ECE 494 Electrical Engineering Laboratory III Syllabus

3 credits, 3 contact hours.

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Supplemental materials

Course Catalog Description:
A senior laboratory with experiments in two distinct areas: A) power and energy conversion, and B) semiconductor devices. Part A involves experiments with full size ac and dc electric motors, generators, and transformers. In part B characteristics of diodes, transistors and solar cells are measured using computer controlled instrumentation.

Contents of this course
This senior laboratory addresses two main areas of electrical engineering:
Power (part A) and
Semiconductor Devices (part B).
In part A, students experiment with three phase power measurements, ac power losses, DC generators, three phase induction motors, and power transformers. Industrial scale components, power and voltage level are used.
Part B includes measurements of characteristics of semiconductor diodes, transistors using computer control of experiments, data acquisition, and the efficiency of solar cells using solar simulator radiation source.

Prerequisites: ECE 341, ECE 374, ECE 392  
Co-requisites: ECE 341 or ECE 374

Course is required in EE program

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO). Students have skills (or are able) to:
1. Measure power in three phase circuits
2. Distinguish between the effects of Eddy current and hysteresis losses in magnetic materials
3. Measure performance characteristics of DC generators and three-phase induction motors.
4. Perform power transformer open and short circuit tests and determine the values of elements of the equivalent circuit.
5. Design experiments for measuring characteristics of different semiconductor diodes
6. Measure characteristics and efficiency of a solar cell
7. Extract model parameters of diodes and solar sell form measured I-V characteristics
8. Design experiments and measure characteristics of MOS and BJT transistors
9. Extract transistor model parameters form the measured characteristics
10. Write a professional quality laboratory report describing their work, results and analysis.
Relevant student outcomes (ABET criterion 3):
(a) an ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering (CLO 2,5, 6, 8, 9)
(b) an ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data (CLO 1-9)
(d) an ability to function on multidisciplinary teams (CLO 1-10 all labs and reports are team based)
(e) an ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems (CLO -9)
(g) an ability to communicate effectively (CLO 10)
(k) an ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice. (CLO 1-9)

Topics to be covered, using 1 to 2 weeks per lab.
(Half will start with Topic 1 and half with topic 6)
1. Three Phase Power
2. Power Transformer Open and Short Circuit Tests
3. Eddy Current and Hysteresis Losses
4. Performance Characteristics of DC Generators
5. Load Tests on a Three-Phase Induction Motor
6. Measurements of characteristics of semiconductor diodes.
7. Computer control voltage and current source and data acquisition
8. Measurements of characteristics and efficiency of a solar cell
9. Measurements of characteristics of BJT transistors
10. Measurements of characteristics of MOS transistors

NJIT Honor Code will be upheld, and any violations will be brought to the immediate attention of the Dean of Students.

Grading:
The course grade is based on the average grade of all experiments. Each experiment grade consists of the following elements:
- Preparation for the experiments including Prelab assignment and attendance: 15 % Due at the start of the lab
- Laboratory Report 85% Due one week after completion of the lab.
(Instructor may permit extensions when requested.)
**Late lab reports will be devalued by 10% per week**
- Quality of presentation and format 15 %
- Experimental data 40 %
- Analysis simulations and discussion 30 %
The grades of individual students in the same team may be different, based on their attendance and participation in the laboratory.
The TA for Part B may modify the above as he or she sees fit.

Makeup: Can be done:
- In the evening session of ECE494 with my permission but the readings have to be signed and approved by the instructor of evening class
- With special time slots approved by Dr. Haas or me.