EE 512 Course Syllabus
Digital Communication Systems

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PREREQUISITE:
EE421G and engineering standing or consent of instructor.
Course is compliant with Departmental Baseline

OUTCOMES
Students completing this course should demonstrate the:
1. Knowledge of operations and issues associated with digitization and information
   transmission: sampling, encoding, quantization, distortion, channel capacity, and matched
   filtering.
2. Ability to determine sampling rate, distortion, and transmission bit rate in a digital
   communication system.
3. Ability to analyze digital modulation techniques and digital transmission media.
4. Ability to design basic digital communications systems.

CLASS CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES

The content of "Digital Communication Systems" represents the basic knowledge necessary
for sampling, encoding, transmitting, receiving, decoding and conversion of digital information
using today's digital communication technologies.

This course will cover selected material in Chapters 5 through 11 of the textbook. Concepts
that will be studied include selected material from the Fourier transform, probability, random
signals/noise, spectral analysis, information theory, sampling theory, encoding/decoding and digital
signal modulation/demodulation. Matched filtering and quadrature detection for binary
demodulation will be studied. Sampling theory will cover impulse and flat top sampling techniques.
The modulation techniques covered will include On/Off Keying (OOK), Phase Shift Keying (PSK), Frequency Shift Keying (FSK), Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) and quadrature modulation and demodulation. Information theory will include topics of Channel Capacity, Entropy, and be applied to encoding/decoding techniques. Homework will be in the form of problem sets and MATLAB based visualizations or tutorials.

**Grading Policy:**

- Homework: 20%; Once a week, Due one week after assignment, No late homework, drop the lowest 1. Assignments may include MATLAB visualizations.
- Exam 1: 20% (Date to be announced, closed book, 1 page crib sheet).
- Exam 2: 20% (Date to be announced, open book).
- Exam 3: 20% (Friday before Dead Week, open book).
- Projects and Final Project: 20%
- In accordance with SACS Recommendation 10 in the Provost memo dated March 12, 2004, graduate students will have a different grade scale then undergraduate students.

**Reference:**

3. Digital Communication by E. A. Lee and D. G. Messerschmitt.

**Equipment Required:** Access to MATLAB, email and the web.

**Infrastructure Required:** The students will be required to obtain computer accounts to enable them to communicate with email (probably ewl), run MATLAB (probably ewl) and read web pages. For home access, the students may want to get special accounts (probably pop). Communications to the students will be done by the EE512 web page and also through the EE512 email list. Individual correspondence by email will be encouraged.