

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE:	Digital Communications
CLASS SECTION:	X01 A & X01 B
TERM:	Winter 2022
COURSE CREDITS:	3
DELIVERY METHOD(S):	In-Person Lectures & Labs

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.
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The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges, and Camosun College is committed to helping you safely complete your education. Following guidelines from the Provincial Health Officer, WorkSafe BC, and the B.C. Government to ensure the health and wellbeing of students and employees, Camosun College is providing you with every possible protection to keep you safe. Our measures include COVID Training for students and employees, health checks, infection control protocols including sanitization of spaces, PPE and ensuring physical distancing. For details on these precautions please follow this link: <http://camosun.ca/covid19/faq/covid-faqs-students.html>. However, if you're at all uncomfortable being on campus, please share your concerns with your Instructor. If needed, alternatives will be discussed.

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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OFFICE:	CBA 122-A
HOURS:	TBA & By Appointment

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Students will study digital communication techniques. They will also learn how to use Smith charts, digital radios, software-defined radio, spread spectrum (SS) modulation, digital systems like Bluetooth, Zigbee, cell phones and WiFi, radio regulations and electromagnetic propagation.

PREREQUISITE(S):	C in ECET 250, C in ECET 280
CO-REQUISITE(S):	None
EXCLUSION(S):	None

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course a student will be able to:

- demonstrate the use of Smith charts for communication designs;
- explain the operation of digital modulation techniques in time and frequency domains;
- explain the features of digital radio transmitters and receivers;
- describe the effects of noise in digital communication systems;
- demonstrate error detection and correction techniques;
- explain characteristics of spread spectrum schemes;
- describe radio standards and regulations;
- measure electromagnetic compatibility and interference characteristics;
- perform power density and range calculations;
- demonstrate the implementation of a software-defined radio.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Students will require the ECET 251 kit from TEC 228 (or equivalent), a mathematical compass set (or equivalent software) for solving Smith charts, miscellaneous equipment/etc from previous ECET courses.

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
1	Digital Transmitter & Receiver Systems	Lab #1
2	Digital Encoding	Lab #2
3	Digital Modulation Basics	Lab #3
4	Spread Spectrum	Lab #4
5	Bluetooth, Zigbee, WiFi, Cellular Communications Overview	Lab #5
6	Noise & Errors in Digital Systems	Lab #6
7	**Reading Break – No Classes/Labs – (Feb. 21 – 25)	Make Up Work?
8	Error Handling	Mid Term Exam & Lab #7
9	Electromagnetic Theory	Lab #8
10	Electromagnetic Wave Propagation	Lab #9
11	Smith Charts Fundamentals	Lab #10

WEEK	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
12	Smith Chart Applications	Lab #11
13	Radio Regulations & Standards	Lab #12
14	Make Up Any Loose Ends & Review	Smith Charts Exam & Lab #13
End of Semester	Final Exam – Date TBD	

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced noticed is required. Deadlines scan be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
LABS (13) → pre-lab work, in-lab demo, post-lab report	20%
QUIZZES (5) → correctly answer questions on D2L	15%
MID TERM EXAM → summative, in-class (wk #8-9?)	20%
SMITH CHARTS EXAM → summative, in-class (wk #14)	10%
WIRELESS PROJECT → report, demo, functionality	10%
FINAL EXAM → cumulative, in-person (wk #15?)	25%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information.

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COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Attendance in Labs is mandatory. Failure to physically complete all assigned lab assignments will result in failure of the course. Consult your instructor on how to make up any missed lab periods.

Assigned Labs:

Lab #1 – Spectrum Analyzer Review – Bluetooth & WiFi Signal Capture

Lab #2 – Ethernet Frame Capture & Analysis

Lab #3 – BPSK System Analysis

Lab #4 – QPSK System Analysis

Lab #5 – SDR FM Signal Capture & Analysis

Lab #6 – SDR QPSK Signal Error Analysis

Lab #7 – Wireless Project Session #1 – Basic Tx / Rx

Lab #8 – Wireless Project Session #2 – Add Data Source(s) & Actuators

Lab #9 – Quarter Wave Transmission Line - Impedance Transformer

Lab #10 – Stub Transmission Line - Impedance Transformer

Lab #11 – Wireless Project Session #3 – Collect Data for Report Analysis

Lab #12 – Digital Communications System - EM Measurement & Analysis

Lab #13 – Wireless Project Session #4 – Final Demos & Report Submission

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

How are courses evaluated in the Electronics and Computer Engineering department?

- All assignments (laboratory work, reports, etc.) must be submitted prior to a student writing a final examination. ALL assignments must be submitted in order to qualify to write a final exam.
- Late assignments will have marks deducted; if handed in after assignments are returned to the class, then no mark will be awarded, but the assignment must be submitted.
- Students must obtain a minimum of 50% on the final examination for a course in order to receive a passing grade.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous

International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun’s Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student’s right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun’s Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College’s Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College’s expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.