**Faculty of Engineering**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

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**ECE 589A – Selected Topics in Power Electronics:**

**Soft-Switching Power Conversion**

**Term – Summer 2018 (201805)**

**Instructor**

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**Office Hours**

Days: Mondays  
Time: 3:00 to 4:00 PM  
Location: EOW413

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**Course Objectives**

- To introduce the basic and advanced principles of high-frequency soft-switching power conversion.

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**Learning Outcomes**

- You will learn basic principles of operation and analysis techniques of soft switching power converters that include load resonant converters and zero-voltage transition converters. Also, you will learn how to design these converters and then simulate them to evaluate their performance.

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**Syllabus**

Introduction to soft switching power conversion. Resonant converter topologies.  
Variable-frequency and fixed frequency control. Zero-voltage and zero-current switching operation.  
Steady state and transient analysis of resonant converters.  
Quasi-resonant and quasi-square-wave converters and their operation.  
Zero-voltage and zero-current transition converters. DC side commutated resonant link power converters.

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**A-Section(s):** A01 / CRN 30324  
Days: Monday and Friday  
Time: 17:00 to 18:20  
Location: ECS130

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**Required Text**

None. Based on the notes and reading material supplied by the instructor.

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**References:**


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**Assessment:**

Assignments: 8%  
Due Dates: Will be announced as the course progresses  
Mid-term 32%  
Date: June 29 or July 6 (to be decided during the first week of classes)  
Final Exam 60%
* Each student will be assigned a project. Topics of projects will be discussed with each student during the third week of June. Projects involve analysis, design and simulation or experimental verification of selected soft-switching power converter circuits.

**Note:**

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