ECE 572 – Spring 2014
Semiconductor Transistors- Syllabus

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Meeting time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 – 3:20, Engineering B105
             April 08 - May 12

Course website: RamCT
If you are unable to log into RamCT, contact the ACNS helpdesk for support.

Prerequisites: ECE 341 or equivalent, ECE471B

Office hours: Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

Course Objective(s): This course is suitable for undergraduate seniors and first year graduate students majoring in engineering or physics. It introduces bipolar transistor and the metal oxide semiconductor field effect transistor.


Description: Operation of basic transistor devices: bipolar transistor and MOSFET.

Topics to be covered:
Week 1    (Neaman Ch. 12) Operation of the bipolar transistor, minority carrier distribution, common-base current gain.
Week 2    Nonideal effects in bipolar transistors, Ebers-Moll equivalent circuit, frequency limitations.
Week 3    (Neaman Ch. 10,) Energy band diagram of MOS capacitor.
Week 4    MOS C-V characteristics. MOSFET operation.
Week 5    (Neaman Ch. 11,13) Frequency limitation of the MOSFET. Operation of the JFET.
Method of evaluation: One exam: 50%, Homework: 30%, Quizzes: 20%

A+ = 97-100  
A   = 93-97  
A-  = 90-93  
B+  = 87-90  
B   = 84-87  
B-  = 80-84  
C+  = 75-80  
C   = 65-75  
D   = 50-65  
F   =  0-50

Final exam is closed book, but you are allowed to bring one sheet of notes (front and back). Homework is typically due at the start of class on a Thursday one week after it is assigned, but check the website for details and updates. I plan for there to be a new assignment every week. Quizzes will be given at the start of class once or twice a week. The quizzes may cover any portion of the material covered in class.

The course will adhere to the Academic Integrity Policy of the CSU General Catalog (page 7, http://www.catalog.colostate.edu/FrontPDF/1.6POLICIES1112f.pdf) and the Student Conduct Code (http://www.conflictresolution.colostate.edu/conduct-code)

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