

**The University of Maine**  
**Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**  
**ECE 444 – Analog Integrated Circuit Design**

Spring 2021

**Analog Integrated Circuit Design**

Course: ECE 444

Credits: 3

Web Site: Brightspace (<https://umaine.edu/studentaccessibility/brightspace>)

Lectures: Asynchronously delivered (available on Brightspace)

Recitation: 8:00 - 9:15 am, Tuesday and Thursday

Pre-rerequisite: ECE 342 - Electronics I

**Instructor**

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**Virtual Office Hours**

11:00 am - 12:15 pm, Monday & Wednesday

You are encouraged to drop by my office to ask questions and discuss homework problems. If you are unable to meet with me during these times, e-mail me to set up an appointment.

**Text**

Primary Text: "Analysis and Design of Analog Integrated Circuits, (5th Edition)"

Authors: Authors: Paul R. Gray, Paul L. Hurst, Stephen H. Lewis and Robert G. Meyer

Publisher: Wiley

Year: 2009

ISBN: 978-0-470-24599-6

## Goal and Objectives of Course

The challenge for the *analog integrated circuit designer* is to design circuits that implement a required analog function while achieving high reliability of operation and a good balance between cost, performance and power. The design must operate properly in the presence of process variations, supply voltage fluctuations, and changes in environmental conditions (temperature and external noise).

This course provides a more in depth discussion of analog circuit design than is taught in ECE 342 and ECE 343. Topics discussed include: characteristics and models of state-of-the-art BJT and deep submicron MOSFET devices; basic building blocks of analog integrated circuits including single-transistor and multi-transistor amplifier configurations, current mirrors, current sources, voltage-insensitive circuits, band-gap reference circuits, active loads and output stages; various operational amplifier designs including the effect of transistor mismatch on amplifier performance; noise sources present in analog circuits; and non-linear analog circuits, including the frequency doubler, the Gilbert cell mixer, and the phase-lock loop (PLL).

New techniques for analog circuit analysis are introduced. These include: signal distortion analysis, zero-time constant analysis, return ratio analysis and Blackmann's impedance formula.

Primary Goal of Course: Provide an understanding of the fundamentals of *Analog Integrated Circuit Design* from the transistor-level point of view with an emphasis on **design trade-offs** required for optimization of circuit performance, cost, power consumption, noise immunity and reliability.

## Homework Assignments (25% of grade)

Homework problems are located at the end of each chapter. There are fifty problems plus three extra-credit problems. Each problem is worth 0.5 points. Assigned problems are listed below. You are not expected to do the Spice simulations associated with the problems.

After completing each assignment, scan or photograph your solutions, and upload them to the Assignment section in Brightspace.

| Homework    | Chapter | Problems                                     |
|-------------|---------|--|
| Homework #1 | 1       | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.11, 1.12, 1.15, 1.19, 1.22  |
| Homework #2 | 3       | 3.2, 3.3, 3.9, 3.10, 3.13, 3.18, 3.21, 3.27  |
| Homework #3 | 4       | 4.1, 4.3, 4.9, 4.11, 4.20, 4.22, 4.32, 4.34  |
| Homework #4 | 5       | 5.1, 5.5, 5.6, 5.10, 5.18, 5.21              |
| Homework #5 | 6       | 6.2, 6.4, 6.7, 6.10, 6.16, 6.18              |
| Homework #6 | 7       | 7.1, 7.8, 7.14, 7.15, 7.21, 7.22, 7.33, 7.39 |
| Homework #7 | 8       | 8.1, 8.7, 8.25, 8.26, 8.27, 8.28             |
| Homework #8 | 10      | 10.1, 10.3, 10.5                             |

Feel free to discuss the problems and your solutions with other students in the class. If you have questions about any of the problems, either stop by my virtual office or the virtual recitation.

## Design Project (35% of grade)

A design project will be used to provide additional understanding and insight into fundamental issues in analog integrated circuit design. The circuits will be designed using 65nm, 180nm, and/or 350nm CMOS processes.

The design project will consist of a band-gap reference circuit for voltage and temperature compensation of a ring-oscillator. A project report will be due at the end of the semester.

NGspice ([http://www.cplusplus.com/about\\_ngspice.html](http://www.cplusplus.com/about_ngspice.html)) and Matlab® (<https://umaine.edu/it/software/matlab/>) will be used to perform circuit simulations. A link to instructions for configuring NGspice are located on the Brightspace home page.

## Exams (40% of grade)

There will be two Preliminary Exams and a Final Exam. Each exam is worth 20% of your grade and the lowest exam grade is dropped. The exams are to be completed individually; do not discuss the exam with any other student during the examination period.

The tentative exam schedule is as follows.

|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| Exam #1    | 11 March 2021                |
| Exam #2    | 22 April 2021                |
| Final Exam | 4 May 2021, 10:30 - 12:30 am |

## Grading:

The final course grade and letter grade are determined as follows.

| Grading        |             | Letter Grade Assignment |     |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----|
| Design Project | 35%         | $\geq 90\%$             | A   |
| Homework       | 25%         | 87.5% – 90.0%           | B + |
| Exam #1        | 20%         | 80.0% – 87.5%           | B   |
| Exam #2        | 20%         | 77.5% – 80.0%           | C + |
| Final Exam     | 20%         | 70.0% – 77.5%           | C   |
| <b>Total*</b>  | <u>100%</u> | 67.5% – 70.0%           | D + |
|                |             | 60.0% – 67.5%           | D   |
|                |             | $< 60\%$                | F   |

\* Lowest exam grade is dropped

## **COVID-19 Statement**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jOhqbS41nmC9HLYfge5JA2mtlBLL0Ao9/view>

## **Academic Honesty Statement**

Academic honesty is very important. It is dishonest to cheat on exams, to copy term papers, to submit papers written by another person, to fake experimental results, or to copy or reword parts of books or articles into your own papers without appropriately citing the source. Students committing or aiding in any of these violations may be given failing grades for an assignment or for an entire course, at the discretion of the instructor. In addition to any academic action taken by an instructor, these violations are also subject to action under the University of Maine Student Conduct Code. The maximum possible sanction under the student conduct code is dismissal from the University. Please see the University of Maine System's Academic Integrity Policy listed in the Board Policy Manual as Policy 314: [www.maine.edu/board-of-trustees/policy-manual/section-314/](http://www.maine.edu/board-of-trustees/policy-manual/section-314/).

## **Students Accessibility Services Statement**

If you have a disability for which you may be requesting an accommodation, please contact Student Accessibility Services, 121 East Annex, 581.2319, as early as possible in the term. Students who have already been approved for accommodations by SAS and have a current accommodation letter should meet with Dr. Kotecki privately as soon as possible.

## **Course Schedule Disclaimer (Disruption Clause)**

In the event of an extended disruption of normal classroom activities (due to COVID-19 or other long-term disruptions), the format for this course may be modified to enable its completion within its programmed time frame. In that event, you will be provided an addendum to the syllabus that will supersede this version.

## **Observance of Religious Holidays/Events**

The University of Maine recognizes that when students are observing significant religious holidays, some may be unable to attend classes or labs, study, take tests, or work on other assignments. If they provide adequate notice (at least one week and longer if at all possible), these students are allowed to make up course requirements as long as this effort does not create an unreasonable burden upon the instructor, department or University. At the discretion of the instructor, such coursework could be due before or after the examination or assignment. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to a student's grade for the examination, study, or course requirement on the day of religious observance. The student shall not be marked absent from the class due to observing a significant religious holiday. In the case of an internship or clinical, students should refer to the applicable policy in place by the employer or site.

## **Sexual Violence Policy: Sexual Discrimination Reporting**

The University of Maine is committed to making campus a safe place for students. Because of this commitment, if you tell a teacher about an experience of sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, relationship abuse (dating violence and domestic violence), sexual misconduct or any form of gender discrimination involving members of the campus, your teacher is required to report this information to the campus Office of Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention or the Office of Equal Opportunity.

If you want to talk in confidence to someone about an experience of sexual discrimination, please contact these resources:

For confidential resources on campus: Counseling Center: 207-581-1392 or Cutler Health Center: at 207-581-4000.

For confidential resources off campus: Rape Response Services: 1-800-310-0000 or Spruce Run: 1-800-863-9909.

Other resources: The resources listed below can offer support but may have to report the incident to others who can help: For support services on campus: Office of Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention: 207-581-1406, Office of Community Standards: 207-581-1409, University of Maine Police: 207-581-4040 or 911. Or see the OSAVP website for a complete list of services at <http://www.umaine.edu/osavp/>