

Project goal and requirements
ELEC391 Electrical Engineering Design Studio II

1. Goal

Design and fabricate a self-balancing robot on two wheels that is able to maintain balance in a vertical position while being driven by an external operator on a course track that may present sloped portions.

2. Requirements

- 2.1. The robot must be able to balance itself on a flat surface in the vertical position by actuating the two DC motors.
- 2.2. The robot must be able to maintain balance while driven by an external operator on a flat surface at a reasonable speed.
- 2.3. The robot must be able to maintain balance while taking turns on a flat surface at a reasonable speed.
- 2.4. The robot must be able to move forward and backward under external control.
- 2.5. The robot must be controlled externally through wireless (Bluetooth) signaling. Four controls (forward, backward, turn left, turn right) must be implemented.
- 2.6. The maximum angle of the track on which the robot must maintain balance is 10 degrees (positive and negative).
- 2.7. Additional requirements: to be defined by each team at the time of prototype demo (must not nullify or contradict any of the above requirements).

3. Constraints

- 3.1. All teams must use the components kit provided as part of course materials.
- 3.2. Self-proposed (extra) features must fit in a budget of \$65, orderable from Digikey. Any components and parts from the 2nd year project course kit(s) can be used without counting towards the \$65.
- 3.3. Power source is limited to the battery pack provided in the kit.
- 3.4. Additional constraints: to be defined by each team at the time of prototype demo (must not nullify or contradict any of the above constraints).