

Course Syllabus

Course Information

<i>Course number</i>	EERF 6395-001
<i>Course title</i>	RF/Microwave Systems Engineering
<i>Term</i>	Spring 2016
<i>Days & Times</i>	Tue/Thur 10:00 – 11:15 am
<i>Classroom</i>	ECSS 2.311

Professor Contact Information

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<i>Other information</i>	Course TA to be announced

Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

EE4368 or equivalent

Course Description

This course will review various RF and microwave systems, such as cellular, point-to-point radio, LMDS, satellite, RFID and RADAR. Topics include: system architectures, noise & distortion, antennas & propagation, transmission lines & network analysis, active & passive components, modulation techniques and specification flowdown. Students will work in teams to design a radar or communications system, including preparing a high level specification and flowing down design parameters to each RF component of the transmitter and receiver, locating suitable commercially available components and then performing a complete transmitter or receiver analysis of the system using CAD tools.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

1. Ability to analyze system performance, noise and distortion using RF principles
 2. Ability to compute RF propagation characteristics using antenna properties and Friis eqn.
 3. Ability to analyze performance of RF components in a system
 4. Ability to communicate the results of design and analysis of an RF system
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Required Textbooks and Materials

Microwave and RF Design of Wireless Systems, David M. Pozar, John Wiley & Sons, 2001

Suggested Course Materials

Copies of two-color (Z-Y) Smith Charts, compass, straightedge

RF System Simulation CAD program to be used in the class (available on UTD ECS computers):

- Applied Wave Research Virtual System Simulator (VSS)

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Course Outline:

1. Wireless Systems (Ch 1)
 - a. Overview of various systems
 - b. Block diagrams
 2. Transmission lines & Network Analysis (Ch 2)
 - a. Transmission line theory
 - b. Smith Chart
 - c. S-parameters
 - d. Impedance matching
 3. Noise and Distortion (Ch 3)
 - a. Noise, noise figure, noise temperature
 - b. Dynamic range
 - c. Intermodulation distortion
 4. Antennas & Propagation (Ch 4)
 - a. Antenna fundamentals
 - b. Propagation
 - c. Radar equation, Communications Link equation
 - d. Satellite fundamentals
 5. Components (Ch 5-8)
 - a. Passive (filters, switches, attenuators, phase shifters)
 - b. Active (amplifiers, mixers, oscillators)
 6. Transmitter/Receiver Design (Ch 10)
 - a. Architecture
 - b. Dynamic range
 - c. Transmitter power/efficiency/thermal dissipation
 - d. Specification flowdown
 - e. Reliability
- Homework problems or projects will be assigned.
 - Exam dates will be announced in class.
 - Exams may be given in the form of an in-class or take-home exam, special project and report, paper review and report, or oral in-class presentation. Written exams will be administered in the UTD Testing Center.

Grading Policy

Homework	10%	
Quiz 1	10%	(closed book & notes)
Exam 1	20%	(1 page of notes, front & back, allowed)
Exam 2	20%	(1 page of notes, front & back, allowed)
Exam 3	20%	(1 page of notes, front & back, allowed)
Team Project	20%	(10% for Mid-term Proposal; 10% Final Presentation)

General grading standard:

92 – 100	A
90 – 91	A-
88 – 89	B+
81 – 87	B
79 – 80	B-
77 – 78	C+
68 – 76	C
<68	F

Course & Instructor Policies

Homework and Design Projects are due in class, by email or uploaded to eLearning, as specified by the instructor on the date assigned. No late inputs will be accepted. Students have one week after the grades have been posted on eLearning to review graded homework, quizzes, exams or projects with the professor for any possible grading corrections. After one week no changes will be allowed.

Make-up Exams:

Any request for change of quiz or exam schedule due to out-of-town work, religious holiday, etc. must be approved in advance.

Extra Credit:

No extra credit or make-up exams will be given to improve scores.

Class Citizenship:

Use of mobile/cellular phone, smart phone, or other electronic devices or equipment is not allowed during the class or exam sessions. All such systems must be turned off or silenced and not used during classes and exams without prior permission from the instructor.

Student Conduct & Discipline

The University of Texas System and The University of Texas at Dallas have rules and regulations for the orderly and efficient conduct of their business. It is the responsibility of each student and each student organization to be knowledgeable about the rules and regulations which govern student conduct and activities. General information on student conduct and discipline is contained in the UTD printed publication, *A to Z Guide*, which is provided to all registered students each academic year.

The University of Texas at Dallas administers student discipline within the procedures of recognized and established due process. Procedures are defined and described in the *Rules and Regulations, Series 50000, Board of Regents, The University of Texas System*, and in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities of the university's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*. Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations (SU 1.602, 972/883-6391) and online at <http://www.utdallas.edu/judicialaffairs/UTDJudicialAffairs-HOPV.html>

A student at the university neither loses the rights nor escapes the responsibilities of citizenship. He or she is expected to obey federal, state, and local laws as well as the Regents' Rules, university regulations, and administrative rules. Students are subject to discipline for violating the standards of conduct whether such conduct takes place on or off campus, or whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.

Academic Integrity

The faculty expects from its students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for that degree, it is imperative that a student demonstrate a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work.

Scholastic Dishonesty, any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another

person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

Plagiarism, especially from the web, from portions of papers for other classes, and from any other source is unacceptable and will be dealt with under the university's policy on plagiarism (see general catalog for details). This course will use the resources of turnitin.com, which searches the web for possible plagiarism and is over 90% effective.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted materials, including music and software. Copying, displaying, reproducing, or distributing copyrighted works may infringe the copyright owner's rights and such infringement is subject to appropriate disciplinary action as well as criminal penalties provided by federal law. Usage of such material is only appropriate when that usage constitutes "fair use" under the Copyright Act. As a UT Dallas student, you are required to follow the institution's copyright policy (Policy Memorandum 84-I.3-46). For more information about the fair use exemption, see <http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/copypol2.htm>

Email Use

The University of Texas at Dallas recognizes the value and efficiency of communication between faculty/staff and students through electronic mail. At the same time, email raises some issues concerning security and the identity of each individual in an email exchange. The university encourages all official student email correspondence be sent only to a student's U.T. Dallas email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account. This allows the university to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of all individual corresponding and the security of the transmitted information. UTD furnishes each student with a free email account that is to be used in all communication with university personnel. The Department of Information Resources at U.T. Dallas provides a method for students to have their U.T. Dallas mail forwarded to other accounts.

Withdrawal from Class

The administration of this institution has set deadlines for withdrawal of any college-level courses. These dates and times are published in that semester's course catalog. Administration procedures must be followed. It is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal requirements from any class. In other words, I cannot drop or withdraw any student. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of "F" in a course if you choose not to attend the class once you are enrolled.

Student Grievance Procedures

Procedures for student grievances are found in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities, of the university's *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

In attempting to resolve any student grievance regarding grades, evaluations, or other fulfillments of academic responsibility, it is the obligation of the student first to make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the instructor, supervisor, administrator, or committee with whom the grievance originates (hereafter called "the respondent"). Individual faculty members retain primary responsibility for assigning grades and evaluations. If the matter cannot be resolved at that level, the grievance must be submitted in writing to the respondent with a copy of the respondent's School Dean. If the matter is not resolved by the written response provided by the respondent, the student may submit a written appeal to the School Dean. If the grievance is not resolved by the School Dean's decision, the student may make a written appeal to the Dean of Graduate or Undergraduate Education, and the deal will

appoint and convene an Academic Appeals Panel. The decision of the Academic Appeals Panel is final. The results of the academic appeals process will be distributed to all involved parties.

Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations.

Incomplete Grade Policy

As per university policy, incomplete grades will be granted only for work unavoidably missed at the semester's end and only if 70% of the course work has been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight (8) weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade is changed automatically to a grade of **F**.

Disability Services

The goal of Disability Services is to provide students with disabilities educational opportunities equal to those of their non-disabled peers. Disability Services is located in room 3.200 in the Student Services Building. Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The contact information for the Office of Disability Services is:

The University of Texas at Dallas
800 West Campbell Rd, SSB32
Richardson, Texas 75083-0688
(972) 883-2098 (voice or TTY)
disabilityservice@utdallas.edu

If you anticipate issues related to the format or requirements of this course, please meet with the Coordinator of Disability Services. The Coordinator is available to discuss ways to ensure your full participation in the course. If you determine that formal, disability-related accommodations are necessary, it is very important that you be registered with Disability Services to notify them of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. Disability Services can then plan how best to coordinate your accommodations.

It is the student's responsibility to notify his or her professors of the need for such an accommodation. Disability Services provides students with letters to present to faculty members to verify that the student has a disability and needs accommodations. Individuals requiring special accommodation should contact the professor after class or during office hours.

Religious Holy Days

The University of Texas at Dallas will excuse a student from class or other required activities for the travel to and observance of a religious holy day for a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property tax under Section 11.20, Tax Code, Texas Code Annotated.

The student is encouraged to notify the instructor or activity sponsor as soon as possible regarding the absence, preferably in advance of the assignment. The student, so excused, will be allowed to take the exam or complete the assignment within a reasonable time after the absence: a period equal to the length of the absence, up to a maximum of one week. A student who notifies the instructor and completes any missed exam or assignment may not be penalized for the absence. A student who fails to complete the exam or assignment within the prescribed period may receive a failing grade for that exam or assignment.

If a student or an instructor disagrees about the nature of the absence [i.e., for the purpose of observing a religious holy day] or if there is similar disagreement about whether the student has been given a reasonable time to complete any missed assignments or examinations, either the student or the instructor may request a ruling from the chief executive officer of the institution, or his or her designee. The chief executive officer or designee must take into account the legislative intent of TEC 51.911(b), and the student and instructor will abide by the decision of the chief executive officer or designee.

These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.