COURSE OUTLINE

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Lectures
Tuesday 10:30 – 11:20 ECS 108
Wednesday 10:30 – 11:20 ECS 108
Friday 10:30 – 11:20 ECS 108

Web Site: http://www.ece.uvic.ca/~agullive/511.html

Textbook
Stephen Wicker, Error Control Systems for Digital Communication and Storage
Available from the bookstore as a print on demand (POD) text.

Assessment
Five Assignments 20%
Midterm Test 20% Friday, February 19, 2016
Final Exam 40%
Project 20%

Assignments
Each Assignment is worth 4% of the final grade. No marks or credit will be given for assignments handed in after the due date. Completed assignments can be delivered to EOW 325 or submitted at lecture time.

Course Description
The channel coding problem; error control in data storage and transmission systems; groups, rings and fields; irreducible and primitive polynomials; vector spaces and matrices; linear block codes: generator and parity check matrices; Hamming codes and the Hamming bound; coding bounds and dual codes; syndrome decoding; polynomial rings and cyclic codes; encoding and decoding of cyclic codes; BCH and Reed-Solomon codes; convolutional codes and the Viterbi algorithm

Learning Outcomes
By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Explain the need for error correction in data communication and storage systems.
- Apply mathematical tools from group and finite field theory in the design of codes.
- Design an error correcting code for a given application.
- Describe the fundamental limits of error correction.
- Demonstrate the decoding of block codes including cyclic codes.
- Explain the operation of a convolutional encoder.
- Apply the Viterbi algorithm to decode a convolutional code.
Syllabus

Week(s) | Lecture
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1 | Course introduction; The channel coding problem [Chap. 1]
2-3 | Vector spaces; Linear block codes [Chap. 4]
4-6 | Groups, rings and fields; Primitive and irreducible polynomials [Chap. 2]
7-9 | Polynomial rings and cyclic codes [Chaps. 3,5]
10-11 | BCH and Reed-Solomon codes [Chaps. 8-9]
12-13 | Convolutional codes and the Viterbi algorithm [Chaps. 11-12]

The final grade obtained from the above marking scheme for the purpose of GPA calculation will be based on the percentage-to-grade point conversion table as listed in the current Graduate Calendar.

http://web.uvic.ca/calendar/GRAD/FARe/Grad.html

Note to Students

Students who have issues with the conduct of the course should first discuss them with the instructor. If these discussions do not resolve the issue, students should feel free to contact the Chair of the Department by email or the Assistant to the Chair to set up an appointment.

Accommodation of Religious Observance

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Standards of Professional Behaviour

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http://www.uvic.ca/engineering/assets/docs/professional-behaviour.pdf

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http://http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2015-09/GRAD/FARe/PoAcI.html

Course Materials

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