ECE - ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

ECE Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/ECE/)

Courses

ECE 101 Exploring Digital Info Technol credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/101/) Principles and processes for the development of information technologies: digital music, digital images, digital logic, data compression, error correction, information security, and communication networks. Laboratory for design of hardware and software, and experiments in audio and image processing. Intended for students outside the College of Engineering. Credit is not given to Computer or Electrical Engineering majors. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Nat Sci Tech - Phys Sciences Quantitative Reasoning II

ECE 110 Introduction to Electronics credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/110/) Introduction to selected fundamental concepts and principles in electrical engineering. Emphasis on measurement, modeling, and analysis of circuits and electronics while introducing numerous applications. Includes sub-discipline topics of electrical and computer engineering, for example, electromagnetics, control, signal processing, microelectronics, communications, and scientific computing basics. Lab work incorporates sensors and motors into an autonomous moving vehicle, designed and constructed to perform tasks jointly determined by the instructors and students.

ECE 120 Introduction to Computing credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/120/) Introduction to digital logic, computer systems, and computer languages. Topics include representation of information, combinational and sequential logic analysis and design, finite state machines, the von Neumann model, basic computer organization, and machine language programming. Laboratory assignments provide hands-on experience with design, simulation, implementation, and programming of digital systems. Prerequisite: Restricted to Computer Engineering or Electrical Engineering majors or transfer students with ECE Department consent.

ECE 198 Special Topics credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/198/) Lectures and discussions relating to new areas of interest. May be repeated in the same or separate terms for unlimited hours if topics vary. See class schedule for topics and prerequisites.

ECE 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar credit: 1 to 5 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/199/) Approved for both letter and S/U grading. May be repeated.

ECE 200 Seminar credit: 0 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/200/) Discussions of educational programs, career opportunities, and other topics in electrical and computer engineering. Approved for Letter and S/U grading. May be repeated. For Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering majors only.

ECE 205 Electrical and Electronic Circuits credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/205/) ECE 205 is an introductory course on circuit analysis and electronics for non-majors in engineering. The course includes bi-weekly electronics lab experiments designed to provide students with hands-on experience. Basic principles of circuit analysis and DC circuits; time-domain analysis of 1st and 2nd order linear circuits; complex numbers, phasors, AC steady-state analysis; frequency response; op-amp, diode, and BJT circuits; logic gates and digital logic circuits. Credit is not given to Computer or Electrical Engineering majors. Credit is not given to Computer or Electrical Engineering majors. Prerequisite: PHYS 212.

ECE 206 Electrical and Electronic Circuits Lab credit: 1 Hour. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/206/) Laboratory experiments in digital logic and controllers; transistor amplifier and switching circuits; DC motor control and voltage regulators; sensors and motion control with feedback; wireless communication. Credit is not given to Computer or Electrical Engineering majors. Prerequisite: ECE 205.

ECE 210 Analog Signal Processing credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/210/) Analog signal processing, with an emphasis on underlying concepts from circuit and system analysis: linear systems; review of elementary circuit analysis; differential equation models of linear circuits and systems; Laplace transform; convolution; stability; phasors; frequency response; Fourier series; Fourier transform; active filters; AM radio. Credit is not given for both ECE 210 and ECE 211. Prerequisite: ECE 110 and PHYS 212; credit or concurrent registration in MATH 285 or MATH 286.

ECE 211 Analog Circuits & Systems credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/211/) Concepts from circuit and system analysis: linear systems; review of elementary circuit analysis; op amps; transient analysis; differential equation models of linear circuits and systems; Laplace transform. Credit is not given for both ECE 211 and ECE 210. Prerequisite: ECE 110 and PHYS 212; credit or concurrent registration in MATH 285 or MATH 286.

ECE 220 Computer Systems & Programming credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/220/) Advanced use of LC-3 assembly language for I/O and function calling convention. C programming, covering basic programming concepts, functions, arrays, pointers, I/O, recursion, simple data structures, linked lists, dynamic memory management, and basic algorithms. Information hiding and object-oriented design as commonly implemented in modern software and computer systems programming. Prerequisite: ECE 120. Restricted to Computer Engineering or Electrical Engineering majors or transfer students with ECE Department consent.

ECE 297 Individual Study credit: 1 Hour. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/297/) Individual projects. Approved written application to department as specified by department or instructors is required. Approved for both letter and S/U grading. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 2 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ECE 298 Special Topics credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/298/) Lectures and discussions relating to new areas of interest. May be repeated in the same or separate terms for unlimited hours if topics vary. See class schedule for topics and prerequisites.
ECE 304 Photonic Devices  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/304/)
Introduction to active and passive photonic devices and applications; optical processes in semiconductor and dielectric materials including electrical junctions, light emission and absorption, and waveguide confinement; photonic components such as light emitting diodes, lasers, photodetectors, solar cells, liquid crystals, and optical fiber; optical information distribution networks and display applications. Prerequisite: PHYS 214.

ECE 307 Techniques for Engr Decisions  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/307/)
Modeling of decisions in engineering work and the analysis of models to develop a systematic approach to making decisions. Fundamental concepts in linear and dynamic programming; probability theory; and statistics. Resource allocation; logistics; scheduling; sequential decision making; siting of facilities; investment decisions; application of financial derivatives; other problems for decision making under uncertainty. Case studies from actual industrial applications illustrate real-world decisions. Prerequisite: ECE 210; credit or concurrent registration in ECE 313.

ECE 310 Digital Signal Processing  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/310/)
Introduction to discrete-time systems and discrete-time signal processing with an emphasis on causal systems; discrete-time linear systems, difference equations, z-transforms, discrete convolution, stability, discrete-time Fourier transforms, analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog conversion, digital filter design, discrete Fourier transforms, fast Fourier transforms, spectral analysis, and applications of digital signal processing. Credit is not given towards graduation for both ECE 310 and ECE 401. Prerequisite: ECE 210.

ECE 311 Digital Signal Processing Lab  credit: 1 Hour. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/311/)
Companion laboratory for ECE 310. Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in ECE 310.

ECE 313 Probability with Engr Applc  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/313/)
Probability theory with applications to engineering problems such as the reliability of circuits and systems to statistical methods for hypothesis testing, decision making under uncertainty, and parameter estimation. Same as MATH 362. Credit is not given for both ECE 313 and MATH 461. Prerequisite: MATH 257 or MATH 416.

ECE 314 Probability in Engineering Lab  credit: 1 Hour. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/314/)
Designed to be taken concurrently with ECE 313, Probability in Engineering Systems, to strengthen the students' understanding of the concepts in ECE 313 and their applications, through computer simulation and computation using the Python programming language. Topics include sequential hypothesis testing, parameter estimation, confidence intervals, Bloom filters, min hashing, load balancing, inference for Markov chains, PageRank algorithm, vector Gaussian distribution, contagion in networks, principle component method and linear regression for data analysis, investment portfolio analysis. Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in ECE 313 or credit in one of: ECE 313, IE 300, STAT 410.

ECE 316 Ethics and Engineering  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/316/)
Ethical issues in the practice of engineering: safety and liability, professional responsibility to clients and employers, whistle-blowing, codes of ethics, career choice, and legal obligations. Philosophical analysis of normative ethical theories. Case studies. Same as PHIL 316. Credit is not given for both ECE 316 and either CS 210 or CS 211. Junior standing is required. Prerequisite: RHET 105. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Advanced Composition Humanities - Hist Phil

ECE 317 ECE Technology & Management  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/317/)
Basic understanding of electrical and computer engineering concepts applicable to technology management. Circuit components; dc fundamentals; ac fundamentals; semiconductors; operational amplifiers; device fabrication; power distribution; digital devices; computer architecture (including microprocessors). Intended for the Business Majors in the Technology and Management program. Credit is not given to Computer or Electrical Engineering majors. Prerequisite: One of MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234.

ECE 329 Fields and Waves I  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/329/)
Electromagnetic fields and waves fundamentals and their engineering applications: static electric and magnetic fields; energy storage; Maxwell's equations for time-varying fields; wave solutions in free space, dielectrics and conducting media, transmission line systems; time- and frequency-domain analysis of transmission line circuits and Smith chart applications. Prerequisite: ECE 210.

ECE 330 Power Ckts & Electromechanics  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/330/)
Network equivalents; power and energy fundamentals, resonance, mutual inductance; three-phase power concepts, forces and torques of electric origin in electromagnetic and electrostatic systems; energy conversion cycles; principles of electric machines; transducers; relays; laboratory demonstration. Prerequisite: ECE 210.

ECE 333 Green Electric Energy  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/333/)
Electric power grid structure and policy; analysis of wind, solar, and fuels as raw resources; wind turbines and parks; solar cells, modules, arrays and systems; fuel cell power plants; energy and financial performance of green energy projects; integration of green energy into power grid; energy project report and presentation. Prerequisite: ECE 205 or ECE 210.

ECE 340 Semiconductor Electronics  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/340/)
Modern device electronics: semiconductor fundamentals including crystals and energy bands, charge carriers (electrons and holes), doping, and transport, (drift and diffusion); unipolar devices with the MOS field effect transistor as a logic device and circuit considerations; basic concepts of generation-recombination and the P-N junction as capacitors and current rectifier with applications in photonics; bipolar transistors as amplifiers and switching three-terminal devices. Prerequisite: (ECE 205 or ECE 210) and PHYS 214.

ECE 342 Electronic Circuits  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/342/)
Analysis and design of analog and digital electronic circuits using MOS field effect transistors and bipolar junction transistors, with emphasis on amplifiers in integrated circuits. Credit is not given for both ECE 342 and PHYS 404. Prerequisite: ECE 210.
ECE 220  Multitasking; virtualization of abstractions. Term-based projects. Credit
controls interaction between devices and other hardware and application computing systems, with an emphasis on the systems software that
Concepts and abstractions central to the development of modern microprocessor design, software/hardware co-design, and system-on-a-
(FPGAs). Topics include combinational and sequential logic, storage logic (TTL), SystemVerilog, and field-programmable gate arrays
Design, build, and test digital systems using transistor-transistor logic (TTL), SystemVerilog, and field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs). Topics include combinational and sequential logic, storage elements, input/output and display, timing analysis, design tradeoffs, synchronous and asynchronous design methods, datapath and controller, microprocessor design, software/hardware co-design, and system-on-a-chip. Prerequisite: ECE 110 and ECE 220.
ECE 391  Computer Systems Engineering credit: 4 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/391/)
Concepts and abstractions central to the development of modern computing systems, with an emphasis on the systems software that controls interaction between devices and other hardware and application programs. Input-output semantics; synchronization; interrupts; multitasking; virtualization of abstractions. Term-based projects. Credit is not given for both ECE 391 and either CS 341 or CS 241. Prerequisite: ECE 220 or CS 233.

ECE 230  Biomedical Imaging credit: 3 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/230/)
Physics and engineering principles associated with x-ray, computed tomography, nuclear, ultrasound, magnetic resonance, and optical imaging, including human visualization and perception of image data. Same as BIOE 380. Prerequisite: MATH 285 or MATH 286.
ECE 385  Digital Systems Laboratory credit: 3 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/385/)
Design, build, and test digital systems using transistor-transistor logic (TTL), SystemVerilog, and field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs). Topics include combinational and sequential logic, storage elements, input/output and display, timing analysis, design tradeoffs, synchronous and asynchronous design methods, datapath and controller, microprocessor design, software/hardware co-design, and system-on-a-chip. Prerequisite: ECE 110 and ECE 220.

ECE 386  Digital Systems Laboratory credit: 3 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/386/)
Continuation of ECE 329: radiation theory; antennas, radiation fields, radiation resistance and gain; transmitting arrays; plane-wave approximation of radiation fields; plane-wave propagation, reflection, and transmission; Doppler effect, evanescent waves and tunneling, dispersion, phase and group velocities; waveguides and resonant cavities; antenna reception and link budgets. Prerequisite: ECE 329.

ECE 342  Electronic Circuits Laboratory credit: 1 Hour. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/342/)
Companion laboratory for ECE 342. Credit is not given for both ECE 342 and PHYS 404. Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in ECE 342.

ECE 350  Fields and Waves II credit: 3 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/350/)
Continuation of ECE 329: radiation theory; antennas, radiation fields, radiation resistance and gain; transmitting arrays; plane-wave approximation of radiation fields; plane-wave propagation, reflection, and transmission; Doppler effect, evanescent waves and tunneling, dispersion, phase and group velocities; waveguides and resonant cavities; antenna reception and link budgets. Prerequisite: ECE 329.

ECE 364  Programming Methods for Machine Learning credit: 3 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/364/)
Focuses on auto-differentiation tools like PyTorch used with basic machine learning algorithms (linear regression, logistic regression, deep nets, k-means clustering), and extensions in custom methods to fit specific needs. Auto-differentiation tools are essential for data analysis and a solid understanding is increasingly important in many disciplines. In contrast to existing courses which focus on algorithmic and theoretical aspects of Machine Learning, the focus here is on implementation with auto-diff tools. Prerequisite: MATH 257.

ECE 365  Data Science and Engineering credit: 3 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/365/)
Project-based course focused on exploring and understanding how data are collected, represented and stored, and computed/analyzed upon to arrive at appropriate and meaningful interpretation. Foundations of machine learning are developed and then applied in the context of two specific application areas, such as social network analytics, biological data analysis, and auto and video analytics. Prerequisite: ECE 313.

ECE 374  Introduction to Algorithms & Models of Computation credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/374/) Same as CS 374. See CS 374.

ECE 401 Signal Processing credit: 4 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/401/)
Introduction to signal processing for advanced undergraduates or graduate students in the biological, physical, social, engineering and computer sciences. Representation and processing of continuous-time and discrete-time signals and images using phasors, Fourier series, sampling, FIR filters, discrete-time Fourier transform, Z transform, and IIR filters. Machine problems include processing of music, speech, photographic image, bioelectric, and biomedical image data. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Credit is not given towards graduation for both ECE 310 and ECE 401. Prerequisite: MATH 220.

ECE 402  Electronic Music Synthesis credit: 3 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/402/)
Historical survey of electronic and computer music technology; parameters of musical expression and their codification; analysis and synthesis of fixed sound spectra; time-variant spectrum analysis/ synthesis of musical sounds; algorithms for dynamic sound synthesis. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 310.

ECE 403  Audio Engineering credit: 3 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/403/)
Resonance and wave phenomena; Acoustics of rooms and transmission lines (e.g., horns); How loudspeakers work: A lab component has been added to measure and model real loudspeakers and enclosures; Topics in digital audio, including AD and DA (Sigma-Delta) audio converters. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 210 and ECE 310.

ECE 395 Advanced Digital Projects Lab credit: 2 or 3 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/395/)
Planning, designing, executing, and documenting a microcomputer-based project. Emphasis on hardware but special projects may require an equal emphasis on software. May be repeated in separate terms. Prerequisite: ECE 385.

ECE 396 Honors Project credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/396/)
Special project or reading course for James Scholars in engineering. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ECE 397 Individual Study in ECE credit: 0 to 4 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/397/)
Individual Projects. Approved for both letter and S/U grading. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Approved written application to department as specified by department or instructor is required.

ECE 398 Special Topics in ECE credit: 0 to 4 Hours. (https://
courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/398/)
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in electrical and computer engineering intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or departmental course information for topics and prerequisites. Approved for both letter and S/U grading. May be repeated in the same or separate terms if topics vary.

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ECE 407 Cryptography credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/407/)
Cryptography is a powerful toolbox for building secure systems — not just for private communication, but also for building fault tolerant protocols, for securely outsourcing computation to untrusted services, and more. The goal of this course is to introduce the concepts of modern cryptography, including a combination of theoretical foundations (how do we precisely state security guarantees and assumptions, and prove that a protocol is designed correctly?) and practical techniques (how do we combine secure primitives to make effective systems?). This course is intended for senior undergraduate students with an interest in applying cryptographic techniques to building secure systems, and for graduate students with an interest in cryptography or systems security. Same as CS 407. 3 or 4 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: CS 225.

ECE 408 Applied Parallel Programming credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/408/)
Parallel programming with emphasis on developing applications for processors with many computation cores. Computational thinking, forms of parallelism, programming models, mapping computations to parallel hardware, efficient data structures, paradigms for efficient parallel algorithms, and application case studies. Same as CS 483 and CSE 408. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 220.

ECE 410 Neural Circuits and Systems credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/410/)
Introduction to modeling functions of neurons and systems of neurons in the brain. Topics include Boolean signal processing, nonlinear diffusion equations, delay-and-add synaptic signal processing. Integrates information from the structure and physiology from a single neuron up to the assembly of brain circuits. Examples presented to discuss neural circuit and systems include the auditory, and to a lesser extent, visual system. Course concludes with a look at theories of brain function built up from systems of neurons. Same as NE 410. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: MATH 285 or equivalent. CS 101 or equivalent.

ECE 411 Computer Organization & Design credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/411/)
Basic computer organization and design: integer and floating-point computer arithmetic; control unit design; pipelining; system interconnect; memory organization; I/O design; reliability and performance evaluation. Laboratory for computer design implementation, simulation, and layout. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 385 or either ECE 391 or CS 341.

ECE 414 Biomedical Instrumentation credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/414/)
Same as BIOE 414. See BIOE 414.

ECE 415 Biomedical Instrumentation Lab credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/415/)
Same as BIOE 415. See BIOE 415.

ECE 416 Biosensors credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/416/)
Underlying engineering principles used to detect small molecules, DNA, proteins, and cells in the context of applications in diagnostic testing, pharmaceutical research, and environmental monitoring. Biosensor approaches including electrochemistry, fluorescence, acoustics, and optics; aspects of selective surface chemistry including methods for biomolecule attachment to transducer surfaces; characterization of biosensor performance; blood glucose detection; fluorescent DNA microarrays; label-free bioships; bead-based assay methods. Case studies and analysis of commercial biosensor. Same as BIOE 416. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 329.

ECE 417 Multimedia Signal Processing credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/417/)
Characteristics of speech and image signals; important analysis and synthesis tools for multimedia signal processing including subspace methods, Bayesian networks, hidden Markov models, and factor graphs; applications to biometrics (person identification), human-computer interaction (face and gesture recognition and synthesis), and audio-visual databases (indexing and retrieval). Emphasis on a set of MATLAB machine problems providing hands-on experience. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 310 or ECE 401; one of ECE 313, CS361, or STAT 400.

ECE 418 Image & Video Processing credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/418/)
Concepts and applications in image and video processing; introduction to multidimensional signal processing: sampling, Fourier transform, filtering, interpolation, and decimation; human visual perception; scanning and display of images and video; image enhancement, restoration and segmentation; digital image and video compression; image analysis. Laboratory exercises promote experience with topics and development of C and MATLAB programs. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 310; credit or concurrent registration in one of ECE 313, STAT 400, IE 300, MATH 461; MATH 415; experience with C programming language.

ECE 419 Security Laboratory credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/419/)
Same as CS 460. See CS 460.

ECE 420 Embedded DSP Laboratory credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/420/)
Development of real-time digital signal processing (DSP) systems using a DSP microprocessor; several structured laboratory exercises, such as sampling and digital filtering; followed by an extensive DSP project of the student's choice. 2 undergraduate hours. 2 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 310.

ECE 421 Neural Interface Engineering credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/421/)
This course will focus on hardware and software technologies that enable control and readout of neural activity in the brain. Engineering grounded innovation will accelerate our understanding of the brain, impact new therapies for restoring lost neural functions, and lead to neural interfaces to augment our interaction with the world and machines. Focuses on using physical, chemical and biological principles to understand technology design criteria governing ability to observe and alter brain structure and function. Topics include noninvasive and invasive brain mapping and stimulation, neural interfaces and neural prosthetics, data processing problems, decoding/encoding techniques based on machine learning, future brain interfaces based on nanotechnology, optogenetics. Same as NE 420. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 210 or BIOE 205 and NE 330, or instructor approval.
ECE 422 Computer Security I credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/422/)
Same as CS 461. See CS 461.

ECE 424 Computer Security II credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/424/)
Same as CS 463. See CS 463.

ECE 425 Intro to VLSI System Design credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/425/)
Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor (CMOS) technology and theory; CMOS circuit and logic design; layout rules and techniques; circuit characterization and performance estimation; CMOS subsystem design; Very-Large-Scale Integrated (VLSI) systems design methods; VLSI Computer Aided Design (CAD) tools; workstation-based custom VLSI chip design using concepts of cell hierarchy; final project involving specification, design, and evaluation of a VLSI chip or VLSI CAD program; written report and oral presentation on the final project. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 385 or CS 233.

ECE 426 Principles of Mobile Robotics credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/426/)
Same as ABE 426. See ABE 426.

ECE 428 Distributed Systems credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/428/)
Same as CS 425. See CS 425.

ECE 431 Electric Machinery credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/431/)
Theory and laboratory experimentation with three-phase power, power-factor correction, single- and three-phase transformers, induction machines, DC machines, and synchronous machines; project work on energy control systems; digital simulation of machine dynamics. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 330.

ECE 432 Real World Algorithms for IoT and Data Science credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/432/)
Introduction to cross-disciplinary ideas and techniques in mobile computing, with an emphasis on how they can be composed to build systems and applications on smartphones, tablets, and wearable devices. Topics of interest include smartphone sensing, energy efficiency, indoor localization, augmented reality, context-awareness, gesture recognition, and data analytics. Various techniques and methods utilized to combine them into functional systems, propose a new system, define the underlying problems, and solve them end to end. Same as CS 432. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 391, CS 241, CS 341 or ECE 310.

ECE 435 Computer Networking Laboratory credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/435/)
Same as CS 436. See CS 436.

ECE 437 Sensors and Instrumentation credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/437/)
Hands-on exposure to fundamental technology and practical application of sensors. Capacitive, inductive, optical, electromagnetic, and other sensing methods are examined. Instrumentation techniques incorporating computer control, sampling, and data collection and analysis are reviewed in the context of real-world scenarios. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 329.

ECE 438 Communication Networks credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/438/)
Same as CS 438. See CS 438.

ECE 439 Wireless Networks credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/439/)
Overview of wireless network architectures including cellular networks, local area networks, multi-hop wireless networks such as ad hoc networks, mesh networks, and sensor networks; capacity of wireless networks; medium access control, routing protocols, and transport protocols for wireless networks; mechanisms to improve performance and security in wireless networks; energy-efficient protocols for sensor networks. Same as ECE 439. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 391; CS 241 or CS 341; one of MATH 461, MATH 463, ECE 313.

ECE 441 Physcs & Modeling Semicon Dev credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/441/)
Advanced concepts including generation-recombination, hot electron effects, and breakdown mechanisms; essential features of small ac characteristics, switching and transient behavior of p-n junctions, and bipolar and MOS transistors; fundamental issues for device modeling; perspective and limitations of Si-devices. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 340.

ECE 442 Silicon Photonics credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/442/)
Overview of silicon integrated photonics in three sections: (1) fundamentals of waveguide optics and passive silicon photonic devices including wavelength filters, mode converters, polarization and dispersion management. (2) active silicon photonic devices based on carrier injection/depletion pn junction, photonic modulators, optical switches, photodetectors. (3) application of integrated silicon photonics in optical communications systems in short and long haul optical links and datacenters. Emerging applications in quantum computing, neuromorphic computing and biosensing. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 350.

ECE 443 LEDs and Solar Cells credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/443/)
This course explores the energy conversion devices from fundamentals to system-levels including electronic structure of semiconductors; quantum physics; compound semiconductors; semiconductor heterostructures and low dimensional quantum structures; energy transfer between photons and electron-hole pairs; photon emission and capture processes; radiative and non-radiative processes; light extraction and trapping; emission and absorption engineering; electrical and optical modelling via numerical and TCAD simulation tools; hands-on characterization of modern light emitting diodes and solar cells. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 340.

ECE 444 IC Device Theory & Fabrication credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/444/)
Fabrication lab emphasizing physical theory and design of devices suitable for integrated circuitry; electrical properties of semiconductors and techniques (epitaxial growth, oxidation, photolithography diffusion, ion implantation, metallization, and characterization) for fabricating integrated circuit devices such as p-n junction diodes, bipolar transistors, and field effect transistors. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 340.
ECE 445 Senior Design Project Lab credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/445/)
Team-based design projects in various areas of electrical and computer engineering; projects are chosen by students with approval of instructor. A professionally kept lab notebook, a written report, prepared to journal publication standards, and an oral presentation required. The projects involve building and testing of the designed hardware device and a demonstration of the device is required. 4 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Prerequisite: ECE 385. Restricted to Senior standing. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Advanced Composition

ECE 446 Principles of Experimental Research in Electrical Engineering credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/446/)
Interdisciplinary approach to learning principles of experimental research. Focuses on: 1) experimental design 2) prevalent experimental techniques 3) data organization, analysis, and presentation and 4) scientific computing. Presentation methods explored include poster session, conference talk, and journal paper. Open-ended labs and a project reinforce concepts discussed in class. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 313.

ECE 447 Active Microwave Ckt Design credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/447/)
Microwave circuit design of amplifiers, oscillators, and mixers. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 350 and ECE 453.

ECE 448 Artificial Intelligence credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/448/)
Same as CS 440. See CS 440.

ECE 449 Machine Learning credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/449/)
Same as CS 446. See CS 446.

ECE 451 Adv Microwave Measurements credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/451/)
Manual- and computer-controlled laboratory analysis of circuits at microwave frequencies. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 350.

ECE 452 Electromagnetic Fields credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/452/)
Plane waves at oblique incidence; wave polarization; anisotropic media; radiation; space communications; waveguides. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 350.

ECE 453 Wireless Communication Systems credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/453/)
Design of a radio system for transmission of information; modulation, receivers, impedance matching, oscillators, two-port network analysis, receiver and antenna noise, nonlinear effects, mixers, phase-locked loops. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 329, credit or concurrent registration in ECE 342.

ECE 454 Antennas credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/454/)
Antenna parameters; polarization of electromagnetic waves; basic antenna types; antenna arrays; broadband antenna design; antenna measurements. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 350.

ECE 455 Optical Electronics credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/455/)
Optical beams and cavities; semiclassical theory of gain; characteristics of typical lasers (gas, solid state, and semiconductor); application of optical devices. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 350 or PHYS 436.

ECE 456 Global Nav Satellite Systems credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/456/)
Engineering aspects of space-based navigation systems, such as the Global Positioning System (GPS). Engineering and physical principles on which GPS operates, including orbital dynamics, electromagnetic wave propagation in a plasma, signal encoding, receiver design, error analysis, and numerical methods for obtaining a navigation solution. GPS as a case study for performing an end-to-end analysis of a complex engineering system. Laboratory exercises focus on understanding receiver design and developing a MATLAB-based GPS receiver. Same as AE 456. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 329 and ECE 310 or AE 352 and AE 353.

ECE 457 Microwave Devices & Circuits credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/457/)
Electromagnetic wave propagation, microwave transmission systems, passive components, microwave tubes, solid state microwave devices, microwave integrated circuits, S-parameter analysis, and microstrip transmission lines. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 340 and ECE 350.

ECE 458 Applic of Radio Wave Propag credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/458/)
Terrestrial atmosphere, radio wave propagation, and applications to radio sensing and radio communication. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 350.

ECE 459 Communications Systems credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/459/)
Analog underpinning of analog and digital communication systems: representation of signals and systems in the time and frequency domains; analog modulation schemes; random processes; prediction and noise analysis using random processes; noise sensitivity and bandwidth requirements of modulation schemes. Brief introduction to digital communications. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 313.

ECE 460 Optical Imaging credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/460/)
Scalar fields, geometrical optics, wave optics, Gaussian beams, Fourier optics, spatial and temporal coherence, microscopy, interference chromatic and geometric aberrations, Jones matrices, waveplates, electromagnetic fields, and electro-optic and acousto-optic effects. Laboratory covers numerical signal processing, spectroscopy, ray optics, diffraction, Fourier optics, microscopy, spatial coherence, temporal coherence, polarimetry, fiber optics, electro-optic modulation and acousto-optic modulation. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 329; credit or concurrent registration in ECE 313.

ECE 461 Digital Communications credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/461/)
Reliable communication of one bit of information over three types of channels: additive Gaussian noise, wireline, and wireless. Emphasis on the impact of bandwidth and power on the data rate and reliability, using discrete-time models. Technological examples used as case studies. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 210 and ECE 313.
ECE 459 \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Biomedical Ultrasound Imaging} \hspace{1cm} credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/472/)

Theoretical and engineering foundations of ultrasonic imaging for medical diagnostics. Conventional, Doppler, and advanced ultrasonic imaging techniques; medical applications of different ultrasonic imaging techniques; engineering problems related to characterization of ultrasonic sources and arrays, image production, image quality, the role of contrast agents in ultrasonic imaging, and system design. Same as BIOE 427. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 329.

ECE 473 \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Fund of Engrg Acoustics} \hspace{1cm} credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/473/)

Development of the basic theoretical concepts of acoustical systems; mechanical vibration, plane and spherical wave phenomena in fluid media, lumped and distributed resonant systems, and absorption phenomena and hearing. Same as TAM 413. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: MATH 285 or MATH 286.

ECE 476 \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Power System Analysis} \hspace{1cm} credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/476/)

Development of power system equivalents by phase network analysis, load flow, symmetrical components, sequence networks, fault analysis, and digital simulation. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 330.

ECE 478 \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Formal Software Development Methods} \hspace{1cm} credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/478/)

Same as CS 477. See CS 477.

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ECE 479 IoT and Cognitive Computing  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/479/)
Offers in-depth coverage on existing and emerging IoT and cognitive computing topics. Detailed topics include definition and characteristics of IoT; IoT enabling technologies; smart domains and applications; IoT systems; IoT design methodology; machine learning and deep learning; embedded GPU and FPGA for IoT; IoT servers and cloud; data analytics for IoT; cognitive computing; cognitive systems design; cognitive application workloads; IoT security; hands-on learning experience to build IoT systems; and various case studies such as smart city, smart home, and IoT for healthcare. Three lab-based machine problems working with actual IoT computing devices together with homework assignments will be given to reinforce students' understanding and learning of the techniques and topics. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 220 or CS 225.

ECE 480 Magnetic Resonance Imaging  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/480/)
Fundamental physical, mathematical, and computational principles governing the data acquisition and image reconstruction of magnetic resonance imaging. Same as BIOL 480. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Recommended: ECE 310.

ECE 481 Nanotechnology  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/481/)
Fundamental physical properties of nanoscale systems. Nanofabrication techniques, semiconductor nanotechnology, molecular and biomolecular nanotechnology, carbon nanotechnology (nanotubes and graphene), nanowires, and nanoscale architectures and systems. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One of CHEM 442, CHBE 457, ME 485, MSE 401, PHYS 460.

ECE 482 Digital IC Design  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/482/)
Bipolar and MOS field effect transistor characteristics; VLSI fabrication techniques for MOS and bipolar circuits; calculation of circuit parameters from the process parameters; design of VLSI circuits such as logic, memories, charge-coupled devices, and A/D and D/A converters. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 342.

ECE 483 Analog IC Design  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/483/)
Basic linear integrated circuit design techniques using bi-polar, JFET, and MOS technologies; operational amplifiers; wide-band feedback amplifiers; sinusoidal and relaxation oscillators; electric circuit noise; application of linear integrated circuits. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 342.

ECE 484 Principles of Safe Autonomy  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/484/)
Introduces techniques for building autonomous systems such as autonomous cars, delivery drones, and manufacturing robots, and techniques for performing their safety analysis. Covers key algorithms and approaches in perception, modeling, motion planning, control, and safety analysis, with a view towards understanding their basic assumptions and performance guarantees. Also provides exposure to some of the state-of-the-art software tools for control, simulation, and analysis. Students will get experience through labs, programming assignments, and they will perform hands-on laboratory work on the Polaris GEM autonomous vehicle platform. Course material is distilled from recent research papers; thus, there is no required textbook. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: CS 124, ECE 220 or equivalent; ECE 313, IE 300, or STAT 400. A course on data structures, algorithms, differential equations, and linear algebra is recommended.

ECE 485 Control Systems  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/485/)
Analysis and design of control systems with emphasis on modeling, state variable representation, computer solutions, modern design principles, and laboratory techniques. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 210.

ECE 487 Intro Quantum Electr for EEs  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/487/)
Application of quantum mechanical concepts to electronics problems; detailed analysis of a calculable two-state laser system; incidental quantum ideas bearing on electronics. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: PHYS 485.

ECE 488 Compound Semicond & Devices  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/488/)
Advanced semiconductor materials and devices; elementary band theory; heterostructures; transport issues; three-terminal devices; two-terminal devices; including lasers and light modulators. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 340 and ECE 350.

ECE 489 Robot Dynamics and Control  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/489/)
Same as ME 446 and SE 422. See SE 422.

ECE 490 Introduction to Optimization  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/490/)
Basic theory and methods for the solution of optimization problems; iterative techniques for unconstrained minimization; linear and nonlinear programming with engineering applications. Same as CSE 441. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 220 and MATH 257.

ECE 491 Numerical Analysis  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/491/)
Same as CS 450, CSE 401 and MATH 450. See CS 450.

ECE 492 Parallel Progrmg: Sci & Engrg  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/492/)
Same as CS 420 and CSE 402. See CS 420.

ECE 493 Advanced Engineering Math  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/493/)
Same as MATH 487. See MATH 487.

ECE 495 Photonic Device Laboratory  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/495/)
Active photonic devices and lightwave technology. Hands-on experience with several classes of lasers (HeNe laser, semiconductor edge emitting lasers, vertical cavity surface emitting lasers), photodetectors, and photonic systems. Familiarization with experimental optical characterization techniques and equipment. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 487 recommended.

ECE 496 Senior Research Project  credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/496/)
Individual research project under the guidance of a faculty member: for example, mathematical analysis, laboratory experiments, computer simulations, software development, circuit design, or device fabrication. Preparation of a written research proposal, including preliminary results. 2 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated. ECE 496 and ECE 499 taken in sequence fulfill the Advanced Composition Requirement. Prerequisite: RHET 105, consent of instructor. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for Advanced Composition.
ECE 498 Special Topics in ECE  credit: 0 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/498/)
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in electrical and computer engineering intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or departmental course information for topics and prerequisites. 0 to 4 undergraduate hours. 0 to 4 graduate hours. May be repeated in the same or separate terms if topics vary.

ECE 499 Senior Thesis  credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/499/)
Completion of the research project begun under ECE 496. Preparation and oral presentation of a written thesis that reports the results of the project. 2 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. To fulfill the Advanced Composition Requirement, credit must be earned for both ECE 496 and ECE 499. Prerequisite: ECE 496 and consent of instructor. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Advanced Composition.

ECE 500 ECE Colloquium  credit: 0 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/500/)
Required of all graduate students. Approved for S/U grading only.

ECE 508 Manycore Parallel Algorithms  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/508/)
Algorithm techniques for enhancing the scalability of parallel software: scatter vs. gather, problem decomposition, spatial sorting and binning, privatization for reduced conflicts, tiling for data locality, regularization for improved load balance, compaction to conserve memory bandwidth, double-buffering to overlap latencies, and data layout for improved efficiency of DRAM accesses. Same as CS 508. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: ECE 408 or CS 420.

ECE 511 Computer Architecture  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/511/)
Advanced concepts in computer architecture: design, management, and modeling of memory hierarchies; stack-oriented processors; associative processors; pipelined computers; and multiple processor systems. Emphasis on hardware alternatives in detail and their relation to system performance and cost. Same as CSE 521. Prerequisite: ECE 411 or CS 433.

ECE 512 Computer Microarchitecture  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/512/)
Design of high performance computer systems; instruction level concurrency; memory system implementation; pipelining, superscalar, and vector processing; compiler back-end code optimization; profile assisted code transformations; code generation and machine dependent code optimization; cache memory design for multiprocessors; synchronization implementation in multiprocessors; compatibility issues; technology factors; state-of-the-art commercial systems. Prerequisite: ECE 511 and CS 426.

ECE 513 Vector Space Signal Processing  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/513/)
Mathematical tools in a vector space framework, including: finite and infinite dimensional vector spaces, Hilbert spaces, orthogonal projections, subspace techniques, least-squares methods, matrix decomposition, conditioning and regularizations, bases and frames, the Hilbert space of random variables, random processes, iterative methods; applications in signal processing, including inverse problems, filter design, sampling, interpolation, sensor array processing, and signal and spectral estimation. Prerequisite: ECE 310, ECE 313, and MATH 415.

ECE 514 Advanced Biosensors  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/514/)
Fundamental principles at the intersection of engineering, biology, and data science that are pushing the forefront of biosensor technology used for diagnostics and life science research. Same as BIOE 516. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: ECE 416.

ECE 515 Control System Theory & Design  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/515/)
Feedback control systems emphasizing state space techniques. Basic principles, modeling, analysis, stability, structural properties, optimization, and design to meet specifications. Same as ME 540. Prerequisite: ECE 486.

ECE 517 Nonlinear & Adaptive Control  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/517/)
Design of nonlinear control systems based on stability considerations; Lyapunov and hyperstability approaches to analysis and design of model reference adaptive systems; identifiers, observers, and controllers for unknown plants. Prerequisite: ECE 515.

ECE 518 Adv Semiconductor Nanotech  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/518/)
Semiconductor nanotechnology from the formation and characterization of low-dimensional structures to device applications. Compound semiconductors, epitaxial growth, quantum dots, nanowires, membranes, strain effect, quantum confinement, surface states, 3D transistors, nanolasers, multijunction tandem solar cells, and nanowire thermoelectrics. Handouts are supplemented with papers from the research literature. Critical literature review assignments, research proposals in National Science Foundation format, and oral presentations are required. Prerequisites: ECE 340, ECE 444, and ECE 481.

ECE 519 Hardware Verification  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/519/)
This course teaches algorithms for verification that are applied to very large scale hardware in the chip design industry. The course teaches symbolic model checking, Binary decision diagrams (BDDs), satisfiability (SAT) based algorithms, symbolic simulation, coverage metrics for simulation, automatic assertion generation, analog circuit verification and post Silicon validation algorithms. The course teaches scalable search algorithms that can be applied to discrete and continuous space models. Same as CS 585. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit.

ECE 520 EM Waves & Radiating Systems  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/520/)
Fundamental electromagnetic theory with applications to plane waves, waveguides, cavities, antennas, and scattering; electromagnetic principles and theorems; and solution of electromagnetic boundary-value problems.

ECE 522 Emerging Memory and Storage Systems  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/522/)
We will discuss advanced techniques for building memory and storage systems. It will cover a variety of recent research topics centered around memory and storage systems, including the new and emerging hardware architecture, systems software, memory-centric applications, near-data computing, rack-scale storage, storage security and reliability, mobile/wearable/IoT storage, and storage at rack scale. Through this course, students will learn not only the fundamental concepts of memory and storage systems via the lecture materials, but also the hands-on experience of building and evaluating a memory/storage-centric system via projects. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: ECE 391, ECE 411/CS 433 or equivalent courses.
ECE 532 Compnd Semicond & Diode Lasers  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/532/)
Compound semiconductor materials and their optical properties. Diode lasers including quantum well heterostructure lasers, strained layer lasers, and quantum wire and quantum dot lasers. Current topics in diode laser development. Prerequisite: ECE 340 and PHYS 486. Recommended: ECE 455; credit or concurrent registration in ECE 536.

ECE 534 Random Processes  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/534/)
Basic concepts of random processes; linear systems with random inputs; Markov processes; spectral analysis; Wiener and Kalman filtering; applications to systems engineering. Prerequisite: One of ECE 313, MATH 461, STAT 400.

ECE 535 Theory of Semicond & Devices  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/535/)
Introductory quantum mechanics of semiconductors; energy bands; dynamics of Block electrons in static and high-frequency electric and magnetic fields; equilibrium statistics; transport theory, diffusion, drift, and thermoelectric effects; characteristics of p-n junctions, heterojunctions, and transistor devices. Same as PHYS 555. Prerequisite: Senior-level course in quantum mechanics or atomic physics.

ECE 536 Integ Optics & Optoelectronics  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/536/)
Integrated optical and optoelectronic devices; theory of optical devices including laser sources, waveguides, photodetectors, and modulations of these devices. Prerequisite: One of ECE 455, ECE 487, PHYS 486. Recommended: ECE 488.

ECE 537 Speech Processing Fundamentals  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/537/)
Development of an intuitive understanding of speech processing by the auditory system, in three parts. I): The theory of acoustics of speech production, introductory acoustic phonetics, inhomogeneous transmission line theory (and reflectance), room acoustics, the short-time Fourier Transform (and its inverse), and signal processing of speech (LPC, CELP, VQ). II): Psychoacoustics of speech perception, critical bands, masking (JNDs), and the physiology of the auditory pathway (cochlear modeling). III): Information theory entropy, channel capacity, the confusion matrix, state models, EM algorithms, and Bayesian networks. Presentation of classic papers on speech processing and speech perception by student groups. MATLAB (or equivalent) programming in majority of assignments. Prerequisite: ECE 310.

ECE 538 2D Material Electronics and Photonics  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/538/)
Explores the electronic and photonic devices based on two-dimensional (2D) materials. More specifically, this course will discuss the synthesis and characterization of a variety of 2D materials. This course will also introduce the design, fabrication and physics of various nanoscale devices, including logic transistors, radio frequency devices, tunneling devices, photodetectors, plasmonic devices, lasers and valleytronic devices. The lab sessions will provide the students hands-on experience on the fabrication and characterization of 2D electronic/photonic devices. The lab sessions will be carried out in the nanofabrication laboratory in ECEB. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: ECE 340 or equivalent.

ECE 539 Adv Theory Semicond & Devices  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/539/)
Advanced topics of current interest in the physics of semiconductors and solid-state devices. Prerequisite: ECE 535.
ECE 540 Computational Electromagnetics credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/540/)
Basic computational techniques for numerical analysis of electromagnetics problems, including the finite difference, finite element, and moment methods. Emphasis on the formulation of physical problems into mathematical boundary-value problems, numerical discretization of continuous problems into discrete problems, and development of rudimentary computer codes for simulation of electromagnetic fields in engineering problems using each of these techniques. Same as CSE 530. Prerequisite: CS 357; credit or concurrent registration in ECE 520.

ECE 541 Computer Systems Analysis credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/541/)
Development of analytical models of computer systems and application of such models to performance evaluation: scheduling policies, paging algorithms, multiprogrammed resource management, and queuing theory. Same as CS 541. Prerequisite: One of ECE 313, MATH 461, MATH 463.

ECE 542 Fault-Tolerant Dig Syst Design credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/542/)
Advanced concepts in hardware and software fault tolerance: fault models, coding in computer systems, module and system level fault detection mechanism, reconconfiguration techniques in multiprocessor systems and VLSI processor arrays, and software fault tolerance techniques such as recovery blocks, N-version programming, checkpointing, and recovery; survey of practical fault-tolerant systems. Same as CS 536. Prerequisite: ECE 411.

ECE 543 Statistical Learning Theory credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/543/)
Advanced graduate course on modern probabilistic theory of adaptive and learning systems. The following topics will be covered: basics of statistical decision theory; concentration inequalities; supervised and unsupervised learning; empirical risk minimization; complexity-regularized estimation; generalization bounds for learning algorithms; VC dimension and Rademacher complexities; minimax lower bounds; online learning and optimization. Along with the general theory, the course will discuss applications of statistical learning theory to signal processing, information theory, and adaptive control. Basic prerequisites include probability and random processes, calculus, and linear algebra. Other necessary material and background will be introduced as needed. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: ECE 534 or equivalent.

ECE 544 Topics in Signal Processing credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/544/)
Lectures and discussions related to advanced topics and new areas of interest in signal processing: speech, image, and multidimensional processing. May be repeated 8 hours in a term to a total of 20 hours. Credit towards a degree from multiple offerings of this course is not given if those offerings have significant overlap, as determined by the ECE department. Prerequisite: As specified each term. It is expected that each offering will have a 500-level course as prerequisite or co-requisite.

ECE 545 Advanced Physical Acoustics credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/545/)
Advanced topics in acoustics including physical properties of a fluid; linear propagation phenomena; nonlinear phenomena such as radiation force, streaming, and harmonic generation; cavitation; absorption and dispersion. Prerequisite: One of ECE 473, ECE 520, TAM 518.

ECE 546 Advanced Signal Integrity credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/546/)
Signal integrity aspects involved in the design of high-speed computers and high-frequency circuits; addressing the functions of limitations of interconnects for system-level integration. Topics explored include packaging structures, power and signal distribution, power level fluctuations, skin effect, parasitics, noise, packaging hierarchy, multilayer wiring structures as well as the modeling and simulation of interconnects through the use of computer-aided design (CAD) and computational electromagnetics. Prerequisite: ECE 520.

ECE 547 Topics in Image Processing credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/547/)
Fundamental concepts, techniques, and directions of research in image processing: two-dimensional Fourier transform and filtering, image digitization, coding, restoration, reconstruction, analysis, and recognition. Same as CSE 543. Prerequisite: ECE 310 and ECE 313.

ECE 548 Models of Cognitive Processes credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/548/)
Same as CS 548. See CS 548.

ECE 549 Computer Vision credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/549/)
Information processing approaches to computer vision, algorithms, and architectures for artificial intelligence and robotics systems capable of vision: inference of three-dimensional properties of a scene from its images, such as distance, orientation, motion, size and shape, acquisition, and representation of spatial information for navigation and manipulation in robotics. Same as CS 543. Prerequisite: ECE 448 or CS 225.

ECE 551 Digital Signal Processing II credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/551/)
Basic concept review of digital signals and systems; computer-aided digital filter design, quantization effects, decimation and interpolation, and fast algorithms for convolution and the DFT; introduction to adaptive signal processing. Prerequisite: ECE 310 and ECE 313.

ECE 552 Numerical Circuit Analysis credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/552/)
Formulation of circuit equations; sparse matrix algorithms for the solution of large systems, AC, DC, and transient analysis of electrical circuits; sensitivity analysis; decomposition methods. Same as CSE 532. Prerequisite: MATH 415 and ECE 210.

ECE 553 Optimum Control Systems credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/553/)
Theoretical and algorithmic foundations of deterministic optimal control theory, including calculus of variations, maximum principle, and principle of optimality; the Linear-Quadratic-Gaussian design; differential games and H-infinity optimal control design. Prerequisite: ECE 313 and ECE 515.

ECE 554 Dynamic System Reliability credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/554/)
Reliability and dynamic performance evaluation for large-scale and complex systems; building on system-theoretic modeling, analysis, and design techniques. Design methods for reliability including architecture design and filter-based fault detection and isolation. Analytical methods for optimal redundancy allocation, sensitivity analysis methods for iterative system design, and other techniques for design optimization. Mechatronic systems used in aircraft and automotive, power electronic systems, and electrical power systems are examples of applications discussed. Same as ME 544. Prerequisite: ECE 313 and ECE 515, or permission of instructor.
ECE 555 Control of Stochastic Systems  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/555/)
Stochastic control models; development of control laws by dynamic programming; separation of estimation and control; Kalman filtering; self-tuning regulators; dual controllers; decentralized control. Prerequisite: ECE 515 and ECE 534.

ECE 556 Coding Theory  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/556/)
Coding theory with emphasis on the algebraic theory of cyclic codes using finite field arithmetic, decoding of BCH and RS codes, finite field Fourier transform and algebraic geometry codes, convolutional codes, and trellis decoding algorithms. Prerequisite: MATH 417.

ECE 557 Geometric Control Theory  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/557/)
Graduate course on mathematical theory of control and optimization, with a focus on geometric and topological methods. The following topics will be covered: introduction to the basics of differential geometric, Riemannian geometry, algebraic topology and Lie group theory. Control systems on manifolds. Controllability and observability of nonlinear systems. Optimization on manifolds and Lie groups and their applications in signal processing and learning. Control of non-holonomic systems and mechanical systems, rigid body dynamics. Optimal control on manifolds and Lie groups. Feedback linearization and feedback invariants. Introduction to quantum control. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: ECE 515 or equivalent is required. A course on state-space control theory, multivariable calculus, linear algebra and overall mathematical maturity are recommended.

ECE 558 Digital Imaging  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/558/)
Multidimensional signals, convolution, transforms, sampling, and interpolation; design of two-dimensional digital filters; sensor array processing and range-doppler imaging; applications to synthetic aperture radar, optics, tomography, radio astronomy, and beam-forming sonar; image estimation from partial data. Prerequisite: ECE 310 and ECE 313.

ECE 559 Topics in Communications  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/559/)
Lectures and discussion related to advanced topics and new areas of interest in the theory of communication systems: information theory, coding theory, and communication network theory. May be repeated in the same term, if topics vary, to a maximum of 12 graduate hours; may be repeated in separate terms, if topics vary, to a maximum of 16 graduate hours. Credit toward a degree from multiple offerings of this course is not given if those offerings have significant overlap, as determined by the ECE department. Prerequisite: As specified each term. (It is expected that each offering will have a 500-level course as a prerequisite or corequisite.).

ECE 560 VLSI in DSP & Communication  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/560/)
Basic concepts in digital signal processing, VLSI design methodologies, VLSI DSP building blocks; algorithm transformation and mapping techniques, high-speed, low-power transformations, applications to digital filtering; basics of finite-field arithmetic, forward-error correction algorithms, and architectures; DSP implementation platforms, programmable DSPs, media processors, FPGAs, ASICs, case studies of multimedia communications systems, video codecs, xDSL, and cable modems. Homework and a term project apply these concepts in the design of VLSI architectures for digital signal processing and communication systems. Prerequisite: ECE 310.

ECE 561 Statistical Inference for Engineers and Data Scientists  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/561/)
Fundamental principles of statistical decision theory and their application to hypothesis testing and estimation; classical optimality criteria for decision rules; computationally efficient implementations; sequential decision-making; performance analysis; asymptotic properties and performance of decision rules. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: ECE 534.

ECE 562 Advanced Digital Communication  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/562/)
Digital communication systems modulation, demodulation, signal space methods, channel models, bit error rate, spectral occupancy, synchronization, equalization, trellis-coded modulation, wireless channels, multiantenna systems, spread spectrum, and orthogonal frequency modulation. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: ECE 461 or ECE 459.

ECE 563 Information Theory  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/563/)
Mathematical models for channels and sources; entropy, information, data compression, channel capacity, Shannon's theorems, and rate-distortion theory. Prerequisite: One of ECE 534, MATH 464, MATH 564.

ECE 564 Modern Light Microscopy  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/564/)
Current research topics in modern light microscopy: optics principles (statistical optics, Gaussian optics, elastic light scattering, dynamic light scattering); traditional microscopy (bright field, dark field, DIC, phase contrast, confocal, epi-fluorescence, confocal fluorescence); current research topics (multiphoton, CARS, STED, FRET, FIONA, STORM, PALM, quantitative phase). Prerequisite: One of ECE 460, MIE 405, PHYS 402.

ECE 566 Computational Inference and Learning  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/566/)
Computational inference and machine learning have seen a surge of interest in the last 15 years, motivated by applications as diverse as computer vision, speech recognition, analysis of networks and distributed systems, big-data analytics, large-scale computer simulations, and indexing and searching of very large databases. This course introduces the mathematical and computational methods that enable such applications. Topics include computational methods for statistical inference, sparsity analysis, approximate inference and search, and fast optimization. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: ECE 490, ECE 534.

ECE 567 Communication Network Analysis  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/567/)
Performance analysis and design of multiple-user communication systems; emphasis on rigorous formulation and analytical and computational methods; includes queuing networks, decentralized minimum delay routing, and dynamic network flow control. Prerequisite: CS 438; one of ECE 534, MATH 464, MATH 564.

ECE 568 Model & Cntrl Electromech Syst  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/568/)
Fundamental electrical and mechanical laws for derivation of machine models; simplifying transformations of variables in electrical machines; power electronics for motor control; time-scale separation; feedback linearization and nonlinear control as applied to electrical machines. Typical electromechanical applications in actuators, robotics, and variable speed drives. Prerequisite: ECE 431 and ECE 515.
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ECE 590  Graduate Seminar in Special Topics  credit: 0 to 1 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/590/)
Lectures and discussions on current research and literature on advanced topics in electrical engineering. 0 to 1 graduate hours. No professional credit. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 1 hour in the same semester to a maximum of 4 credit hours in separate semesters, if topics vary. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ECE 592  Teaching and Leadership skills for Graduate Engineering Students and Teaching Assistants  credit: 1 or 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/592/)
Same as ENG 580. See ENG 580.

ECE 594  Math Models of Language  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/594/)
Mathematical models of linguistic structure and their implementation in computational algorithms used in automatic speech understanding and speech synthesis. Statistical and automata-theoretic techniques are studied allowing a quantitative description of acoustic-phonetics, phonology, phonotactics, lexicons, syntax, and semantics. The methods are used to build components of a speech understanding system. For 4 hours credit, an extended project is required. Prerequisite: ECE 537.

ECE 596  Master's Project  credit: 1 to 8 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/596/)
Individual or team projects in electrical and computer engineering emphasizing advanced engineering analysis and design. May be repeated to a maximum of 16 hours.

ECE 597  Individual Study in ECE  credit: 1 to 8 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/597/)
Individual projects. Approved written application to department as specified by department or instructor is required. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ECE 598  Special Topics in ECE  credit: 0 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/598/)
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in electrical and computer engineering intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or departmental course information for topics and prerequisites. May be repeated in the same or separate terms if topics vary.

ECE 599  Thesis Research  credit: 0 to 16 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ECE/599/)
Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated.

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