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**ECE 449 - Power Systems Laboratory: 2 credit hours, 3 contact hours**

Instructor's or course coordinator's name: Hector Rivas

Text book, title, author and year: Manual of experiments distributed to students in a flexible manner to correlate with the theoretical course.

Specific course information: Laboratory work in the design and synthesis of power systems, closely coordinated with the power systems elective course.

Prerequisites: ECE 494. Corequisite: ECE 442.

Elective course, required by students taking the power track.

Course Catalog Description: Laboratory work in the design and synthesis of power systems, closely coordinated with the power systems elective.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

Students will be able to

- a. Measure and calculate complex power, real and reactive power, lagging and leading power factor, apparent power (volt amps); verify that the measurements are consistent with the theory.
- b. Observe on the scope the phase sequence of a three-phase supply and use experiments to verify the observed sequence.
- c. Understand the various three phase transformer connections and measure the various voltages.
- d. Understand how electric energy is generated.
- e. Experience how to control voltage, frequency, and power of an AC generator.
- f. Experience how to operate generators and connect them to the grid.
- g. Use modern power systems software.

**ABET Criterion 3 Student Learning Outcomes**

1. An ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics (CLO a-g);
5. an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives (CLO a-g)
6. an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions (CLO a-g).

Brief list of topics to be covered

Week 1:	Introduction
Week 2:	Measurements and Accuracy
Week 3:	Phase sequence measurements
Week 4:	Power Factor Correction
Week 5:	Multi-phase power generation

Week 6: The V-curves of a Synchronous Machine

- Week 7: Synchronizing an alternator and connecting it to the power system  
Week 8: Real and Reactive Power Control of an Alternator  
Week 9 & 10: Writing Matlab subroutines to solve the load-flow problem. Verify results with PowerWorld.  
Week 11: Study the effect of load on voltage angles and voltage profile in the 14-bus system  
Week 12& 13: Three-phase transformer connections.  
Week 14: Line Parameters using PSCAD

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