



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE**  
**School of Trades & Technology**  
**Electronics & Computer Engineering Department**

**ECET 231**  
**CAD FOR ELECTRONICS**  
**Winter 2019**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

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The calendar description is available on the web @ \_\_\_\_\_

*Ω Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.*

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**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION**

This course introduces Altium Designer 17 (or later edition), a computer-based electronics design software for engineers/technologists to design printed circuit boards (PCB), FPGA, and embedded software, and to manage project data. Students learn how to create the electronic schematic of a circuit, how to use schematic libraries to select and design electronic components, and how to plan a printed circuit board layout. Students use these skills to create a printed circuit board from a schematic diagram.

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**1. Instructor Information**

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**2. Intended Learning Outcomes**

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OBJECTIVES

- Be able to draw schematic diagrams (simple/parallel/hierarchical)
- Be able to find, select, and create schematic components (schematic library editor)
- Be able to lay out multi-layer printed circuit boards (PCB)
- Be able to find, select, and create PCB footprints (PCB library editor)
- Be able to create 3D view of a PCB
- Be able to manage the PCB project data

### 3. Required Materials

(a) Texts

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(b) Other

Altium websites ([www.altium.com](http://www.altium.com))

### 4. Course Content and Schedule

(Can include: Class hours, Lab hours, Out of Class Requirements and/or Dates for quizzes, exams, lecture, labs, seminars, practicums, etc.)

CREDIT 2.0  
IN-CLASS WORKLOAD: 3 hours / week  
OUT-OF-CLASS WORKLOAD: 3 hours / week  
PREREQUISITES ECET 242, 260

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- §3.11 How to pour polygon
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- §5.2 Elements and tools of the PCB library editor
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- §7.1 Schematic template management
- §7.2 Board layers and Colors management (PCB)
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- §7.7 Mechanical layers management
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- §7.9 Grounding and de-coupling
- §7.10 EMI/EMC considerations
- §7.11 High speed signal considerations
- §7.12 Thermal Analysis – Lab12\* (\* when time is allowed)
- §7.13 Differential pair & length matching
- §7.14 BGA components layout – Lab13\* (\* when time is allowed)
- §7.15 PCB project management

Appendix: Protel 2004/DXP shortcut keys

## **Labs**

- Lab #1 Introduction to Altium Designer 17
- Lab #2 Simple logic Circuit Schematic Capture
- Lab #3-4 Single-sided PCB Layout
- Lab #5 Schematic Library Editor – create schematic symbols
- Lab #6 PCB Library Editor – create PCB footprints

Lab #7-8 Multi-sheet Schematic Design  
Lab #9-10 Multi-layer PCB Design  
Lab #11 3D PCB Design  
Lab #12\* Optimized PCB Power Distribution Network (PDN)  
Lab #13\* BGA PCB Design

(\* when time is allowed)

## 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

*(Should be directly linked to learning outcomes.)*

- (a) Assignments
  
- (b) Quizzes
  
- (c) Exams
  
- (d) Other (e.g. Project, Attendance, Group Work)

**EVALUATION\*** [\* Delay levy (labs/assignments): -10% per day]

Attendance to all classes and satisfactory completion of all assignments and labs are mandatory. The lab grade, the theory grade, and the final exam must be over 50% to pass the course. The final grade will be determined by the following components:

- Lab exercises (13) 50%
- Midterm Exam 20%
- Final Exam 30%
- Grading: in accordance with Camosun College Policy

## 6. Grading System

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*(Mark with "X" in box below to show appropriate approved grading system – see last page of this template.)*

- Standard Grading System (GPA)
- Competency Based Grading System

## 7. Recommended Materials to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

## 8. College Supports, Services and Policies



### Immediate, Urgent, or Emergency Support

If you or someone you know requires immediate, urgent, or emergency support (e.g. illness, injury, thoughts of suicide, sexual assault, etc.), **SEEK HELP**. Resource contacts @

<http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html> or <http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent>

### College Services

Camosun offers a variety of health and academic support services, including counselling, dental, disability resource centre, help centre, learning skills, sexual violence support & education, library, and writing centre. For more information on each of these services, visit the **STUDENT SERVICES** link on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/>

### College Policies

Camosun strives to provide clear, transparent, and easily accessible policies that exemplify the college's commitment to life-changing learning. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of College policies. Policies are available on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/>. Education and academic policies include, but are not limited to, Academic Progress, Admission, Course Withdrawals, Standards for Awarding Credentials, Involuntary Health and Safety Leave of Absence, Prior Learning Assessment, Medical/Compassionate Withdrawal, Sexual Violence and Misconduct, Student Ancillary Fees, Student Appeals, Student Conduct, and Student Penalties and Fines.

## A. GRADING SYSTEMS <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/policies.php>

The following two grading systems are used at Camosun College:

### 1. Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

### 2. Competency Based Grading System (Non GPA)

This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

## B. Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/E-1.5.pdf> for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.