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Perspectives In Electrical and Computer Engineering

Lecture 4

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Last Time

- Finish up Challenge from Last Class
- What the Hell is it Friday
- Prelab for Laboratory 1
- Suggested Study Tips
- Thinking of Learning Styles
 - What is my learning Style?
 - How do I understand how I learn?

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Today

- Student Stress?
- What the Hell was it last Friday
- Final Tips for surviving classes
 - Text books
 - Writing
- Homework 3
- Learning styles
- How can I determine what is my learning style is?
 - How do I understand how I learn?

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Student Stress Help

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Last Friday's What the Hell is it Contest

We have a Winner!

Joel Pontbriand 2:11 Time Stamp



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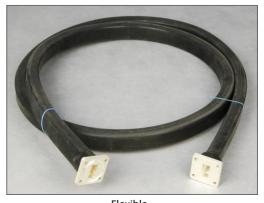


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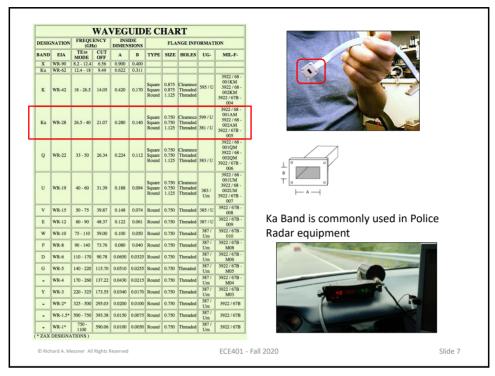
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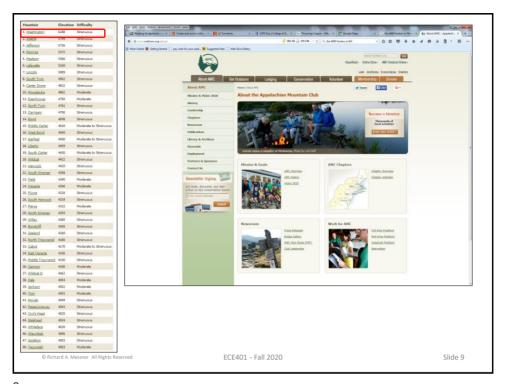
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Slotted Waveguide Antennas





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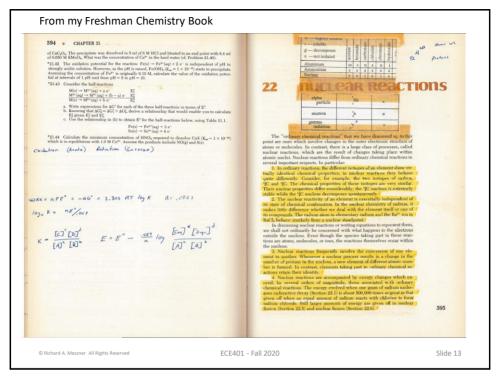
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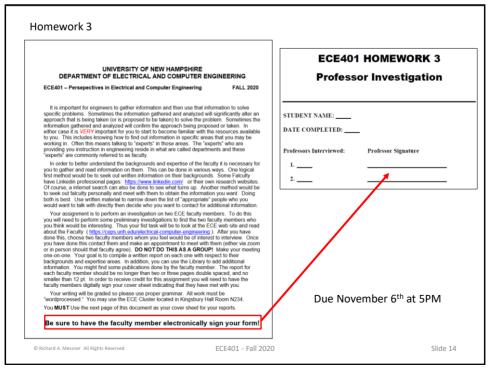
Text Books

- When you purchase your Text Books you OWN them
- Unlike borrowing a book from the Library you can:
 - Write in them
 - Paste or tape materials in them
 - Highlight items in them (multi-color worked for me)
 - Etc.
- Doing so can help you remember things often without having to reread whole sections of the text

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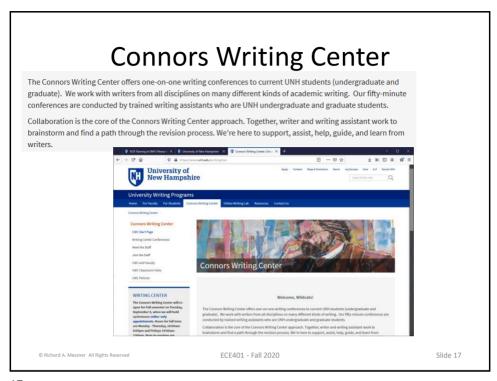


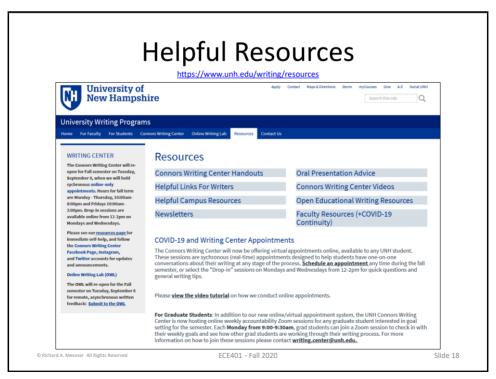


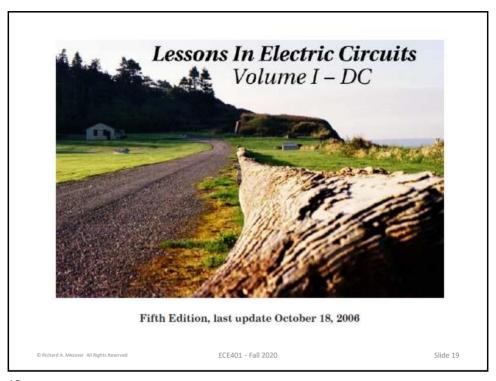
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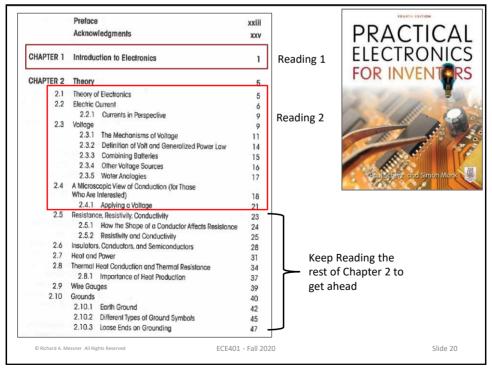
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Writing is **FUN**da**MENTAL**









Teaching Styles

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Shifting the Paradigm from Teaching to Learning Credits: Sam Clemence Syracuse University Modifications by: Richard A. Messner University of New Hampshire

"Filling the Attic" Theory of Education



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"Education is not filling a pail but lighting a fire"

William Butler Yeats

Irish Poet

Born in Dublin Ireland

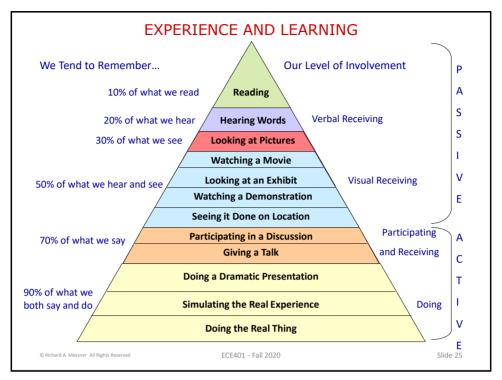
Educated in London England



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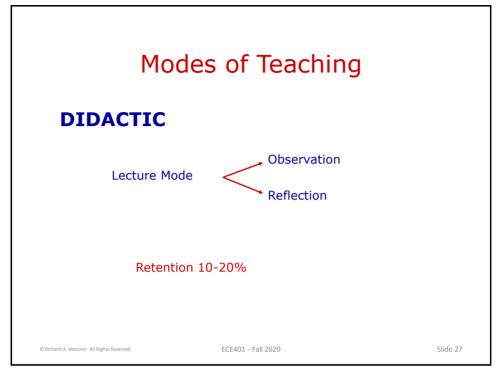


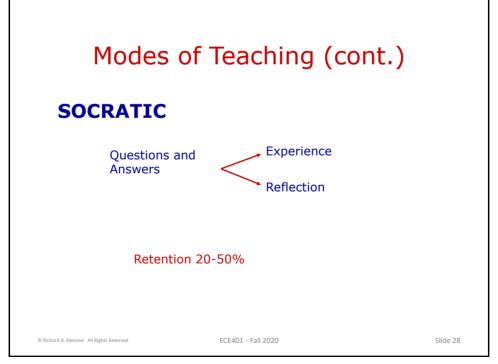
Feeling Learn by experience Watching Learn by observation Doing Learn by participation Thinking Learn by reflection

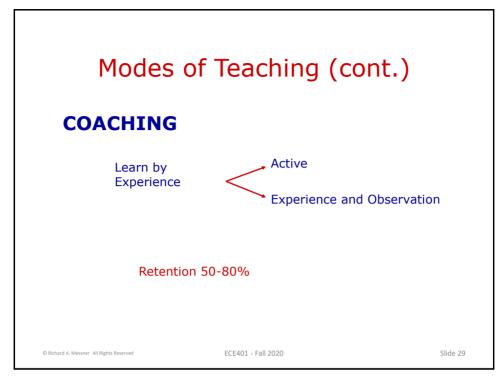
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Consequences of Teaching-Learning Mismatches

- Students that are taught only in their less-preferred mode can't learn effectively
- Students that are taught only in their preferred mode won't develop balanced learning skills

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Promoting Active Learning

Tell me, and I'll listen

Show me, and I'll understand

Involve me, and I'll learn.

Given the diversity of student learning styles— Three interrelated themes are crucial to promote active learning...

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Promoting Active Learning

For active learning a teacher should try some of the following:

1. Use a <u>variety</u> of strategies for teaching and learning; not only on different days, but if possible within each classroom period!

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Promoting Active Learning

- 2. Visual Reinforcements
 - Blackboards
 - old school, but still used today (i.e., whiteboards)
 - Overhead transparencies
 - old school seldom used today
 - 35 mm Slides
 - old school seldom used today
 - Powerpoint presentations
 - In use today
 - DVD Videos and streaming video
 - In use today
 - Handouts
 - · Still in use today
- These are vital in order to focus attention and to verify verbal presentations

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Promoting Active Learning

- 3. Provide <u>spaces</u> in the context– If there are "holes" in your lectures the students may fill the space with:
 - Their own insights
 - Readings
 - Analysis
 - Connections

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Promoting Active Learning

From my experience I have found that students learn best when they are involved directly in their intellectual discoveries

This is especially true if they relate to their own experiences

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Conclusions

- Students of all learning styles will typically appear in classes
- We need all types in the engineering profession
- Faculty should try to address all styles in their classes, not just one!

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Exam Time!

How do you learn?

You will have 5 minutes to complete the following test

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Learning-Style: Instructions

The Learning-Style Inventory describes the way you learn and how you deal with ideas and day-to-day situations in your life. Below are 12 sentences with a choice of four endings. Rank the endings for each sentence according to how well you think each one fits with how **you** would go about learning something. Try to recall some recent situations where you had to learn something new, perhaps in your job. Then, using the spaces provided, rank a "4" for the sentence ending that describes how you learn **best**, down to a "1" for the sentence ending that seems **least** like the way you would learn. Be sure to rank all the endings for each sentence unit. Do not make ties

Example of completed sentence set:

When I learn: $\underline{4}$ I am happy $\underline{1}$ I am fast $\underline{2}$ I am logical $\underline{3}$ I am careful

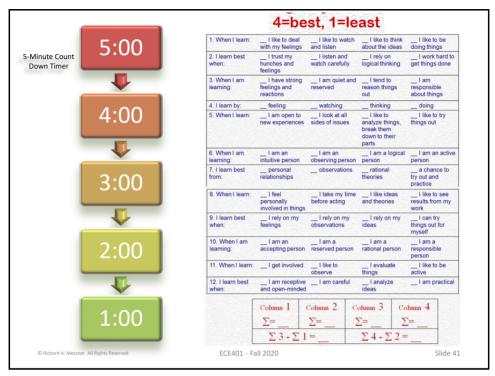
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| Learning-Style Inventory 4=best, 1=least | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. When I learn: | I like to deal with my feelings | I like to watch and listen about the ideas | | I like to be doing things | | | | | |
| 2. I learn best when: | I trust my hunches and feelings | I listen and watch carefully | I rely on logical thinking | I work hard to get things done | | | | | |
| 3. When I am learning: | I have strong feelings and reactions | I am quiet and reserved | I tend to reason things out | I am responsible about things | | | | | |
| 4. I learn by: | feeling | watching | thinking | doing | | | | | |
| 5. When I learn: | I am open to new experiences | I look at all sides of issues | I like to analyze things, break them down to their parts | I like to try things out | | | | | |
| 6. When I am learning: | I am an intuitive person | I am an observing person | | I am an active person | | | | | |
| 7. I learn best from: | personal relationships | observations | rational theories | a chance to try out and practice | | | | | |
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| Learning-Style Inventory 4=best, 1=least | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------|------|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|--|--|--|
| 8. When I learn: | I feel personally involved in things | before acting | time | I like ide and theorie | as s | I like to results from work | | | | |
| | I rely on my feelings | | | I rely on my ideas | | I can try things out for myself | | | | |
| | | | | I am a n rational person | | I am a responsible person | | | | |
| 11. When I learn: | I get involved | I like to observe | | I evaluat | | | be | | | |
| 12. I learn best when: | | | ful | I analyze ideas | Э | I am pr | actical | | | |
| | Column 1 | Column 2 | C | olumn 3 | Co | lumn 4 | | | | |
| | Σ= | Σ= | | Σ= | | <u>;</u> = | | | | |
| | | | | $\sum 4 - \sum 2 = 1$ | | | | | | |
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Time to Grade the Exam

Grading your exam

- 1. You grade your own exam!
- 2. No one can get a bad grade!
- 3. Sum columns 1, 2, 3, & 4 to produce: Σ 1, Σ 2, Σ 3, and Σ 4
- 4. Perform the following math equation:

Results may be negative - that's OK

5. Plot on Learning-Style Type Grid

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