



Purpose: It is the intention of this Administrative-Master Syllabus to provide a general description of the course, outline the required elements of the course and to lay the foundation for course assessment for the improvement of student learning, as specified by the faculty of Wharton County Junior College, regardless of who teaches the course, the timeframe by which it is instructed, or the instructional method by which the course is delivered. It is not intended to restrict the manner by which an individual faculty member teaches the course but to be an administrative tool to aid in the improvement of instruction.

Course Title - Communications Circuits

Course Prefix and Number - - EECT 2439

Department – Electronics Eng. Tech.

Division - Technology and Business

Course Type: (check one)

- Academic General Education Course (from ACGM – but not in WCJC Core)
- Academic WCJC Core Course
- WECM course (This course is a Special Topics or Unique Needs Course: Y or N)

Semester Credit Hours # : Lecture hours # : Lab/Other Hours # **4:3:3**

Equated Pay hours for course – 4.5

Course Catalog Description - A study of communications systems with emphasis on amplitude modulation, frequency modulation, phase modulation, and digital pulse modulation. Discussion of several types of modulators, demodulators, receivers, transmitters, and transceivers. Laboratory realization of lecture topics.

List Lab/ Other Hours
Lab Hours 3
Clinical Hours
Practicum Hours
Other (list)

Prerequisites/Co-Requisites - Credit for CETT 1405, CETT 1425, and CETT 1429

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I. Topical Outline – Each offering of this course must include the following topics (be sure to include information regarding lab, practicum, clinical or other non-lecture instruction):

The following performance will be expected of any student completing this course with a passing grade. There is no absolute time limit on the performance of these objectives, unless noted, but the grade received by the student will depend, in part, on the relative speed and precision of the student's performance in these tasks. Where subjective evaluations are indicated, the instructor will make these judgments based on his or her knowledge of the skills required to place a graduate with the expectation of successful on-job performance.

The student will be expected to perform the following tasks in written examination or laboratory demonstration:

Introduction to Communication systems

- Elements of a communication system
- Types of electronic communications
- The electromagnetic spectrum

Amplitude Modulation

- Principles
- Modulation index
- Sidebands and frequency domain
- Power distribution
- Single Sideband

Amplitude Modulation Circuits

- Modulators
- Demodulators
- Balanced Modulators
- SSB Circuits

Frequency Modulation

- Principles
- Phase modulation
- Sidebands and modulation index
- FM vs. AM
- FM with binary signals

Frequency modulation Circuits

- Modulators
- Phase modulators
- Demodulators

Radio Transmitters

- Power amplifiers
- Impedance matching
- Speech processing

Communication Receivers
 Super heterodyne
 Frequency Conversion
 IFF selection and images
 Noise
 Typical circuits
 Transceivers and synthesizers
 Antennas, Transmission lines
 Transmission lines
 Antenna fundamentals
 Radio Frequency Wave propagation

II. Course Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcome	Methods of Assessment
<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Describe the operation of communications receivers and transmitters • 2. Measure and troubleshoot communications systems. 	<p>Outcomes 1,2 are assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exams • Homework • Laboratory work • Quizzes • Reassessed in Capstone Experience: ELMT 2349 Final Project course.

III. Required Text(s), Optional Text(s) and/or Materials to be Supplied by Student.

An electronics text covering Communication Electronics. Example: Communication Electronics by Frenzal

Calculator – scientific with Sine, Cosine, Tangent capabilities

IV. Suggested Course Maximum - 30 lecture, 15 laboratory

V. List any specific spatial or physical requirements beyond a typical classroom required to teach the course.

Lecture facilities for 30 students. Laboratory facilities for 18 students must include 9 bench positions each with a digital meter, logic probe, 20 MHz oscilloscope and probes, bread boarding facility with power supply and signal generator, and a stock of basic AC circuit components.

VI. Course Requirements/Grading System – Describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course

Evaluation of Performance:

Course grades will be determined by the percentage of course objectives for which the student can demonstrate mastery and by attendance as stated in the Departmental Policy sheet provided to the student. Mastery of course objectives will be determined by written examinations, an attendance grade as described in the Departmental Policy handout, a daily work grade which will include graded homework, graded laboratory work, and a comprehensive final exam.

Approximate Grade Evaluation Summary:

Major tests	60%
Attendance.....	10%
Lab reports, homework, and quizzes.	15%
Comprehensive Final examination	15%

Grade Scale:

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

VII. Curriculum Checklist

- **Academic General Education Course** (from ACGM – but not in WCJC Core)
No additional documentation needed
- **Academic WCJC Core Course**
Attach the Core Curriculum Checklist, including the following:
 - Basic Intellectual Competencies
 - Perspectives
 - Exemplary Educational Objectives
- **WECM Courses**
If needed, revise the Program SCANS Matrix & Competencies Checklist.