

## ECE 516: Information Theory

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am ~ 10:45am, online via Zoom

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday & Thursday 11:00am~12:30pm, or by appointment.

**Prerequisites:** ECE/STAT303, ECE421/Instructor's permission

**Textbook:** Thomas M. Cover and Joy A Thomas, "Elements of Information Theory", 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, John Wiley & Sons, New Jersey, 2005. (ISBN 0-471-24195-4)

**Webpage:** <http://www.engr.colostate.edu/ECE516/>

**Link for Online Zoom Course:**

<https://zoom.us/j/96029907363>

This same link is used for all lectures and office hours.

**Password is NOT required.** If we will add a password, it will be sent via email to all registered students.

**Course Goals:**

An analytical framework for modeling and evaluating point-to-point communication systems is developed. The key concepts of information content of a signal source and information capacity of a transmission medium are precisely defined, and their relationship to data compression algorithms and error control codes is examined in detail. The course aims to instill an appreciation for the fundamental capabilities and limitations of information transmission schemes; and to provide the mathematical tools for applying these ideas to a broad class of communication systems.

**Course Outline:**

1. Entropy, relative entropy and mutual information (Chapter 2)
2. The asymptotic equipartition property (Chapter 3)
3. Entropy rate of stochastic processes (Chapter 4)
4. Data compression (Chapter 5)
5. Channel capacity (Chapter 7)
6. Differential entropy (Chapter 8)
7. The Gaussian channel (Chapter 9)
8. Network information theory (Chapter 15)

## 9. Rate distortion theory (Chapter 10)

**Grading:** Homeworks (20%), assigned every Tuesday, due on Thursday next week.  
Midterm Exam (30%), Tuesday, 10/20  
Final Exam (50%), Thursday, 12/17

**Exams will be open book open notes. All homework and exam submissions will be done via email.** If you prefer working on paper copies, you can take photos of the papers and then email them in one file.