

**Purdue University**  
**ECE438: Digital Signal Processing with Applications**  
**Fall 2015**

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Preferred pronouns: She/her/hers (Your instructor will be happy to make note of your preferred pronouns should you choose to share this information with her.)

**(Supplementary) Reference:** (Not required)

"Digital Signal Processing," 3rd edition, John G. Proakis and Dimitris G. Manolakis, Prentice-Hall, Inc. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, ISBN 0-13-373762-4, 1996.

**Course Packet:** (Required)

"ECE438 Digital Signal Processing," Prof. Boutin, Fall 2015. (Pick up at BoilerCopyMaker in PMU.)

**Prerequisites:**

ECE301, ECE302, and a working knowledge of MATLAB.

**Course Related Webpages:**

- Course Wiki: [https://www.projectrhea.org/rhea/index.php/2015\\_Fall\\_ECE\\_438\\_Boutin](https://www.projectrhea.org/rhea/index.php/2015_Fall_ECE_438_Boutin)

- Lab Wiki: [https://www.projectrhea.org/rhea/index.php/ECE438\\_Lab\\_Fall\\_2015](https://www.projectrhea.org/rhea/index.php/ECE438_Lab_Fall_2015)

- VISE Lab Web Site: <https://engineering.purdue.edu/VISE/>

**Grades:**

- Your final grade will be computed as follows:

Homework 10% (No late HW accepted but worst score dropped.)

Laboratory 20%

2 Intrasemestrial Exams 20% each (No make up; use final exam grade to replace when absent.)

Final 30%

Bonus point project 3%

- Grades will be uploaded on Blackboard.

- For a re-grade of any homework or exam, you must submit a written request to the instructor.

- The letter grades cut off for the course will be set to represent the extent of which the course outcomes have been achieved. In particular, all students who do not meet the lowest threshold of competence for every course outcome will be assigned a failing grade (F). Conversely, all students who meet the highest threshold for every outcome will be assigned an A grade.

- Plus/minus grades will not be assigned.

**Attendance Policy:**

Students are expected to attend **every lecture** and **every lab**. However, it is recognized that, **very occasionally**, it may be necessary for a student to be absent from class for personal reasons beyond his/her control (e.g., serious illness, family emergency, bereavement, etc.). Missing class is only acceptable if you have such a serious reason beyond your control. We trust students' honesty and sense of ethics, and thus require no documentation or justification for missing class. However, students who miss class are responsible for making up the material on their own by reading the references listed in the course schedule.

**Laboratory:**

The laboratory for this course is the Video and Image Systems Engineering (VISE) lab, in MSEE184. Each student is registered for a mandatory weekly 3 hour lab session. In order to get a passing grade for this course, you must complete and hand in every lab, and you must receive a passing grade for the lab. See the lab syllabus for more details.

**Homework:**

Homework will be assigned more or less every week. A hard copy of the homework will be collected in class. No late homework will be accepted. However, in order not to penalize students who find themselves unable to hand in the homework for a serious, valid reason (e.g., emergency room visit), each student's lowest homework grade will be dropped.

It is ok to discuss your approach to solving the problems with a friend or on Rhea, but the write-up of the solutions you hand in must be your own. Be careful not to plagiarize! **Cite all your sources** and write the name of the persons you collaborated with on the cover page of your homework.

Do not look at answers from the Internet or from the graded copy of a student from a previous year: doing so would constitute plagiarism. Plagiarism will be punished with a failing grade (F) for the course, and reports to the Assistant Dean of Students and to the ECE Assistant Head for Education will be filed. The office of the dean of students may decide that further punishment is necessary.

**Intra-semester Tests**

Test 1 Covers Part 1 of the material, Tuesday Oct. 20, 2015, 20:00-21:00, ME2061

Test 2 Covers Part 2 of the material, Thursday Dec. 3, 2015, 18:30-19:30, ME2061

- There will be no make-up exams. If you miss an exam for any reason, your final exam grade will automatically be used to replace this exam grade. (No justification needed.)

- Scratch paper will be included with each exam; the work on your scratch paper will not be graded.

**Final Exam:**

The final exam will be a comprehensive, traditional style (not multiple choice) exams.

**Classroom Rules**

- Unless prior arrangement has been made with the instructor, cell phones and other communication devices must be **turned off** and stowed away during class.

- Please respect your instructor, your TA, and your fellow classmates. Students who act in a disruptive or disrespectful manner (e.g., arriving late, texting, sending email, surfing the web, talking, etc.) will be asked to leave the classroom.

**Policy about sharing course material**

- All course material is copyrighted. Reproduction, sharing, and posting (e.g. on the Internet) is prohibited without an explicit agreement with the author of the work. This includes course notes (including your own), homework questions, and exams.

- Taking pictures or making audio/video recording of the lectures is prohibited without the instructor's prior approval.

**Academic Honesty:**

- If you have in your possession the labs of a student who previously took the course, be warned: using these labs as a reference when doing your own is cheating. We recommend that you destroy all the past lab material you have in your possession. If you are caught cheating in the lab (e.g., reading a lab from a past student, reusing code from a past/current student, etc.), you will receive a failing grade for the lab (no exception).

- In order to prevent cheating, we ask that you keep your eyes on your sheet at all times during exams. Looking around is forbidden.

- All electronic devices are forbidden during exams. This includes calculators, cell phones, PDAs, music players, smart phones, and watches.

- Working on an exam either before or after the official time is considered cheating. The exam of any student who is caught writing after time is up or before the exam begins will receive a grade of zero (no exception).

- We keep an electronic copy of all graded exams in order to compare them with any exam brought in for a grade revision. Any student who alters his/her exam post grading will receive a failing grade or the course (no exception).

- All occurrences of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Assistant Dean of Students and the ECE Assistant Head for Education (no exception).

**Emergency procedures**

In the event of a major campus emergency, course requirements, deadlines and grading percentages are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar or other circumstances. In such an event, information will be provided through the course wiki.

**ABET:**

The learning outcomes for ECE438 are:

- An understanding of linear time invariant systems
- The ability to manipulate discrete parameter signals
- Knowledge of how to use linear transforms
- The ability to apply linear system analysis to engineering problems