ECE 421: Communication Theory

3 credits, Tuesday & Thursday 11:00am ~ 12:15pm, Engr. B105

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Prerequisites: ECE303/STAT303, ECE312


Course Description: Analog communication (modulation), digital communication (source coding; modulation and detection; channel coding)

Grading and Exams:

- Midterm Exam 25%
- Final Exam 35%
- Homework Assignments 40%

Homework problems will be assigned on Tuesday every week, and will be due by the end of Tuesday of the next week, before 12am sharp. Late homework is accepted with 25% score reduction every day, unless written support from the university can be presented (this requirement is strict). Skipping the homework will result in a score equals 50% of the worst score among the submitted ones of that homework set.

Collaboration is allowed. However, you are required to present your results in a way reasonably different from others. Identical presentation (judged by the instructor) is treated as skipping the homework with an additional 50% score reduction. No collaboration is allowed in exams. All exams will be in class, close book, with two page (both sides) cheat sheet on a regular letter-size paper.

Attendance in class is required. If you are unable to attend class, you should provide an acceptable reason.

Schedule for Exams:
- Midterm: Thursday, October 19, 11:00am ~12:15pm.
- Final: Tuesday, December 12, 9:40am ~11:40am
Course Outline and Tentative Schedule:

1. Introduction (1 lecture)
2. Review of Signal and Systems (3 lectures)
3. Amplitude Modulation (3 lectures)
4. Angle Modulation (2 lectures)
5. Sampling, Quantization and Pulse Modulation (4 lectures)
6. Baseband Data Transmission (3 lectures)
7. Midterm Exam (10/19)
8. Digital Band-Pass Modulation Techniques (2 lectures)
10. Noise in Analog Communications (1 lecture)
11. Noise in Digital Communications (4 lectures)
12. Error Probability Calculations (1 lecture)
13. Final Exam (12/12)