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## **Introduction to Linear Control Systems**

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**Class Location/Time:** Monday – Friday, Online.

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### **Course Description**

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Introduction to classical linear control systems. Topics include continuous and discrete descriptions of systems, time and frequency response, stability, system specification, system design of continuous and discrete systems. **Prerequisite:** ECE 3300 with a C or better

### **Course Objectives**

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The goals for this course are to provide the student with an understanding of, and a proficiency in the analysis and design of, continuous time systems. The students will: 1) Learn how to apply mathematics to the analysis of control systems for continuous time systems, 2) Learn how to apply MATLAB for analyzing and designing control systems for continuous time systems, and 3) Learn how to design time-domain and frequency-domain controllers systems to meet needs.

### **Required Materials**

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You will need a scientific calculator for this class. In particular, the calculator you use should be capable of solving simultaneous equations and inverting matrices for both real and complex numbers. Some problems on the HW or the test, however, may not involve numbers.

**Textbook:** *Modern Control Systems*, Dorf (useful but not mandatory)

## Topical Outline

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Laplace Transform             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Properties</li> <li>b. Partial Fraction Expansion</li> <li>c. Solving Differential Equations</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Dynamic response             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Systems</li> <li>b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Time Domain Specifications</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Root-locus analysis             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Construction</li> <li>b. Relationships to Time Domain Specifications</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Frequency-response analysis             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bode Plot Construction</li> <li>b. Nyquist Plot Construction</li> </ol> </li> <li>9. State-space models/controllers             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Matrix and Linear Algebra Review</li> <li>b. State Space Realizations</li> <li>c. State Space Solution</li> <li>d. Frequency Domain Calculations</li> <li>e. State Feedback Control</li> <li>f. State Observers</li> <li>g. State Space Regulators</li> <li>h. Similarity Transformations</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. System modeling in the time domain             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Block Diagram Simplification</li> <li>b. Mason's Rule</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Basic properties of feedback</li> <li>6. Root-locus design             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Lead Compensation</li> <li>b. Lead-Lag Compensation</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. Frequency-response design             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bode Analysis</li> <li>b. Nyquist Analysis</li> </ol> </li> <li>10. Advanced Topics (Time Permitting)             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Polynomial Regulation</li> <li>b. Nonlinear Systems</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
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## Grading

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Final grades will be determined by averaging the homework, exams, and the final exam based on the distribution below. *A student's lowest Midterm can be replaced by the average of the remaining Midterms and Final scores provided they were not absent for any of them or the exam score is not a 0.*

Regular Homework	10%
2 Midterm Exams	50%
Comprehensive Final Exam	40%
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Course Grade	100%

90% – 100%	A
80% – < 90%	B
70% – < 80%	C
60% – < 70%	D
0% – < 60%	F

## **Additional Policies**

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### **Logistics**

To keep up with course announcements, you need to check the ECE 4090 Canvas site on a regular basis. All the material you need for the course is on the Canvas site, or linked through it. The site contains the lecture notes, homework assignments and due dates, homework answers, upcoming test dates, practice tests, test answers, and much more. Any exams cancelled due to power outages, inclement weather or similar conditions will be held at the next class meeting unless explicitly stated by me on Canvas. Any assignments due at the time of the class cancellation will be rescheduled for the next class meeting day and will be stated on Canvas.

### **Homework**

Homework Assignments along with solutions are posted on Canvas. Students are required to work out the problems, scan them into a PDF file, and submit their individual assignments at the end of the semester as a single PDF file. Working the homework problems is essential to the learning of the material in this course; in fact, most of your learning will come from doing the homework. It is expected that your homework will represent your own work, although working in groups is allowed, and even encouraged. Late homework will not be accepted.

### **Exams**

There will be 2 closed book midterm exams and 1 final exam. You will be allowed to have two handwritten sheets of paper for each of the midterm exams and four for the final exam on which you may write anything you wish. Exams will be multiple choice. *Exam dates are listed in the Suggested Study Pace document.*

Exams must be taken with a pre-approved proctor. Proctors must be a supervisor of the student at a place of employment, a member of the clergy, a librarian, a teacher, or some similar profession. Proctors should fill out all of the information on the proctor form and email a PDF to the instructor by May 22. The proctor form is on Canvas. If you are in or around Clemson, you have the option of requesting the instructor as your proctor as well. Note that the notification deadline applies still holds. You are not allowed to use online proctors. *Also note that the proctor form must be mailed to the faculty from the proctor's official email address.*

If you cannot attend an exam for any reason, I should be notified ahead of time if possible, otherwise at least on the day of the exam. Except under very unusual circumstances, no makeup will be given without appropriate notification.