ECE 512 – Digital Communications  
Term – Summer 2019 (201905)

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Course Objectives:
- The objectives of the course are to introduce the fundamental theories of digital communications and the components of digital communication systems.

Learning Outcomes:
- a) Understand the basic concepts of energy signals and power signals, autocorrelation function, power spectral density of random signals
- b) Convert an analog source to digital signals by sampling and quantization, analyze quantization error, and compare uniform and non-uniform quantization
- c) Understand pulse coded modulation and other baseband transmission schemes, as well as the different properties of these modulation schemes
- d) Grasp the basic idea of signal space and the concepts of signal distance, orthogonality, energy, and perform Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization on a set of signals
- f) Have full knowledge of basic digital modulation schemes such as ASK, PSK, QAM and FSK
- h) Design optimum receivers based on matched filtering and optimum decision rules in additive white Gaussian noise channels
- i) Analyze the performance of various digital modulation schemes
- j) Derive the operating principle of differential encoding/detection and non-coherent receivers

Syllabus:
- a) Introduction, signals and spectra review, probability review
- b) Formatting and baseband transmission
- c) Bandpass modulation and signal space
- d) Optimum receivers in additive white Gaussian noise channels
- e) Differential encoding/detection and non-coherent receivers
- f) Introduction to channel equalization

A-Section(s): A01 / CRN 30318  
B01, B02  
B03, B04  

Days: MR  
Time: 11:30-12:50  
Location: CLE A203
Required Text
Title: Digital Communications Fundamentals and Applications
Author: B. Sklar
Publisher: Prentice Hall
Year: 2nd edition, 2001

Assessment:
Assignments: 10%
Labs 15%
Mid-term 25% Date: June 20, 2019
Final Exam 30%
Project 20%

Note:
Failure to complete all laboratory requirements will result in a grade of N being awarded for the course.
Failure to pass the final exam will result in a failing grade for the course.

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