Dear ECE319K Students, (sent 12/28/2022)

This has been a weird three years. Let’s continue to practice guidelines set out by the medical experts. Please be confident we at the University will keep your best interests at the center of all we do. Labs and lectures will be in person. Professors/TAs will conduct office hours either in person or on zoom. Office hour details will be updated on the Canvas syllabus page.

Action item 0) Because ECE319K covers both assembly and C, you will find the second half of Yale Patt's Introduction to Computing Systems (ECE306 textbook) to be quite useful. We will give reading assignments from the Patt book. Professor Yerraballi and I also created this C reference manual <http://users.ece.utexas.edu/~valvano/embed/toc1.htm>

Action item 1) There is an optional textbook for EE319K. Introduction to Embedded Systems, ISBN: 978-1537105727. This book is printed on demand and can be purchased from Amazon.com.    
<https://www.amazon.com/Introduction-Embedded-Systems-Jonathan-Valvano/dp/1537105728>

It usually ships the next day, but depending on demand, it could take up to two weeks. The price for the book without shipping will be about $19. Because all the editions of the book have the same ISBN, buying the book used will result in receiving an older edition. The newest version is the 8th printing, dated July 2021.  You are allowed to use an older edition if you have it. We do not recommend you buy a used copy. There is a free online version of the book, bookmark this page <http://users.ece.utexas.edu/%7Evalvano/Volume1/IntroToEmbSys/>

Action item 2) You will need a TM4C123 EK-TM4C123GX LaunchPad.   
<https://octopart.com/search?q=EK-TM4C123GXL>   
<https://www.ti.com/store/ti/en/p/product/?p=EK-TM4C123GXL>Search for 595-EK-TM4C123GXL at <https://www.mouser.com>

Action item 3) We use a Sitronix ST7735R 18-bit color 1.8" TFT LCD display in lab. We recommend each student purchase their own display, because this allows both partners to work on labs concurrently. ECE319K Lab 10 is a design competition where students build a hand-held video game. Owning the LCD means you will be able to show off your game to friends and family. Just like the microcontroller board, you will have the option of selling the LCD to subsequent students. There are three options to purchase a display. The one option is Adafruit <http://www.adafruit.com/products/358>. A lower cost option is [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)  or [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)   (search for  **1.8" ST7735R**.) Make sure it has a PCB, not just the display. It should be ST7735R, not just ST7735 or ST7735S. It should be 1.8 inches with 160 by 128 color pixels. There should be a 10-pin (or more) connector with 0.1 inch spacing, so it plugs into a breadboard.

Action item 4) Every student should have one solderless breadboard and at least 30 wires male-male wires. On the internet there are many options, search “solderless breadboard” or “prototyping kit” on Amazon.  Something like<https://www.amazon.com/Standard-Jumper-Solderless-Prototype-Breadboard/dp/B07H7V1X7Y/> is ok. Please do not buy a used breadboard.

Action item 5) Every student should own their own voltmeter. A voltmeter less than $20 will do, see

<https://www.amazon.com/Digital-Multimeter-Electrical-Voltmeter-Battery/dp/B08DV1T385/>   
<https://www.amazon.com/AstroAI-Digital-Multimeter-Voltage-Tester/dp/B01ISAMUA6/>

Harbor Freight has locations around Texas and usually sells voltmeters for around $20:

<https://www.harborfreight.com/11-function-digital-multimeter-with-audible-continuity-61593.html>

DO NOT WAIT TO ORDER LAUNCHPAD, LCD, BREADBOARD and MULTIMETER. We are all looking forward to a great semester! Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or problems.

*Notice*: to take ECE319H you must also take ECE312H. Dropping either class will require you to drop both. We hoped to put all honors students in the same section of ECE312H and ECE319H, but any section will be ok. Similarly, non-honors students can take any section.

*Notice*: there are seats in ECE319K ECE319H, and ECE312H. Please do not ask to be added to any section that is full.

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