Course Syllabus

**Course Information**

Introduction to ECSE  
ECSE 1010  
Section 01  
RPI Spring 2017  
4 cr  
Studio  
MR  
12:00PM-1:50PM  
JEC 4104  
Course Website: http://intro-ece.org  
Prerequisites or Other Requirements: None

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**Course Description**

The overall goal of this course is to help EE and CSE students build a broad analysis skill set so that through experimentation, simulation and the application of science, mathematics and engineering fundamentals, they can develop useful systems models that enable engineered solutions addressing a broad array of societal needs.

**Course Text(s)**

None

**Supplemental Reference**

See http://intro-ece.org

**Course Goals / Objectives**

Develop basic experimental techniques and SPICE-based simulation techniques for circuits and electronics  
Introduce the purpose of the core courses in EE and CSE and prepare for the first major assignments in each course.  
Develop basic competency in the use of MATLAB or similar tools for data display, analysis and simulation of basic analog and digital circuits.
Develop a broad functional understanding of basic analog and digital circuits. Explore approaches to making simple modifications of existing electronic projects to expand their application to specific purposes.

**Course Content**

- Instruments and Protoboards
- Analog Discovery
- Ideal vs Real Circuit Models
- Energy Storage Elements
- Charging Capacitors and PWM
- Capacitive and Inductive Circuits: Filters and Energy Revisited
- Diodes
- The Exponential Function
- Phase
- Phasors
- MATLAB
- MATLAB and Data
- Transistors
- Amps and Transformers
- Building a Transformer
- Digital Electronics
- Software Control of Hardware
- MATLAB Control of Hardware
- Projects

**Student Learning Outcomes**

1. **Experimental Methodology:** Students will be able to build and make reliable time-dependent measurements of simple analog and digital circuits, exporting data to display and analysis tools (e.g. Excel, MATLAB), and demonstrate understanding of results by describing key data features and comparing with simulation and analysis. Extract useful information from component datasheets.

2. **Simulation Methodology:** Students will be able to create circuit simulations using a commercial SPICE program and produce reliable voltage and current plots (functions of both time and frequency), exporting simulated data to display and analysis tools and demonstrate understanding of results by describing key data features and comparing with experiment and analysis.

3. **Mathematics and Analytic Methodology:** Students will be able to apply pre-college circuit knowledge to real circuits, analyze simple circuits based on voltage dividers and inverting/non-inverting op-amps, apply phasor analysis to simple combinations of R, L and C components and apply all analysis skills to demonstrate understanding of experimental and simulated data for simple circuits. Apply the basic matrix arithmetic used in circuit analysis, circuit simulation and in the display and analysis of data using tools like Excel and MATLAB.
4. Design Methodology: Students will be able to modify existing circuit designs for specific applications and fully characterize the operation of the circuit using experimental, simulation and analytic methods.

**Course Assessment Measures**

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**Grading Criteria**

- Quizzes 35%
- Experiments 25%
- Problem Sets 15%
- Attendance 10%
- Project 10%
- Participation 5%

**Attendance Policy**

Attendance is required and part of the course grade because students are expected to work together in class.

**Other Course Policies**

See course website: http://intro-ece.org

**Academic Integrity**

Student-teacher relationships are built on trust. For example, students must trust that teachers have made appropriate decisions about the structure and content of the courses they teach, and teachers must trust that the assignments that students turn in are their own. Acts that violate this trust undermine the educational process. The Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities and The Graduate Student Supplement define various forms of Academic Dishonesty and you should make yourself familiar with these. In this class, all assignments that are turned in for a grade must represent the student’s own work. In cases where help was received, or teamwork was allowed, a notation on the assignment should indicate your collaboration. Submission of any assignment that is in violation of this policy will result in a penalty of no credit for the assignment. If you have any question concerning this policy before submitting an assignment, please ask for clarification.