

# EN.525 (ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING)

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## EN.525.201. Circuits, Devices and Fields. 3 Credits.

This course is intended to prepare students lacking an appropriate background for graduate study in electrical and computer engineering. Fundamental mathematical concepts including calculus, differential equations, and linear algebra are reviewed. Circuit theory for linear and nonlinear devices and components is covered. An introduction to electricity and magnetism is presented along with basic wave propagation theory. Finally, Boolean algebra is studied with applications to digital circuit design and analysis. Prerequisite(s): Two or more semesters of calculus, differential equations, and at least two semesters of calculus-based physics. Course Note(s): Not for graduate credit.

## EN.525.202. Signals and Systems. 3 Credits.

This course is intended to prepare students lacking an appropriate background for graduate study in electrical and computer engineering. Signal and system representations and analysis tools in both continuous time and discrete time are covered. Linear time-invariant systems are defined and analyzed. The Fourier transform, the Laplace transform, and the z-transform are treated along with the sampling theorem. Finally, fundamental concepts in probability, statistics, and random processes are considered. Prerequisite(s): Two or more semesters of calculus and differential equations. Course Note(s): Not for graduate credit.

## EN.525.605. Intermediate Electromagnetics. 3 Credits.

This course provides a background in engineering electromagnetics required for more advanced courses in the field. Topics include vector calculus, Poisson's and Laplace's equations, Vector potentials, Green's functions, magnetostatics, magnetic and dielectric materials, Maxwell's equations, plane wave propagation and polarization, reflection and refraction at a plane boundary, frequency-dependent susceptibility functions, transmission lines, waveguides, and simple antennas. Practical examples are used throughout the course.

## EN.525.606. Electronic Materials. 3 Credits.

Materials and the interfaces between them are the key elements in determining the functioning of electronic devices and systems. This course develops the fundamental parameters of the basic solid material types and their relationships to electrical, thermal, mechanical, and optical properties. The application of these materials to the design and fabrication of electronic components is described, including integrated circuits, passive components, and electronic boards, modules, and systems. Prerequisite(s): An undergraduate degree in engineering, physics, or materials science; familiarity with materials structures and electronic devices.

## EN.525.607. Intro to Electronic Packaging. 3 Credits.

Topics include fundamentals of electronic packaging engineering and basic concepts in thermal, mechanical, electrical, and environmental management of modern electronic systems. Emphasis is on high-frequency (and high-speed) package performance and its achievement through the use of advanced analytical tools, proper materials selection, and efficient computer-aided design. Packaging topics include die and lead attachment, substrates, hybrids, surface-mount technology, chip and board environmental protection, connectors, harnesses, and printed and embedded wiring boards. Prerequisite(s): An undergraduate degree in a scientific or engineering area, including familiarity with computer-aided design and engineering analysis methods for electronic circuits and systems.

## EN.525.608. Next Generation Telecommunications. 3 Credits.

This course examines voice, data, and video communications through emerging technologies. Considerations include the characteristics and security requirements of the information being encoded, bandwidth requirements and limitations, and transmission standards and equipment. Topics will consider the pragmatics facing the communications system engineer including space, weight, and power. The student will review past and present network architectures and apply trade-off decisions when analyzing new system requirements. Topics include brief histories of telecommunications, speech processing, encoding, digitization, signaling, and transmission; broadband, fiber optics, and wireless network architectures; and encryption, privacy, and security issues. New and disruptive technologies are discussed each offering.

**Prerequisite(s):** Either an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering or 525.616 Communications Systems Engineering, or consent of the instructor.

## EN.525.609. Continuous Control Systems. 3 Credits.

This course examines classical methods of analysis and design of continuous control systems. Topics include system representation by linear time invariant ordinary differential equations, performance measures, sensitivity, stability, root locus, frequency domain techniques, and design methods. Several practical examples are considered. MATLAB is used as a computational tool. Prerequisite(s): Background in linear algebra and linear differential equations.

## EN.525.610. Microprocessors for Robotic Systems. 3 Credits.

This course examines microprocessors as an integral part of robotic systems. Techniques required for successful incorporation of embedded microprocessor technology are studied and applied to robotic systems. Students will use hardware in a laboratory setting and will develop software that uses features of the microprocessor at a low level to accomplish the real-time performance necessary in robotic applications. Topics will include microprocessor selection, real-time constraints, sensor interfacing, actuator control, and system design considerations. Prerequisite(s): Experience with C programming and a course in digital systems or computer architecture.

## EN.525.612. Computer Architecture. 3 Credits.

This course focuses on digital hardware design for all major components of a modern, reduced-instructionset computer. Topics covered include instruction set architecture; addressing modes; register-transfer notation; control circuitry; pipelining with hazard control; circuits to support interrupts and other exceptions; microprogramming; computer addition and subtraction circuits using unsigned, two's-complement, and excess notation; circuits to support multiplication using Robertson's and Booth's algorithms; circuits for implementing restoring and non-restoring division; squareroot circuits; floating-point arithmetic notation and circuits; memory and cache memory systems; segmentation and paging; input/output interfaces; interrupt processing; direct memory access; and several common peripheral devices, including analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog converters. A mini-project is required.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.642 FPGA Design using VHDL or prior knowledge of a hardware description language for FPGA design

**EN.525.613. Fourier Techniques in Optics. 3 Credits.**

In this course, the study of optics is presented from a perspective that uses the electrical engineer's background in Fourier analysis and linear systems theory. Topics include scalar diffraction theory, Fourier transforming and imaging properties of lenses, spatial frequency analysis of optical systems, spatial filtering and information processing, and holography. The class discusses applications of these concepts in non-destructive evaluation of materials and structures, remote sensing, and medical imaging. Prerequisite(s): An undergraduate background in Fourier analysis and linear systems theory.

**EN.525.614. Probability & Stochastic Processes for Engineers. 3 Credits.**

This course provides a foundation in the theory and applications of probability and stochastic processes and an understanding of the mathematical techniques relating to random processes in the areas of signal processing, detection, estimation, and communication. Topics include the axioms of probability, random variables, and distribution functions; functions and sequences of random variables; stochastic processes; and representations of random processes. Prerequisite(s): A working knowledge of multi-variable calculus, Fourier transforms, and linear systems theory.

**EN.525.615. Embedded Microprocessor Systems. 3 Credits.**

This course applies microprocessors as an integral element of system design. Techniques required for successful incorporation of microprocessor technology are studied and used. Hardware and software design considerations that affect product reliability, performance, and flexibility are covered. Students use hardware to gain familiarity with machine and assembly language for software generation, interfacing to a microprocessor at the hardware level, and emulation to check out system performance. Topics include security in embedded systems, case studies in system failures, embedded processors in the space environment, communications protocols, hardware/ software system tradeoffs, and SoC/FPGA designs. The course is based on the ARM architecture, and the student will do a series of development and interfacing labs. Prerequisite(s): Some experience in designing and building digital electronic systems, some familiarity with C programming, and a course in digital systems.

**EN.525.616. Communication Systems Engineering. 3 Credits.**

In this course, students receive an introduction to the principles, performance and applications of communication systems. Students examine analog modulation/demodulation systems (amplitude - AM, DSB & SSB; and angle - PM & FM) and digital modulation/demodulation systems (binary and M-ary) in noise and interference. Sub-topics include filtering, sampling, quantization, encoding and the comparison of coherent & noncoherent detection techniques to improve signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) and bit error rate (BER) performance. Special topics and/or problems will be assigned that provide knowledge of how communication systems work from a system engineering viewpoint in real-world environments. Prerequisite(s): A working knowledge of Fourier transforms, linear systems, and probability theory. Basic working knowledge of MATLAB.

**EN.525.618. Antenna Systems. 3 Credits.**

This course introduces and explains fundamental antenna concepts for both antennas and antenna arrays. Electromagnetic theory is reviewed and applied to antenna elements such as dipoles, loops, and aperture antennas, as well as antenna arrays. Antenna analysis is presented from a circuit theory point of view to highlight concepts such as reciprocity and the implications for transmit and receive radiation patterns. The importance of two-dimensional Fourier transforms is explained and applied to aperture antennas. Basic array constraints are examined through case studies of uniform, binomial, and general amplitude distributions. The concept of beam squint is explained through examination of constant-phase versus constant-time phase shifters. The Rotman lens is discussed as an example of a common beamformer. The class concludes with an explanation of antenna measurements.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.605 Intermediate Electromagnetics or EN.615.642 Electromagnetics or permission of the instructor.

**EN.525.619. Introduction to Digital Image and Video Processing. 3 Credits.**

This course provides an introduction to the basic concepts and techniques used in digital image and video processing. Two-dimensional sampling and quantization are studied, and the human visual system is reviewed. Edge detection and feature extraction algorithms are introduced for dimensionality reduction and feature classification. High-pass and bandpass spatial filters are studied for use in image enhancement. Applications are discussed in frame interpolation, filtering, coding, noise suppression, and video compression. Some attention will be given to object recognition and classification, texture analysis in remote sensing, and stereo machine vision.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing.

**EN.525.620. Electromagnetic Transmission Systems. 3 Credits.**

This course examines transmission systems used to control the propagation of electromagnetic traveling waves with principal focus emphasizing microwave and millimeter-wave applications. The course reviews standard transmission line systems together with Maxwell's equations and uses them to establish basic system concepts such as reflection coefficient, characteristic impedance, input impedance, impedance matching, and standing wave ratio. Specific structures are analyzed and described in terms of these basic concepts, including coaxial, rectangular, and circular waveguides, surface waveguides, striplines, microstrips, coplanar waveguides, slotlines, and finlines. Actual transmission circuits are characterized using the concepts and analytical tools developed.

**Prerequisite(s):** Knowledge of intermediate electromagnetics as covered in EN.525.605 Intermediate Electromagnetics.

**EN.525.621. Introduction to Electronics and the Solid State. 3 Credits.**

Fundamentals of solid state and device physics are presented. Topics in solid-state physics include crystal structure, lattice vibrations, dielectric and magnetic properties, band theory, and transport phenomena. Concepts in quantum and statistical mechanics are also included. Basic semiconductor device operation is described with emphasis on the p-n junction. Prerequisite(s): An undergraduate degree in electrical engineering or the equivalent.

**EN.525.623. Principles of Microwave Circuits. 3 Credits.**

This course addresses foundational microwave circuit concepts and engineering fundamentals. Topics include electromagnetics leading to wave propagation and generation, the transmission line, and impedance/admittance transformation and matching. Mapping and transformation are presented in the development of the Smith Chart. The Smith Chart is used to perform passive microwave circuit design. Microwave networks and s-matrix are presented; Mason's rules is introduced. Circuits are physically designed using microstrip concepts, taking into consideration materials properties, connectors, and other components.

**Prerequisite(s):** Students who have completed EN.525.674 are restricted from enrolling in EN.525.623

**EN.525.624. Analog Electronic Circuit Design. 3 Credits.**

This course examines the use of passive and active components to perform practical electronic functions. Simple circuits are designed and evaluated emphasizing the characteristics and tolerances of actual components. Devices studied include diodes and bipolar and field effect transistors. Circuit designs are studied in relation to the device characteristics, including small signal amplifiers and oscillators, and linear power supply and amplifier circuits. SPICE modeling is available to students. **Prerequisite(s):** Undergraduate courses in electricity and magnetism, circuit theory, and linear analysis.

**EN.525.625. Laser Fundamentals. 3 Credits.**

This course reviews electromagnetic theory and introduces the interaction of light and matter with an emphasis on laser theory. A fundamental background is established, necessary for advanced courses in optical engineering. Topics include Maxwell's equations, total power law, introduction to spectroscopy, classical oscillator model, Kramers-Kronig relations, line broadening mechanisms, rate equations, laser pumping and population inversion, laser amplification, laser resonator design, and Gaussian beam propagation.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.605 Intermediate Electromagnetics or equivalent.

**EN.525.627. Digital Signal Processing. 3 Credits.**

Basic concepts of discrete linear shift-invariant systems are emphasized, including sampling, quantization, and reconstruction of analog signals. Extensive coverage of the Z-transform, discrete Fourier transform, and fast Fourier transform is given. An overview of digital filter design includes discussion of impulse invariance, bilinear transform, and window functions. Filter structures, finite length register effects, roundoff noise, and limit cycles in discrete-time digital systems are also covered. **Prerequisite(s):** A working knowledge of Fourier and Laplace transforms.

**EN.525.630. Digital Signal Processing Lab. 3 Credits.**

This course builds on the theory of digital signal processing. Opportunities are provided to work on specific applications of digital signal processing involving filtering, deconvolution, spectral estimation, and a variety of other techniques. Students may also suggest their own laboratory topics. Laboratory work involves developing signal processing systems on a personal computer and using them with both real and simulated data. Questions related to hardware realizations are also considered.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing.

**EN.525.631. Adaptive Signal Processing. 3 Credits.**

This course explores the use of adaptive filtering algorithms and structures to learn the optimal filter or estimator and track timevarying system dynamics in order to improve the performance over static, fixed filtering techniques. Adaptive systems are implemented as part of the coursework with application to digital communications, beamforming, control systems, and interference cancellation. The final project involves creating an adaptive equalizer for digital communications over a timevarying channel.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing. Some knowledge of probability is helpful.

**EN.525.634. High Speed Digital Design. 3 Credits.**

This course will discuss the principles of signal integrity and its applications in the proper design of high-speed digital circuits. As interconnect data rates increase, phenomena that have historically been negligible begin to dominate performance, requiring techniques that were not previously necessary. This course is designed to give the students the theoretical and simulation tools needed to determine where signal integrity issues may arise, how to prevent such problems, and how to resolve problems when they arise in practice. A partial list of topics includes distributed circuits and lossless transmission lines, nonideal transmission line effects, crosstalk mitigation, differential pairs and modal analysis, I/O circuits and logic standards, and signal coding and waveshaping techniques. **Prerequisite(s):** Thorough knowledge of digital design and circuit theory. Prior coursework in electromagnetics and Laplace transforms will be helpful.

**EN.525.636. Optics & Photonics Lab. 3 Credits.**

The objective of this course is to develop laboratory skills in optics and photonics by performing detailed experimental measurements and comparing these measurements to theoretical models. Error analysis is used throughout to emphasize measurement accuracy. A partial list of topics include: geometric optics, optical properties of materials, diffraction, interference, polarization, non-linear optics, fiber optics, non-linear fiber optics, optical detectors (pin, APD, PMT), optical sources (lasers, blackbodies, LEDs), phase and amplitude modulators, lidar, fiberoptic communications, and IR radiometry. The specific experiments will depend on hardware availability and student interest.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.605 Intermediate Electromagnetics or equivalent or permission of the instructor.

**EN.525.638. Introduction to Wireless Technology. 3 Credits.**

This course introduces students to the modern technology involved with commercial wireless communications systems such as digital cellular, personal communications systems (PCS), wireless local area networks (WLAN), code division multiple access (CDMA) systems, and other topics. Various multiple access methods and signal formats are considered. Hardware implementations of system components are presented and analyzed. Modulation and demodulation architectures are introduced and modeled using PC-based tools. **Prerequisite(s):** An undergraduate degree in electrical engineering or the equivalent. Experience with MATLAB and Simulink will be helpful.

**EN.525.640. Satellite Communications Systems. 3 Credits.**

This course presents the fundamentals of satellite communications link design and an in-depth treatment of practical considerations. Existing commercial, civil, and military systems are described and analyzed, including direct broadcast satellites, high throughput satellites, VSAT links, and Earth-orbiting and deep space spacecraft. Topics include satellite orbits, link analysis, antenna and payload design, interference and propagation effects, modulation techniques, coding, multiple access, and Earth station design. The impact of new technology on future systems in this dynamic field is discussed.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering or equivalent or permission of the instructor. **Course Note(s):** This course is cross-listed with EN.675.640 Satellite Communications Systems.

**EN.525.641. Computer and Data Communication Networks I. 3 Credits.**

This course provides a comprehensive overview of computer and data communication networks, with emphasis on analysis and modeling. Basic communications principles are reviewed as they pertain to communication networks. Networking principles covered include layered network architecture, data encoding, static and multiaccess channel allocation methods (for LAN and WAN), ARQ retransmission strategies, framing, routing strategies, transport protocols, and emerging highspeed networks.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers and EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering, or equivalents.

**EN.525.642. FPGA Design Using VHDL. 3 Credits.**

This lab-oriented course covers the design of digital systems using VHSIC Hardware Description Language (VHDL) and its implementation in Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs). This technology allows cost-effective unique system realizations by enabling design reuse and simplifying custom circuit design. The design tools are first introduced and used to implement basic circuits. More advanced designs follow, focusing on integrating the FPGA with external peripherals, simple signal processing applications, utilizing soft-core processors, and using intellectual property (IP) cores. **Prerequisite(s):** A solid understanding of digital logic fundamentals.

**EN.525.643. Real Time Computer Vision. 3 Credits.**

This course introduces students to key computer vision techniques for real-time applications. Students will learn to quickly build applications that enable computers to "see," and make decisions based on still images or video streams. Through regular assignments and in class laboratory exercises (students are advised to bring their own laptop to class), students will build real-time systems for performing tasks including object recognition and face detection and recognition. Key computer vision topics addressed in the course include human and machine vision: how does the brain recognize objects?, and what can we emulate?, camera models and camera calibration; edge, line and contour detection; optical flow and object tracking; machine learning techniques; image features and object recognition; stereo vision; 3D vision; face detection and face recognition. Students will be exposed to the mathematical tools that are most useful in the implementation of computer vision algorithms. **Prerequisite(s):** Python programming experience, and prior knowledge of linear algebra, geometry, and probability theory is desired.

**EN.525.645. Modern Navigation Systems. 3 Credits.**

This course explores the use of satellite, terrestrial, celestial, radio, magnetic, and inertial systems for the real-time determination of position, velocity, acceleration, and attitude. Particular emphasis is on the historical importance of navigation systems; avionics navigation systems for high performance aircraft; the Global Positioning System; the relationships between navigation, cartography, surveying, and astronomy; and emerging trends for integrating various navigation techniques into single, tightly coupled systems.

**EN.525.646. DSP Hardware Lab. 3 Credits.**

This course develops expertise and insight into the development of DSP processor solutions to practical engineering problems through hands-on experience. Structured exercises using DSP hardware are provided and used by the student to gain practical experience with basic DSP theory and operations. Course focus is on realtime, floating-point applications. This course is intended for engineers having EE or other technical backgrounds who desire to obtain practical experience and insight into the development of solutions to DSP problems requiring specialized DSP architectures.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing and C programming experience.

**EN.525.648. Introduction to Radar Systems. 3 Credits.**

This class introduces the student to the fundamentals of radar system engineering. The radar range equation in its many forms is developed and applied to different situations. Radar transmitters, antennas, and receivers are covered. The concepts of matched filtering, pulse compression, and the radar ambiguity function are introduced, and the fundamentals of radar target detection in a noise background are discussed. Target radar cross-section models are addressed, as well as the effects of the operating environment, including propagation and clutter. MTI and pulsed Doppler processing and performance are addressed. Range, angle, and Doppler resolution/accuracy, as well as fundamental tracking concepts, will also be discussed.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers, EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing, a working knowledge of electromagnetics, and familiarity with MATLAB.

**EN.525.651. Introduction to Electric Power Systems. 3 Credits.**

This course introduces and explains fundamentals of electrical power systems design and engineering. Phasors and their application to power systems analysis are reviewed. The concept of the per-unit system is introduced and applied to circuit calculations. Transformers and their application to electrical power transmission and distribution systems will be covered. Transmission line parameters, their calculation, and transmission line modeling are introduced. Steady-state operation of transmission lines is modeled and investigated. Power flow analysis computational techniques are covered. Short-circuit analysis and the method of symmetrical components are introduced. The concept of power system protection and the role of automatic relays will be covered. Primary and secondary distribution systems and substations are introduced. Renewable energy generation and the integration of renewable energy into the modern power grid will be introduced. **Prerequisite(s):** Course in electrical networks and a course in linear algebra and matrix operations. MATLAB required software. **Course Note(s):** Matlab is required for this course.

**EN.525.654. Communications Circuits Lab. 3 Credits.**

This online laboratory-based course focuses on modulation/demodulation (MODEM) aspects of wireless communications systems. This course is designed to enhance the student's understanding of fundamental communications waveforms and to present methods commonly used to process them. Students will be exposed to various implementations of MODEM circuits used to process waveforms such as FM, FSK, PSK, and QAM. All work is performed remotely via Internet access to the remote laboratory facility located at the Johns Hopkins University. Following an introduction to this remote laboratory implementation, students will conduct a series of laboratory exercises designed to enhance their understanding of material presented in communications engineering courses. Course modules involve the characterization of waveforms and MODEM circuits through lecture, laboratory exercises, analysis, and online discussion. Materials required for this course include a broadband Internet connection, web browser, word processing software (e.g., MS Word or equivalent), and analysis software (e.g., MATLAB or equivalent) used to process and present data collected.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering or consent of the instructor.

**EN.525.658. Digital VLSI System Design. 3 Credits.**

An introductory course in digital VLSI design in which students design digital CMOS integrated circuits and systems. The class covers transistor, behavioral, and physical level design using a variety of design tools, including circuit simulation with SPICE, logic synthesis with Verilog HDL, physical layout and automated placement and routing. The class culminates in a final project in which each student designs a more complicated digital system from architecture to final layout. **Prerequisite(s):** A course in digital design.

**EN.525.659. Mixed-Mode VLSI Circuit Design. 3 Credits.**

This course focuses on transistor-level design of mixed-signal CMOS integrated circuits. After reviewing fundamentals of MOSFET operation, the course will cover design of analog building blocks such as current-mirrors, bias references, amplifiers, and comparators, leading up to the design of digital-to-analog and analog-to-digital converters. Aspects of subthreshold operation, structured design, scalability, parallelism, low power-consumption, and robustness to process variations are discussed in the context of larger systems. The course will include use of Cadence design software to explore transistor operation and to perform functional-block designs, in the process of incrementally designing a data-converter front-end. **Prerequisite(s):** Familiarity with MOSFET and transistor level circuit design fundamentals.

**EN.525.661. UAV Systems and Control. 3 Credits.**

This hardware-supplemented course covers the guidance, navigation- and control principles common to many small fixed-wing and multirotor unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Building on classical control systems and modeling theory, students will learn how to mathematically model UAV flight characteristics and sensors, develop and tune feedback control autopilot algorithms to enable stable flight control, and fuse sensor measurements using extended Kalman filter techniques to estimate the UAV position and orientation. Students will realize these concepts through both simulation and interaction with actual UAV hardware. Throughout the course, students will build a full 6-degree-of-freedom simulation of controlled UAV flight using MATLAB and Simulink. Furthermore, students will reinforce their UAV flight control knowledge by experimenting with tuning and flying actual open-source quadrotor UAVs. **Prerequisite(s):** Background in control systems (e.g., EN.525.609 Continuous Control Systems) and matrix theory along with a working knowledge of MATLAB. Experience using Simulink is desired. Existing familiarity with C programming language, electronics, and microcontrollers will be helpful but is not required.

**EN.525.666. Linear System Theory. 3 Credits.**

This course covers the structure and properties of linear dynamic systems with an emphasis on the single-input, single-output case. Topics include the notion of state-space, state variable equations, review of matrix theory, linear vector spaces, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, the state transition matrix and solution of linear differential equations, internal and external system descriptions, properties of controllability and observability and their applications to minimal realizations, state-feedback controllers, asymptotic observers, and compensator design using state-space and transfer function methods. An introduction to multi-input, multi-output systems is also included, as well as the solution and properties of timevarying systems. **Prerequisite(s):** Courses in matrix theory and linear differential equations.

**EN.525.670. Machine Learning for Signal Processing. 3 Credits.**

This course will focus on the use of machine learning theory and algorithms to model, classify, and retrieve information from different kinds of real world signals such as audio, speech, image, and video. **Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing and EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers

**EN.525.674. Introduction to RF and Microwave Circuits. 3 Credits.**

This course introduces students to RF/microwave circuit analysis methods and design techniques. Topics include wave propagation and generation, transmission lines, power flow, and impedance transformation and matching using the Smith Chart. Microwave networks and Scattering and Transmission parameters are introduced. Standard passive and active networks are presented including power dividers, couplers, and amplifiers. The gain, noise, and stability of microwave amplifiers are studied theoretically and practically. CAD tools are utilized to design low noise amplifiers using microstrip lines, standard substrate materials, and commercial components.

**Prerequisite(s):** Students who have completed EN.525.623 are restricted from enrolling in EN.525.674

**EN.525.678. Next Generation Mobile Networks with 5G. 3 Credits.**

The primary focus of this course is to introduce the next generation mobile networks, including both Cellular and WLAN technologies in great detail, to discuss various types of IP-based mobility protocols, namely Mobile-IP, Mobile IPv6, ProxyMIPv6, SIP-mobility, and Cellular IP, and to explore systems optimization techniques to support seamless handover during Inter RAT handover (e.g., 4G, 5G, and WLAN). Additionally, the course will briefly introduce the principles of cellular communications system and will then move on to describe the evolution of different generations of cellular systems including 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G as being defined in 3GPP. At the same time it will discuss IEEE WLAN standards as developed by IEEE 802 working group including 802.11 (a, b, g, n) and 802.11 (ax, ay, ac). The Media Independent Handover standard IEEE 802.21 (e.g., integrating WLAN and 3G/4G cellular networks to provide session/service continuity) is also introduced. Further, the course will describe the 4G Long Term Evolution (LTE) in detail, covering its various components—namely Evolved UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN), EPC (Evolved Packet Network), and IMS (IP Multimedia Subsystem)—and all the associated interfaces and protocols, and the current efforts on 5G evolution and will touch upon various 5G pillars, namely SDN (Software Defined Networking), Network Function Virtualization, Cloud RAN, Network Slicing, Mobile Edge Cloud, and Edge Security. Finally, the course will highlight various standards activities within 3GPP, IEEE, IETF, NGMN, and ITU and will introduce some research problems for future study in the mobility area, presenting various deployment use cases and experimental results from the open-source testbeds.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.605.671 Principles of Data Communications Networks or consent of instructor

**EN.525.684. Microwave Systems & Receiver Design. 3 Credits.**

This course deals with the practical aspects of RF and microwave systems and components. An overview of radar systems is followed by an introduction to communication systems. The majority of the course treats the linear and nonlinear characteristics of individual components and their relation to receiver system performance. Amplifiers, mixers, antennas, filters, and frequency sources are studied, as well as their impact on receiver performance. Top-level receiver designs for a radar system, a wide-band surveillance system, or a communication system application may be studied. Assignments reinforce the course material and may require use of design software. **Prerequisite(s):** An undergraduate degree in electrical engineering or equivalent.

**EN.525.691. Fundamentals of Photonics. 3 Credits.**

This course provides the essential background in photonics required to understand modern photonic and fiber-optic systems. Fundamental concepts established in this course are necessary for advanced coursework as well. Topics include: electromagnetic optics, polarization and crystal optics, guided-wave optics, fiber optics, photons in semiconductors, semiconductor photon sources and detectors, electro-optics and acousto-optics. **Prerequisite(s):** An undergraduate course in electromagnetic theory.

**EN.525.707. Error Control Coding. 3 Credits.**

This course presents error-control coding with a view toward applying it as part of the overall design of a data communication or storage and retrieval system. Block, trellis, and turbo codes and associated decoding techniques are covered. Topics include system models, generator and parity check matrix representation of block codes, general decoding principles, cyclic codes, an introduction to abstract algebra and Galois fields, BCH and Reed-Solomon codes, analytical and graphical representation of convolutional codes, performance bounds, examples of good codes, Viterbi decoding, BCJR algorithm, turbo codes, and turbo code decoding.

**Prerequisite(s):** Background in linear algebra, such as EN.625.609 Matrix Theory; in probability, such as EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers; and in digital communications, such as EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering. Familiarity with MATLAB or similar programming capability.

**EN.525.708. Iterative Methods in Communications Systems. 3 Credits.**

Generalization of the iterative decoding techniques invented for turbo codes has led to the theory of factor graphs as a general model for receiver processing. This course will develop the general theory of factor graphs and explore several of its important applications. Illustrations of the descriptive power of this theory include the development of high performance decoding algorithms for classical and modern forward error correction codes (trellis codes, parallel concatenated codes, serially concatenated codes, low-density parity check codes). Additional applications include coded modulation systems in which the error correction coding and modulation are deeply intertwined as well as a new understanding of equalization techniques from the factor graph perspective.

**Prerequisite(s):** Background in linear algebra, such as EN.625.609 Matrix Theory; in probability, such as EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers; and in digital communications, such as EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering. Familiarity with MATLAB or similar programming capability.

**EN.525.712. Advanced Computer Architecture. 3 Credits.**

This course covers topics essential to modern superscalar processor design. A review of pipelined processor design and hierarchical memory design is followed by advanced topics including the identification of parallelism in processes; multiple diversified functional units in a pipelined processor; static, dynamic, and hybrid branch prediction techniques; the Tomasulo algorithm for efficient resolution of true data dependencies; advanced data flow techniques with and without speculative execution; multiprocessor systems; and multithreaded processors.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.612 Computer Architecture or equivalent.

**EN.525.718. Multirate Signal Processing. 3 Credits.**

Multirate signal processing techniques find applications in areas such as communication systems, signal compression, and sub-band signal processing. This course provides an in-depth treatment of both the theoretical and practical aspects of multirate signal processing. The course begins with a review of discrete-time systems and the design of digital filters. Sample rate conversion is covered, and efficient implementations using polyphase filters and cascade integrator comb (CIC) filters are considered. The latter part of the course treats filter bank theory and implementation, including quadrature mirror, conjugate quadrature, discrete Fourier transform, and cosine modulated filter banks along with their relationship to transmultiplexers.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing or equivalent and working knowledge of MATLAB.

**EN.525.721. Advanced Digital Signal Processing. 3 Credits.**

The fundamentals of statistical signal processing are presented in this course. Topics include matrix factorizations and least squares filtering, optimal linear filter theory, classical and modern spectral estimation, adaptive filters, and optimal processing of spatial arrays.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers, EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing, linear algebra, and familiarity with a scientific programming language such as MATLAB.

**EN.525.722. Wireless and Mobile Cellular Communications. 3 Credits.**

In this course, students examine fundamental concepts of mobile cellular communications and specifics of current and proposed US cellular systems. Topics include frequency reuse; call processing; propagation loss; multipath fading and methods of reducing fades; error correction requirements and techniques; modulation methods; FDMA, TDMA, and CDMA techniques; microcell issues; mobile satellite systems; GSM, cdmaOne, GPRS, EDGE, cdma2000, W-CDMA, LTE and candidate 5G waveforms.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers or equivalent and 525.616 Communication Systems Engineering.

**EN.525.724. Introduction to Pattern Recognition. 3 Credits.**

This course focuses on the underlying principles of pattern recognition and on the methods of machine intelligence used to develop and deploy pattern recognition applications in the real world. Emphasis is placed on the pattern recognition application development process, which includes problem identification, concept development, algorithm selection, system integration, and test and validation. Machine intelligence algorithms to be presented include feature extraction and selection, parametric and non-parametric pattern detection and classification, clustering, artificial neural networks, support vector machines, rule-based algorithms, fuzzy logic, genetic algorithms, and others. Case studies drawn from actual machine intelligence applications will be used to illustrate how methods such as pattern detection and classification, signal taxonomy, machine vision, anomaly detection, data mining, and data fusion are applied in realistic problem environments. Students will use the MATLAB programming language and the data from these case studies to build and test their own prototype solutions.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers or equivalent. A course in digital signal or image processing is recommended, such as EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing, EN.525.619 Introduction to Digital Image and Video Processing, 525.643 Real-Time Computer Vision, or 525.746 Image Engineering.

**EN.525.725. Power Electronics. 3 Credits.**

This course is designed to provide students a solid foundation on the fundamentals and principles of power electronics. Analytical modeling and control techniques will be introduced in addition to practical design considerations for switching regulators. Topics include steady state analysis, large and small signal modeling, control loop design, input filter and magnetic design, along with switch realization and efficiency evaluation. Advanced topics such as soft switching and active power factor correction will also be introduced. Each topic will include an in-class modeling and simulation component, utilizing MATLAB/ Simulink, to reinforce concepts and provide the student with a practical design tool for evaluating compliance with typical performance requirements.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.624 Analog Electronic Circuit Design I or equivalent.

**EN.525.728. Detection & Estimation Theory. 3 Credits.**

Both hypothesis testing and estimation theory are covered. The course starts with a review of probability distributions, multivariate Gaussians, and the central limit theorem. Hypothesis testing areas include simple and composite hypotheses and binary and multiple hypotheses. In estimation theory, maximum likelihood estimates and Bayes estimates are discussed. Practical problems in radar and communications are used as examples throughout the course.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers or equivalent.

**EN.525.732. Advanced Analog Electronic Circuit Design. 3 Credits.**

This course extends the fundamental concepts of practical electronic circuit design developed in the course 525.624 Analog Electronic Circuit Design, beginning with a review of the general feedback method. Students then examine a range of devices, including operational amplifiers, A/D and D/A converters, and comparators. Applications include active filters, sensor conditioning, nonlinear transfer functions, and analog computation. Students explore these topics through a series of assignments supplemented with breadboard-level experimentation. All required test equipment will be provided to the student.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.624 Analog Electronic Circuit Design or permission of the instructor.

**EN.525.733. Deep Learning for Computer Vision. 3 Credits.**

Recent technological advances coupled with increased data availability have opened the door for a wave of revolutionary research in the field of Deep Learning. In particular, Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) continue to improve on state-of-the-art performance in many standard computer vision tasks including image classification, segmentation, object recognition, object localization, and scene recognition. With an emphasis on computer vision, this course will explore deep learning methods and applications in depth as well as evaluation and testing methods. Topics discussed will include network architectures and design, training methods, and regularization strategies in the context of computer vision applications. Following a seminar format, students will be expected to read, understand, and present recent publications describing the current state-of-the-art deep learning methods. Additionally, team projects will give students an opportunity to apply deep learning methods to real world problems. **Prerequisite(s):** Students should have taken courses in computer vision and machine learning/pattern recognition, have basic familiarity with OpenCV, Python and C++, as well as prior class instruction in neural networks.

**EN.525.735. MIMO Wireless Communications. 3 Credits.**

This course presents the fundamental concepts and techniques of multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) communications over wireless communication channels. MIMO communications, which involve the use of multiple antennas at the transmitter and receiver, employ the use of signal processing techniques to enhance the reliability and capacity of communication systems without increasing the required spectral bandwidth. MIMO techniques are currently used or planned in many commercial and military communications systems. Topics include the derivation and application of the theoretical MIMO communications capacity formula; channel fading and multipath propagation; the concepts of transmit and receive space diversity; space-time block coding, with a special emphasis on Alamouti coding; space-time trellis coding; spatial multiplexing; and fundamentals of OFDM modulation and its relation to MIMO communications. Examples and applications will be presented as well as related MATLAB homework assignments.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering; EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers, or the equivalent. In addition, a working knowledge of MATLAB is required.

**EN.525.738. Advanced Antenna Systems. 3 Credits.**

This course is designed to follow 525.618 Antenna Systems. Advanced techniques needed to analyze antenna systems are studied in detail. Fourier transforms are reviewed and applied to antenna theory and array distributions. The method of moments is studied and used to solve basic integral equations employing different basis functions. Green's functions for patch antennas are formulated in terms of Sommerfeld-like integrals. Techniques such as saddle-point integration are presented. Topics addressed include computational electromagnetics, Leaky and surface waves, mutual coupling, and Floquet modes. Students should be familiar with complex variables (contour integration), Fourier transforms, and electromagnetics from undergraduate studies.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.618 Antenna Systems.

**EN.525.742. System-on-a-Chip FPGA Design Laboratory. 3 Credits.**

This lab-oriented course will focus on the design of large-scale system-on-a-chip (SOC) solutions within field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs). Modern FPGA densities and commercially available cores enable a single developer to design highly complex systems within a single FPGA. This class will provide the student with the ability to design and debug these inherently complex systems. Topics will include high-speed digital signal processing, embedded processor architectures, customization of soft-core processors, interfacing with audio and video sensors, communications interfaces, and networking. The optimum division of algorithms between hardware and software will be discussed, particularly the ability to accelerate software algorithms by building custom hardware. Many labs will center on a common architecture that includes signal processing algorithms in the FPGA fabric, controlled by an embedded processor that provides user interfaces and network communication. The first section of the course will be spent experimenting with different building blocks for constructing SOCs. Students will spend later class sessions working in teams on self-directed SOC design projects. Industry-standard tools will be used.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.642 FPGA Design Using VHDL and familiarity with C programming.

**EN.525.743. Embedded Systems Development Lab. 3 Credits.**

This project-based laboratory course involves the development of embedded system prototypes. Typical projects contain combinations of the following component types: transducers, analog front ends, micro-controllers and processors, FPGAs, digital signal processors, electrical interfaces, wired or wireless connectivity, printed circuit boards required for integration and test, and software/firmware modules needed to operate a designed system. The laboratory activity is a backdrop used to teach key aspects of the development process such as documentation, realistic use of requirements, design partition, integration strategy, interface design, risk mitigation, and design strategies to accommodate available resources. Students will select a project concept and then create an implementation plan that will define the semester's activity. Students may work independently or in teams to define, develop, test, and document their projects. Students are encouraged to select topics based on their interests and learning objectives. All projects are subject to instructor approval.

**Prerequisite(s):** An undergraduate degree in electrical or computer engineering or computer science, EN.525.612 Computer Architecture, and working knowledge of C or C++ or instructor's approval.

**EN.525.744. Passive Emitter Geo-Location. 3 Credits.**

This course covers the algorithms used to locate a stationary RF signal source, such as a radar, radio, or cell phone. The topics covered include a review of vectors, matrices, and probability; linear estimation and Kalman filters; nonlinear estimation and extended Kalman filters; robust estimation; data association; measurement models for direction of arrival, time difference of arrival, and frequency difference of arrival; geo-location algorithms; and performance analysis. Most of the course material is developed in planar Cartesian coordinates for simplicity; however, the extension to WGS84 coordinates is provided to equip the students for practical applications. Homework consists of both analytical problems and problems that require computer simulation using software such as MATLAB.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers, an undergraduate course in linear algebra/matrix theory, and familiarity with MATLAB. This course is cross-listed with EN.675.741 Passive Emitter Geo-Location.

**EN.525.745. Applied Kalman Filtering. 3 Credits.**

Theory, analysis, and practical design and implementation of Kalman filters are covered, along with example applications to real-world problems. Topics include a review of random processes and linear system theory; Kalman filter derivations; divergence analysis; numerically robust forms; suboptimal filters and error budget analysis; prediction and smoothing; cascaded, decentralized, and federated filters; linearized, extended, second-order, and adaptive filters; and case studies in GPS, inertial navigation, and ballistic missile tracking.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers and EN.525.666 Linear System Theory or equivalents; knowledge of MATLAB (or equivalent software package).

**EN.525.746. Image Engineering. 3 Credits.**

The overall goal of the course is to provide the student with a unified view of images, concentrating on image creation, and image processing. Optical, photographic, analog, and digital image systems are highlighted. Topics include image input, output, and processing devices; visual perception; video systems; and fundamentals of image enhancement and restoration. Coding, filtering, and transform techniques are covered, with applications to remote sensing and biomedical problems.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing or equivalent and knowledge of linear systems.

**EN.525.747. Speech Processing. 3 Credits.**

This course emphasizes processing of the human speech waveform, primarily using digital techniques. Theory of speech production and speech perception as related to signals in time and frequency-domains is covered, as well as the measurement of model parameters, short-time Fourier spectrum, and linear predictor coefficients. Speech coding, recognition, speech synthesis, and speaker identification are discussed. Application areas include telecommunications telephony, Internet VOIP, and man-machine interfaces. Considerations for embedded realization of the speech processing system will be covered as time permits. Several application-oriented software projects will be required.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing and EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers. Background in linear algebra and MATLAB is helpful.



**EN.525.748. Synthetic Aperture Radar. 3 Credits.**

This course covers the basics of synthetic aperture radar (SAR) from a signal processing perspective. In particular, the course will examine why there are limiting design considerations for real aperture radar and how a synthetic aperture can overcome these limitations to create high-resolution radar imaging. Various SAR geometries will be considered. Image formation algorithms, such as range Doppler, chirp scaling, omega-K, polar formatting, and backprojection, will be reviewed and, in some cases, coded by the student. Other post-processing techniques, such as motion compensation, aperture weighting (or apodization), autofocus, and multilook, will be reviewed. Advanced topics will include interferometric SAR, polarimetry, continuous wave linear FM (CWLFM) SAR, and moving objects in SAR imagery. Students will work through problems involving radar and SAR processing. Students will also develop SAR simulations, in either MATLAB or Python, based on simple point scatterers in a benign background.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.648 Introduction to Radar Systems, along with either basic MATLAB or Python skills.

**EN.525.751. Software Radio for Wireless Communications. 3 Credits.**

Software-defined radio (SDR) has become a common approach to rapid prototyping and deployment of communications equipment. It allows engineers to quickly move from algorithm development to functional prototype, using small form-factor commercial hardware. This course will explore modern SDR technology and implementation techniques. Students will design and implement common radio functions using field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs) and software frameworks. During the semester, we progress from hardware considerations and basic signal processing techniques to synchronization, digital modulation, and cognitive radio. We finish with a final semester project combining multiple cognitive radio concepts.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.638 Introduction to Wireless Technology or EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering; EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing; and working knowledge of MATLAB and Simulink.

**EN.525.752. Digital Receiver Synchronization Techniques. 3 Credits.**

This course explores synchronization techniques in modern digital receivers. Synchronization techniques, from initial detection of a signal to symbol timing recovery, is studied in this course. Students will learn practical synchronization techniques through experimentation and hands-on development. Students develop software to solve synchronization problems relevant to modern wireless communication standards. A semester project involving demodulation and synchronization is required.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing

**EN.525.753. Laser Systems and Applications. 3 Credits.**

This course provides a comprehensive treatment of the generation of laser light, and its properties and applications. Topics include specific laser systems and pumping mechanisms, nonlinear optics, temporal and spatial coherence, guided beams, interferometric and holographic measurements, and remote sensing.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.625 Laser Fundamentals.

**EN.525.754. Wireless Communication Circuits. 3 Credits.**

.In this course, students examine modulator and demodulator circuits used in communication and radar systems. A combination of two lectures, three laboratory experiments, and a student design project address the analysis, design, fabrication, and test of common circuits. Signal formats considered include phase and frequency shift keying, as well as the linear modulations used in analog systems. The students will select a project topic of their choosing. The nature and extent of the project will be negotiated with the instructors. The project will consume about two-thirds of the semester and weighs in a similar proportion for the final grade. There are no exams in this course, it is a laboratory and project-based learning experience.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering or EN.525.624 Analog Electronic Circuit Design or EN.525.654 Communications Circuits Laboratory or permission of the instructor.

**EN.525.756. Optical Propagation, Sensing, and Backgrounds. 3 Credits.**

This course presents a unified perspective on optical propagation in linear media. A basic background is established using electromagnetic theory, spectroscopy, and quantum theory. Properties of the optical field and propagation media (gases, liquids, and solids) are developed, leading to basic expressions describing their interaction. The absorption line strength and shape and Rayleigh scattering are derived and applied to atmospheric transmission, optical window materials, and propagation in water-based liquids. A survey of experimental techniques and apparatus is also part of the course. Applications are presented for each type of medium, emphasizing remote sensing techniques and background noise. Computer codes such as LOWTRAN, FASCODE, and OPTIMATR are discussed. Prerequisite(s): Undergraduate courses on electromagnetic theory and elementary quantum mechanics. A course on Fourier optics is helpful.

**EN.525.759. Image Compression, Packet Video, and Video Processing. 3 Credits.**

This course provides an introduction to the basic concepts and techniques used for the compression of digital images and video. Video compression requirements, algorithm components, and ISO Standard video processing algorithms are studied. Image compression components that are used in video compression methods are also identified. Since image and video compression is now integrated in many commercial and experimental video processing methods, knowledge of the compression methods' effects on image and video quality are factors driving the usability of that data in many data exploitation activities. Topics to be covered include introduction to video systems, Fourier analysis of video signals, properties of the human visual system, motion estimation, basic video compression techniques, videocommunication standards, and error control in video communications. Video processing applications that rely on compression algorithms are also studied. A mini-project is required.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing.

**EN.525.761. Wireless and Wireline Network Integration. 3 Credits.**

This course investigates the integration of wireless and wireline networks into seamless networks. The current telecommunications environment in the United States is first discussed, including the state of technology and regulations as they apply to the wireless and wireline hybrid environment. Then each type of these hybrid networks is discussed, including its components, network services, architecture, and possible evolution, as well as important concepts that support the evolution of networks. The integration of wired network advance intelligence, wireless network mobility, and long distance capabilities are shown to provide many new combinations of wired and wireless services to users.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.608 Next-Generation Telecommunications or EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering, or permission of instructor.

**EN.525.762. Introduction to Wavelets. 3 Credits.**

This is an introductory course on wavelet analysis, with an emphasis on the fundamental mathematical principles and basic algorithms. We cover the mathematics of signal (function) spaces, orthonormal bases, frames, time-frequency localization, the windowed Fourier transform, the continuous wavelet transform, discrete wavelets, orthogonal and biorthogonal wavelets of compact support, wavelet regularity, and wavelet packets. It is designed as a broad introduction to wavelets for engineers, mathematicians, and physicists. **Prerequisite:** Competence with multivariable calculus, linear algebra, and a scientific programming language is required, as well as familiarity with Fourier transforms and signal processing fundamentals such as the discrete Fourier transform, convolutions, and correlations.

**EN.525.768. Wireless Networks. 3 Credits.**

This is a hands-on course that integrates teaching of concepts in wireless LANs as well as offering students, in an integrated lab environment, the ability to conduct laboratory experiments and design projects that cover a broad spectrum of issues in wireless LANs. The course will describe the characteristics and operation of contemporary wireless network technologies such as the IEEE 802.11 and 802.11s wireless LANs and Bluetooth wireless PANs. Laboratory experiments and design projects include MANET routing protocols, infrastructure and MANET security, deploying hotspots, and intelligent wireless LANs. The course will also introduce tools and techniques to monitor, measure, and characterize the performance of wireless LANs as well as the use of network simulation tools to model and evaluate the performance of MANETs.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.641 Computer and Data Communication Networks or EN.605.671 Principles of Data Communications Networks.

**EN.525.770. Intelligent Algorithms. 3 Credits.**

Intelligent algorithms are, in many cases, practical alternative techniques for tackling and solving a variety of challenging engineering problems. For example, fuzzy control techniques can be used to construct nonlinear controllers via the use of heuristic information when information on the physical system is limited. Such heuristic information may come, for instance, from an operator who has acted as a "human-in-the-loop" controller for the process. This course investigates a number of concepts and techniques commonly referred to as intelligent algorithms; discusses the underlying theory of these methodologies when appropriate; and takes an engineering perspective and approach to the design, analysis, evaluation, and implementation of intelligent systems. Fuzzy systems, genetic algorithms, particle swarm and ant colony optimization techniques, and neural networks are the primary concepts discussed in this course, and several engineering applications are presented along the way. Expert (rule-based) systems are also discussed within the context of fuzzy systems. An intelligent algorithms research paper must be selected from the existing literature, implemented by the student, and presented as a final project. **Prerequisite(s):** Student familiarity of system-theoretic concepts is desirable.

**EN.525.771. Propagation of Radio Waves in the Atmosphere. 3 Credits.**

This course examines various propagation phenomena that influence transmission of radio frequency signals between two locations on earth and between satellite-earth terminals, with a focus on applications. Frequencies above 30 MHz are considered with emphasis on microwave and millimeter propagation. Topics include free space transmission, propagation, and reception; effects on waves traversing the ionosphere; and attenuation due to atmospheric gases, rain, and clouds. Brightness temperature concepts are discussed, and thermal noise introduced into the receiver system from receiver hardware and from atmospheric contributions are examined. Also described are reflection and diffraction effects by land terrain and ocean, multipath propagation, tropospheric refraction, propagation via surface and elevated ducts, scatter from fluctuations of the refractive index, and scattering due to rain. Atmospheric dynamics that contribute to the various types of propagation conditions in the troposphere are described. **Prerequisite(s):** An undergraduate degree in electrical engineering or equivalent.

**EN.525.772. Fiber-Optic Communication Systems. 3 Credits.**

This course investigates the basic aspects of fiber-optic communication systems. Topics include sources and receivers, optical fibers and their propagation characteristics, and optical fiber systems. The principles of operation and properties of optoelectronic components, as well as the signal guiding characteristics of glass fibers, are discussed. System design issues include terrestrial and submerged point-to-point optical links and fiber-optic networks.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.691 Fundamentals of Photonics.

**EN.525.774. RF & Microwave Circuits I. 3 Credits.**

In this course, students examine RF and microwave circuits appropriate for wireless communications and radar sensing. The course emphasizes the theoretical and experimental aspects of micro-strip design of highly integrated systems. Computeraided design techniques are introduced and used for the analysis and design of circuits. Circuits are designed, fabricated, and tested, providing a technically stimulating environment in which to understand the foundational principles of circuit development. Couplers, modulators, mixers, and calibrated measurements techniques are also covered.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.623 Principles of Microwave Circuits or EN.525.620 Electromagnetic Transmission Systems.

**EN.525.775. RF & Microwave Circuits II. 3 Credits.**

This course builds upon the knowledge gained in 525.774 RF and Microwave Circuits I. Here there is a greater emphasis on designs involving active components. Linear and power amplifiers and oscillators are considered, as well as stability, gain, and their associated design circles. The course uses computer-aided design techniques and students fabricate and test circuits of their own design.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.774 RF and Microwave Circuits I.

**EN.525.776. Information Theory. 3 Credits.**

Information theory concerns the fundamental limits for data compressibility and the rate at which data may be reliably communicated over a noisy channel. Course topics include measures of information, entropy, mutual information, Markov chains, source coding theorem, data compression, noisy channel coding theorem, error-correcting codes, and bounds on the performance of communication systems. Classroom discussion and homework assignments will emphasize fundamental concepts, and advanced topics and practical applications (e.g., industry standards, gambling/finance, machine learning) will be explored in group and individual research projects.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers or equivalent.

**EN.525.777. Control System Design Methods. 3 Credits.**

This course examines recent multivariable control system design methodologies and how the available techniques are synthesized to produce practical system designs. Both the underlying theories and the use of computational tools are covered. Topics include review of classical control system design and linear system theory, eigenstructure assignment, the linear quadratic regulator, the multivariable Nyquist criterion, singular value analysis, stability and performance robustness measures, loop transfer recovery, H-infinity design, and mu-synthesis. An introduction to nonlinear techniques includes sliding mode control and feedback linearization. Recent papers from the literature are discussed. Each student will be assigned a design project using PC-based design and analysis software.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.666 Linear System Theory and EN.525.609 Continuous Control Systems or the equivalent.

**EN.525.778. Design for Reliability, Testability, and Quality Assurance. 3 Credits.**

The design of reliable and testable systems, both analog and digital, is considered at the component, circuit, system, and network levels. Using numerous real-world examples, the trade-offs between redundancy, testability, complexity, and fault tolerance are explored. Although the emphasis is predominantly on electronics, related examples from the aerospace and software industries are included. The concepts of fault lists, collapsed fault lists, and other techniques for reducing the complexity of fault simulation are addressed. A quantitative relationship between information theory, error correction codes, and reliability is developed. Finally, the elements of a practical quality assurance system are presented. In addition to homework assignments, students will conduct an in-depth, quantitative case study of a practical system of personal interest.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes or equivalent.

**EN.525.779. RF Integrated Circuits. 3 Credits.**

This course covers the RFIC design process focusing on the RF/microwave portion of RFIC. An overview of digital circuits and digital signal processing will be given along with semi-conductor fabrication, device models, and RF/microwave design techniques using a typical SiGe process. Part of the course will involve student design projects using a CAD software to design amplifiers, mixers, etc.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.774 RF and Microwave Circuits I or equivalent.

**EN.525.780. Multidimensional Digital Signal Processing. 3 Credits.**

The fundamental concepts of multidimensional digital signal processing theory as well as several associated application areas are covered in this course. The course begins with an investigation of continuous-space signals and sampling theory in two or more dimensions. The multidimensional discrete Fourier transform is defined, and methods for its efficient calculation are discussed. The design and implementation of two-dimensional non-recursive linear filters are treated. The final part of the course examines the processing of signals carried by propagating waves. This section contains descriptions of computed tomography and related techniques and array signal processing. Several application oriented software projects are required.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers and EN.525.627 Digital Signal Processing or equivalents. Knowledge of linear algebra and MATLAB is helpful.

**EN.525.783. Spread Spectrum Communications. 3 Credits.**

This course presents an analysis of the performance and design of spread-spectrum communication systems. Both direct-sequence and frequency-hopping systems are studied. Topics include pseudonoise sequences, code synchronization, interference suppression, and the application of error-correcting codes. The use of code-division multiple access in digital cellular systems is examined. The relationships between spread spectrum, cryptographic, and error correction systems are explored. The mathematics of pseudo-random sequences used as spreading codes is compared with the mathematics of complex numbers with which students are already familiar.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering. Students should have knowledge of material covered in EN.525.201 Circuits, Devices, and Fields and EN.525.202 Signals and Systems.

**EN.525.786. Human Robotics Interaction. 3 Credits.**

This course provides an investigation of human-robot interaction and prosthetic control, with a focus on advanced man-machine interfaces including neural signal processing, electromyography, and motion tracking interfaces for controlling and receiving feedback from robotic devices. The course will also cover human physiology and anatomy, signal processing, intent determination, communications between the human and the device, haptic feedback, and telepresence. It is designed to be a hands-on course with class time spent in the dedicated robotics lab designing interfaces and performing experiments in a Virtual Integration Environment (VIE) and with robotic devices. Additional time in the lab, outside of class time, may be required to complete the course project. Programming for the class will be in MATLAB and Simulink. **Prerequisite(s):** Linear algebra, ordinary differential equations, and programming experience with Python or MATLAB

**EN.525.787. MMIC Design. 3 Credits.**

This course is for advanced students who have a background in microwave circuit analysis and design techniques and are familiar with modern microwave computer-aided engineering tools. The course covers the monolithic implementation of microwave circuits on GaAs, or other III/V, substrates, including instruction on processing, masks, simulation, layout, design rule checking, packaging, and testing. The first part of the course includes information and assignments on the analysis and design of MMIC chips. The second part consists of projects in which a chip is designed, reviewed, and evaluated in an engineering environment, resulting in a design that would be ready for submission to a foundry for fabrication.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.775 RF and Microwave Circuits II.

**EN.525.788. Power Microwave Monolithic Integrated Circuit (MMIC) Design. 3 Credits.**

This course covers additional circuit design techniques applicable to MMICs (and microwave circuits in general). It is an extension of EN.525.774/775 RF and Microwave Circuits I and II and EN.525.787 Microwave Monolithic Integrated Circuit (MMIC) Design, although for students with a microwave background, these particular courses are not prerequisites. The topics covered include broadband matching, optimum loads for efficiency and low intermodulation products, odd mode oscillations, details of nonlinear modeling, time domain simulation of nonlinear circuits, and thermal effects. Students do need to have a background in microwave measurements and microwave CAD tools. No project is required, but there is structured homework involving power MMIC design completed by the student using a foundry library.

**EN.525.789. Advanced Satellite Communications. 3 Credits.**

This course covers advanced topics in satellite communications systems, including investigations of electromagnetics, quantum physics, relativity, orbital mechanics, information theory, and hardware design relevant to practical system design and analysis. Satellite and ground station antennae, including wire, helical, and loop antennae, parabolic dishes, and multiple spot beam phased arrays, are considered from first principles. Electromagnetic wave propagation models that include reflection, polarization, diffraction, refraction, and ionospheric effects are studied as functions of frequency, including at millimeter and x-ray wavelengths. Modulation, coding, multiplexing, channel capacity, filtering, noise, and error correction, for both analog and digital systems, are treated, enabling accurate analyses at higher frequencies for which convention models may fail. The effects of special and general relativity on Doppler shifts and on-orbit clock errors are introduced. Kepler's laws are derived from first principles and used to build a simple, spreadsheet-based orbital mechanics propagator to model link budget and mission designs from low earth orbit to interplanetary space. Using GPS as a case study, it is shown how each of the above topics plays a critical role in the overall design of a complete satellite system. Course materials are augmented by in-class demonstrations, including component level designs to real-time observation of GPS and geostationary satellites using a portable satcom antenna.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering and EN.525.640 Satellite Communications Systems. Students should have knowledge of material covered in EN.525.201 Circuits, Devices, and Fields and EN.525.202 Signals and Systems.

**EN.525.790. RF Power Amplifier Design Techniques. 3 Credits.**

This course addresses foundational power amplifier circuit concepts and engineering fundamentals. The design of high power/high efficiency amplifiers that satisfy specific system requirements (bandwidth, linearity, spectral mask, etc.) are covered. Various device technologies (GaAs, GaN, LDMOS, SiGe), device scaling and modeling, optimum load calculations, amplifier classes (A, B, AB, C, E, F, etc.), waveform engineering, modulation techniques, efficiency enhancement, odd/even mode stability analysis, linearization techniques, power combining, reliability, lifetime calculation, and packaging are studied. The concepts are explored theoretically, and practically using numerous design exercises. This course stresses hands-on design techniques and practical considerations for real-world situations and applications.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.623 Principles of Microwave Circuits or EN.525.620 Electromagnetic Transmission Systems.

**EN.525.791. Microwave Communications Lab. 3 Credits.**

Concepts involving the design and fabrication of microwave subsystems are introduced in this laboratory course, including image rejection mixers, local oscillators, phase locked loops, and microstrip filters. A communication project is required, such as design and fabrication of an L-band WEFAX (weather facsimile) receiver or a C-band AMSAT (amateur communications satellite) converter. Modern microwave analyzing instruments are used by the students to evaluate the performance of the project subsystems.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.774 RF and Microwave Circuits I.

**EN.525.793. Advanced Communication Systems. 3 Credits.**

This course provides a basic introduction to the various building blocks of a modern digital communications system, focusing on the physical layer (PHY). We will first review basic concepts in digital communications, including Shannon theory, Nyquist sampling theory, optimal detection under Gaussian white noise, and basic modulations. We will then treat several building blocks of a digital receiver, including time and frequency synchronization, adaptive equalization and precoding, and error-correction coding/decoding. We will also introduce some advanced communication technologies such as Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing (OFDM) and Multiple-Input Multiple-Output (MIMO). Finally we will apply the knowledge to some practical wireless and wired systems.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.614 Probability and Stochastic Processes for Engineers; EN.525.616 Communication Systems Engineering.

**EN.525.796. Introduction to High-Speed Optoelectronics. 3 Credits.**

This course provides the student with the fundamental concepts needed to address issues in both the design and test of high-speed optoelectronic systems. This is an emerging field where photonics is combined with high-speed electronics to generate, transmit, and process signals from microwave to terahertz frequencies. The purpose of this course is to introduce fundamental principles and state-of-the-art system applications. Topics include photonic and high-speed electronic principles, analog fiber optic link, principles of low-phase noise microwave sources, photonic methods for generating low-phase noise microwave signals, photonicbased RF signal processing techniques, and ultra-short optical pulse generation techniques. State-of-the-art applications include the low-phase noise opto-electronic oscillator, carrier envelope phase locked laser for time and frequency standards, photonic-based complex radar signal generators, phased-array antenna architectures including true time-delay beam forming and the ALMA radio-telescope array, photonic analog-to-digital converter techniques, electro-optic sampling, and Terahertz signal generation. Prerequisite(s): Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering or physics. An undergraduate course in electromagnetics is required. A course in microwave theory is preferred.

**EN.525.797. Advanced Fiber Optic Laboratory. 3 Credits.**

The purpose of this laboratory course is to expose students to state-of-the-art applications of fiber optic technologies that include continuous-wave (cw) and pulsed fiber lasers, high-speed digital fiber optic communication systems, microwave photonic links, and non-linear fiber optic signal processing and sensors. The first part of the course will focus on a thorough characterization of fiber laser systems starting with the erbium-doped fiber amplifier and implementing different laser configurations that include multi-mode cw operation, Q-switching and relaxation oscillations, non-linear based mode-locking and single longitudinal mode operation. All of the measurements will be compared to theoretical models. This will provide students with hands-on experience with concepts that are applicable to all laser systems. In the latter part of the course, students will select a few topics that demonstrate both modern fiber optic systems based on cw lasers, external electro-optic modulators and high-speed photodetectors and applications of nonlinear fiber optics using self-phase modulation, stimulated Brillouin scattering, stimulated Raman scattering, and four wave mixing. These topics highlight the breadth of applications of modern fiber optic systems. Again, all of the experiments will be compared to theoretical models.

**Prerequisite(s):** EN.525.691 Fundamentals of Photonics or EN.615.751 Modern Optics or equivalent.

**EN.525.801. Special Project I. 3 Credits.**

In individual cases, special arrangements can be made to carry out a project of significant scope in lieu of a formal course. Students should be in the second half of their graduate studies. Further information is available from the program chair. Such arrangements are made relatively infrequently. This course number should be used for the first registration of a student in any special project. Course Note(s): To ensure consideration for any term, project proposals should reach the program chair by the end of the registration period.

**EN.525.802. Special Project II. 3 Credits.**

This course number should be used for the second registration of a student in any special project. (See course EN.525.801 Special Project I for a further description.) Course Note(s): To ensure consideration for any term, project proposals should reach the program chair by the end of the registration period.

**EN.525.803. Electrical and Computer Engineering Thesis. 3 Credits.**

First of two-course sequence designed for students in the electrical and computer engineering graduate program who wish to undertake a thesis project after completing all other requirements for their degree. Students work with an advisor to conduct independent research and development in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) leading to a written thesis and oral presentation to a thesis committee. The intent of the research may be to advance the body of knowledge in one of the technology areas in the ECE program. Prerequisite(s): Completion of all other courses applicable to the ECE graduate degree and approval of the ECE program chair and vice chair. The thesis option is appropriate for highly motivated students with strong academic records.

**EN.525.804. Electrical and Computer Engineering Thesis. 3 Credits.**

Second of two-course sequence designed for students in the electrical and computer engineering graduate program who wish to undertake a thesis project after completing all other requirements for their degree. Students work with an advisor to conduct independent research and development in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) leading to a written thesis and oral presentation to a thesis committee. The intent of the research may be to advance the body of knowledge in one of the technology areas in the ECE program. Prerequisite(s): Completion of all other courses applicable to the ECE graduate degree and approval of the ECE program chair and vice chair. The thesis option is appropriate for highly motivated students with strong academic records.