en>).

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> semester of university physics) and Math 1710 (Calculus I).

**Content:** 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](mailto:aaronrichardson2@my.unt.edu) and Jeffrey Pound [jeffreypound@my.unt.edu](mailto:jeffreypound@my.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](mailto: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: 20%      Labs: 40%      Quizzes: 10%      Discussion: 10%      Final Exam: 20%

**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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Drop information is available in the schedule of classes at: <http://essc.unt.edu/registrar/schedule/scheduleclass.html>

*The Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you on-line at the end of the semester and will provide you with an opportunity to provide feedback to your course instructor. SPOT is considered to be an important part of your participation in this class.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Subject (Chapter)</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Due</u>
Jan. 16 18	Tu Th	Signals and Amplifiers (Ch. 1) Exp.: Orientation/Equipment & Kirchhoff I	Ch. 1: E1.8, E1.21, 1.1a, 1.2a, 1.3a, 1.10, 1.23, 1.41, 1.44, 1.45a, 1.51, 1.60, 1.69	
23 25	Tu Th	Operational Amplifiers (Ch. 2) Exp.: Equipment & Kirchhoff II	Ch. 2: 2.2, 2.9, 2.15, 2.24, 2.48, 2.65, 2.81, 2.91, 2.94, 2.108	<b>Ch. 1 Due</b>
30 Feb. 1	Tu Th	Semiconductors (Ch. 3) Exp.: RC Filters	Ch. 3: 3.1 (T=125 C only), 3.4, 3.7, 3.14, 3.20, 3.23, 3.30	<b>Ch. 2 Due</b>
6 8	Tu Th	Diodes (Ch. 4) Exp.: LC Res and Soldering (Lab report)		<b>Ch. 3 Due</b>
13 15	Tu Th	Bipolar Transistors, BJTs (Ch. 6) Exp.: Diodes		
20 22	Tu Th	MOS Field Effect Transistors (Ch. 5) Exp.: Operational Amplifiers		
27 29	Tu Th	Transistor Amplifiers (Ch. 7) Exp.: BJT DC Behavior (Lab report)		
Mar. 5 7	Tu Th	<b>EXAM 1: Chapters 1-6</b> Exp.: BJT AC Behavior		
12 14	Tu Th	Spring Break		
19 21	Tu Th	Building Blocks of IC Amplifiers (Ch. 8) Diff. and Multistage Amplifiers (Ch. 9) Exp.: MOSFET Circuits		
26 28	Tu Th	CMOS Digital Logic Circuits (Ch. 16) Exp.: AM Radio		
Apr. 2 4	Tu Th	Memory and Clocking Circuits (Ch. 18) Exp.: Logic Gates		
9 11	Tu Th	Exp.: SR Flip-Flop (Lab Report)		
16 18	Tu Th	Digital Design (Ch. 17) Exp.: Digital Circuits		
23 25	Tu Th	Sources of Noise in Electronics Exp.: Microprocessor Control		
30 May 2	Tu Th	<b>EXAM 2: Chapters 7, 8, 9, 16-18</b> Review Exp.: LabView Control		

**Comprehensive Final Exam: Thursday, May 9, 2024, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**