Faculty of Engineering

COURSE OUTLINE

ECE 456 – Wireless and Mobile Communications

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Lectures:
A-  Section(s):  A01 / CRN 30295
Days:  Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Time:  10:30am-11:20am
Location:  Clearihue A308

Course Objectives
To introduce various fundamental topics of current and future wireless communication systems, including propagation channel modelling, digital communication over fading channel, fading mitigation techniques, multiple access techniques, spread spectrum techniques and selected advanced transmission technologies.

Learning Outcomes
- Analyze system capacity for given multiple access and duplexing schemes;
- Carry out cell coverage analysis using combined path loss and shadowing models;
- 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;
- Analyze the data rate of multicarrier transmission systems in selective fading environment.

Syllabus
- Introduction to wireless communications.
- Duplexing and multiple access techniques.
- 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.

Required Text
Title: Introduction to Digital Wireless Communications
Author: H.-C. Yang
Publisher: IET Press
Year: 2017
References:
- A. Goldsmith, Wireless Communications, Cambridge, 2005

Assessment:
- Assignments: 25 %
- Mid-terms: 75 %
  Dates: June 8, July 13, and August 3.

Prerequisites:
- ELEC 350 required, ELEC 450 (basics of digital communications and probability theory) recommended.

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

Assignments:
- Eight to nine problem sets will be assigned. The assignments are due in the drop box in EOW on the due dates. Selected problems from each problem set will be marked. Solution will be posted after the due dates. Late submission will not be accepted.

Plagiarism detection software may be used to aid the instructor and/or TA’s in the review and grading of some or all of the work you submit.

Exams:
- There will be three midterm exams. The midterms are tentatively scheduled in class on June 8 (30%), July 13 (30%), and August 3 (15%). The midterms will be closed-book exams. One single-side formulae sheet and calculator is allowed.

Note:
- Failure to pass two midterms exams will result in a grade of N being awarded for the course.

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 Undergraduate Calendar.

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There will be no supplemental examination for this course.

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