

ECEN310 (2018) - Communication Engineering

Prescription

This course provides the student with an introduction to communication systems focusing on the physical layer of the OSI model. It covers both analog and digital modulation techniques, including baseband and passband signaling. Topics include matched filter receivers for additive noise channels and associated error rate performance, intersymbol interference and Nyquist pulse shaping. Also covered are fundamentals of wireless fading channels, an overview of synchronization and a brief introduction to advanced techniques such as MIMO, OFDM and CDMA.

Course learning objectives

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. describe various analogue and digital modulation techniques, including their relative merits (BE graduate attribute 3(a))
2. design receivers to mitigate the effects of noise and interference of bandlimited channels (BE graduate attributes 3(a),3(c))
3. describe wireless propagation channels models and simulate them using Matlab (BE graduate attributes 3(a),3(c))
4. design Monte Carlo Matlab simulations to evaluate the performance of wireless systems (BE graduate attributes 3(d),3(f))

Course content

The following is a preliminary outline of the topics covered in the lectures.

Communication System Overview

Amplitude Modulation

Frequency Modulation

Sampling, Quantisation and Pulse Code Modulation

Digital Modulation and Noise Performance (Matched Filter Receiver, BER, Signal Constellations)

Basics of Wireless Channel Characteristics

OFDM, Equalisation

Diversity Combining and basics of MIMO

Withdrawal from Course

Withdrawal dates and process:

<https://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/course-additions-withdrawals>

Lecturers

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Teaching Format

During the trimester there will be three lectures and tutorial will be held in selected lectures slot.

Student feedback

Student feedback on University courses may be found at:
www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php

Dates (trimester, teaching & break dates)

- Teaching: 05 March 2018 - 08 June 2018
- Break: 23 April 2018 - 27 April 2018
- Study period: 11 June 2018 - 14 June 2018
- Exam period: 15 June 2018 - 04 July 2018

Class Times and Room Numbers

05 March 2018 - 25 March 2018

- **Thursday** 15:10 - 16:00 – 101, 14 Kelburn Pde, Kelburn
- **Friday** 15:10 - 16:00 – 101, 14 Kelburn Pde, Kelburn

05 March 2018 - 01 April 2018

- **Wednesday** 15:10 - 16:00 – 101, 14 Kelburn Pde, Kelburn

02 April 2018 - 22 April 2018

- **Thursday** 15:10 - 16:00 – 101, 14 Kelburn Pde, Kelburn
- **Friday** 15:10 - 16:00 – 101, 14 Kelburn Pde, Kelburn

09 April 2018 - 22 April 2018

- **Wednesday** 15:10 - 16:00 – 101, 14 Kelburn Pde, Kelburn

30 April 2018 - 10 June 2018

- **Wednesday** 15:10 - 16:00 – 101, 14 Kelburn Pde, Kelburn
- **Thursday** 15:10 - 16:00 – 101, 14 Kelburn Pde, Kelburn
- **Friday** 15:10 - 16:00 – 101, 14 Kelburn Pde, Kelburn

Other Classes

One 3hour lab each week (Mondays 2-5pm in CO 239)

Set Texts and Recommended Readings

Required

The required textbook for the course is

- Proakis and Salehi, *Fundamentals of Communication Systems*, 2ed, 2014, Pearson (International Edition or otherwise)

Recommended

In addition there are a large number of textbooks covering the principles of communications systems. Examples include

- Haykin and Moher, *Introduction to analogue and digital communications*, 2ed, 2007, Wiley
- Ziemer and Tranter, *Principles of Communications - Systems Modulation and Noise*, 6ed, 2009, Wiley
- Couch, *Digital and Analog Communication Systems*, 7ed, 2006, Prentice Hall
- Rappaport, *Wireless Communications, Principles & Practice*, 1ed, 1996, Prentice Hall
- Lathi and Ding, *Modern Digital and Analog Communication Systems*, 4ed, 2010, Oxford

Mandatory Course Requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of at least 50%, students must:

- achieve an average grade of at least 40% in the test and exam

If you believe that exceptional circumstances may prevent you from meeting the mandatory course requirements, contact the Course Coordinator for advice as soon as possible.

Assessment

This course will be assessed through assignments, labs, project, test and a final examination.

4 Assignments	Weeks 3, 6, 8, 11	CLO: 1,2,3,4	16%
2 Labs	Weeks 7 and 10	CLO: 2,4	14%
Project	Week 12	CLO: 3,4	15%
Test	Week 7	CLO: 1,2	15%
Exam		CLO: 1,2,3	40%

Penalties

Work submitted after the due date will incur a penalty of 10% of the full mark per working day. Late work will not be marked after the model solutions have been made available or if more than one week late.

Extensions

Individual extensions will only be granted in exceptional personal circumstances, and should be negotiated with the course coordinator before the deadline whenever possible. Documentation (eg, medical certificate) may be required.

Marking Criteria

Labs and the project will be assessed on the submitted Matlab source code and the generated output. No formal reports will be required.

Workload

The total workload for ECEN 310 is 150 hours. In order to maintain satisfactory progress in ECEN 310, you should spend on average 10 hours per week on this course.

Teaching Plan

See https://ecs.victoria.ac.nz/Courses/ECEN310_2018T1/LectureSchedule

Communication of Additional Information

The main means of communication outside of lectures will be the ECEN 310 web area at https://ecs.victoria.ac.nz/Courses/ECEN310_2018T1/

Links to General Course Information

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism>
- Academic Progress: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress> (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates>
- Grades: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades>
- Special passes: Refer to the Assessment Handbook, at <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf>
- Statutes and policies, e.g. Student Conduct Statute: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy>
- Student support: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support>
- Students with disabilities: https://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability/

- Student Charter: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter>
- Terms and Conditions: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract>
- Turnitin: <http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin>
- University structure: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure>
- VUWSA: <http://www.vuwsa.org.nz>

Offering CRN: [18515](#)

Points: 15

Prerequisites: ECEN 220;

Restrictions: CSEN 303

Duration: 05 March 2018 - 04 July 2018

Starts: Trimester 1

Campus: Kelburn