ECE 516 – Advanced Wireless Communications
Term – Fall 2019 (201909)

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Time: 11am-noon
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Course Objectives
To investigate various advanced techniques for wireless communications, including statistical fading channel model, digital communications over fading channel, diversity for fading mitigation, adaptive transmissions, MIMO systems and space-time coding, and multicarrier modulation/OFDM.

Learning Outcomes
- Categorize fading channels using the characteristics of transmitted signal and operation environment;
- Evaluate the performance of digital transmission over flat fading channels;
- Assess the performance benefits of fading mitigation techniques;
- Evaluate the spectral efficiency of adaptive transmission systems;
- Design multicarrier transmission systems for selective fading environment;
- Analyze the capacity of MIMO channels.

Syllabus
- Introduction to wireless communications.
- Wireless channel models: path loss, shadowing, and multi-path fading.
- Digital modulation techniques and their performance over fading channels.
- Fading mitigation techniques: diversity techniques and multicarrier modulation.
- Selected advanced topics: adaptive transmission, MIMO transmission, relay transmission, and cognitive transmission.

A-Section(s): A01, 02/ CRN 11012, 11013
Days: Mondays and Thursdays
Time: 1:00-2:20pm
Location: ECS 104

Required Text
Title: Introduction to Digital Wireless Communications
Author: Hong-Chuan Yang
Publisher: IET Press
Year: 2017

Optional Text
Title: Order Statistics in Wireless Commun.
Author: Hong-Chuan Yang/Mohamed-Slim Alouini
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
Year: 2010
References:
T. Rappaport, Wireless Communications, 2nd Ed, Prentice Hall, 2001;
A. Goldsmith, Wireless Communications, Cambridge, 2005;

Assessment:
Assignments: 30 % Due Dates: TBD
Mid-term: 30 % Date: November 7, 2019
Project: 40 %

Course Homepage:
http://coursespaces.uvic.ca/: Log in with your University of Victoria Netlink ID and Password.

Assignments:
There will be five to six problem sets. Some problems may require use of mathematical software (such as Matlab, Mathematica and Maple) for calculation and/or plotting. The homework will be due before lectures on the due dates.

Exams:
There will be one midterm exam in the second half of the term. The exam counts 30% to the final grade.

Projects:
The project will be a research project on various emerging wireless communication techniques and systems. The project will be evaluated based on in-class presentation and final written report. During the presentation, to be held in the second half of the term, students should discuss the background, motivation, and expected finding, including literature review (10%). The final report should be a comprehensive summary of students’ investigation and is due by email in the final weeks (25 pages maximum, 30%).

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.

https://web.uvic.ca/calendar2019-09/grad/academic-regulations/grading.html

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Course Withdrawal Deadlines:
• September 17: Withdrawal with 100% reduction of tuition fees
• October 8: Withdrawal with 50% reduction of tuition fees
• October 31: Last day for withdrawal without penalty of failure (no fees returned)

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https://web.uvic.ca/calendar2019-09/grad/registration/Registration.1.17.html#

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

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Where: Sexualized violence resource office in EQHR; Sedgewick C119  
Phone: 250.721.8021  
Email: sypcoordinator@uvic.ca  
Web: www.uvic.ca/svp

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