



## **ECE 4320/6320: Instrumentation**

Section 001

Spring 2024

MEETING TIME: 2.00 pm – 3.15 pm (TTh)

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OFFICE HOURS AND PROCEDURES: Monday; 2 – 3 pm and by appointment; zoom preferred.

COURSE MODALITY: In person

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Theory and analysis of transducers and related circuits and instrumentation. Generalized configurations and performance characteristics of instruments are considered. Transducer devices for measuring physical parameters such as motion, force, torque, pressure, flow, and temperature are discussed. Preq: ECE 3210 with a C or better.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: Preq: ECE 3210 with a C or better. Preq or concurrent enrollment: MATH 3110 or MATH 4340, each with a C or better

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: At the completion of the course, students should be able to: (i) understand and interpret mathematical description of sensors and transducers, (ii) understand fundamental guiding principles for designing chemical, physical, and biological sensors, and (iii) understand and utilize basic design principles for micro and nanoscale sensors for various applications including Internet of Things (IoT).

REQUIRED MATERIALS: Required Textbook: No fixed textbook, materials mostly based on research papers and the reference book given below.

References:

- Handbook of Modern Sensors: Jacob Fraden, Fourth Edition, Springer. ISBN: 978-1-4419-6465-6

Additionally, students are required to have a laptop computer, internet connectivity capable of transmitting and receiving video, a video camera, a microphone, and a cell phone.

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

- Fundamentals of sensors/transducers and sensing methodologies (1.5 weeks)
- Physical sensors (flow, pressure, temperature, strain, charge, electric and magnetic field, humidity) (4 weeks)
- Chemical sensors (toxic gases and vapors, explosives, etc.) (3 weeks)
- Biomedical sensors (including glucose, pH, blood oxygen, and other physiological parameters) (2 weeks)
- Micro and nanoscale sensors (including sensors based on nanowires, nanotubes, graphene, and micro/nanoelectromechanical systems) (2 weeks)
- Sensors for IoT applications (1.5 weeks)

CLASS CANCELLATION POLICY: Class is cancelled if the instructor is more than 15 minutes late to class.

GRADING POLICY:

Graduate students: G and Undergraduate students: UG

Assignments (3): 10%  
Quizzes: 10% (UG: Best 2 of 4 will be considered; G: All 4 will be considered)  
Midterm: 25%  
Final exam: 30%  
Project: 25% (UG: Project report 5 pages; G: Project report 10 pages)

Grading scale (UG):

A: [90-100]    B: [80-89]    C: [70-79]    D: [60-69]    F: [0-59]

Grading scale (G)

A: [90-100]    B: [80-89]    C: [70-79]    F: [0-69]

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Lectures, quizzes and exams (both Midterm and Final), will be scheduled and conducted ONLY during the published meeting times. Regular attendance and participation in the class is strongly encouraged. If you cannot attend the class for some reason please notify me in advance by email. In case of inclement weather, all exams and due materials will be postponed till the next class.

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- c. Learn what you can do to prepare yourself in the event of an active threat (<http://www.clemson.edu/cusafety/EmergencyManagement/>)

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