

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

EE 2350 -15471 ELECTRIC CIRCUITS I SYLLABUS

Fall 2017: (August 28<sup>th</sup> – December 8<sup>st</sup>)  
Class Time: MW 01:30 pm - 2:50 pm  
Recitation Sessions and MATLAB Workshops: TBA  
Classroom: CCSB 1.0202  
Instructor: Dr. Benjamin C. Flores

**Required Book:** W. Nilsson and S.A. Riedel, Electric Circuits, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition, Prentice Hall, 2014. Also, *Mastering Engineering* package. Read homework section below.

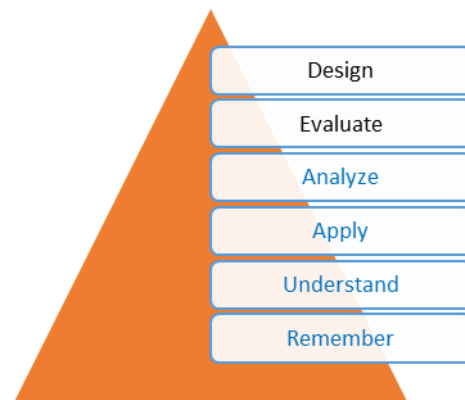
**Course Materials:** All slide presentations will be posted in **Blackboard**. You are responsible for printing them, placing them in a binder, and bringing them to class.

**Course Description:** Theory of electric circuits: DC analysis of resistive circuits; AC analysis of RC, RL, and RLC circuits; complex power and balanced three-phase circuits.

**Prerequisites:** By course, you must have earned a grade of “C” or better in EE 1305 Introduction to Electrical Engineering. By topic, you must remember and understand:

- Derivatives and integrals
- Voltage and current concepts
- Sinusoidal signal characteristics
- Frequency and bandwidth concepts

**Course Outcomes:** From an educational perspective, you are expected to *remember* (recall facts and basic concepts), *understand* (explain ideas and concepts), *apply* (use information in new situations), and *analyze* (draw connections among ideas). This is part of a taxonomy that describes your depth of knowledge as shown in the figure below.



You are expected to master the four lower levels of this taxonomy. Consequently, by the end of the semester, you will be able to:

- Analyze resistive electric DC circuits using source transformations, node and mesh techniques.
- Analyze AC circuits made of resistors, inductors, and capacitors.
- Analyze average power consumption of single-phase, ideal transformer circuits, and three phase circuits.
- Apply software tools for the analysis of dc and ac electric circuits.

**Content and Organization:** Course content will be divided into four modules. Module 1 will cover circuit variables, circuit elements, and simple resistive circuit analysis (chapters 1, 2, and 3). Module 2 will cover resistive circuit analysis techniques (chapter 4). Module 3 will cover capacitors, inductors, and steady state ac analysis of RC, RL, and RCL circuits (chapters 6 and 9). Module 4 will cover ac power analysis, ideal transformers, and balanced three-phase circuits (chapter 10 and 11).

**Homework:** Homework is an essential part of this course. You will be assigned homework every week. Homework will be submitted and graded using Mastering Engineering.

Mastering Engineering is an online system that is supported by Pearson, the publisher of your textbook. You will be required to register for Mastering Engineering. For this you will need:

Course ID: This will be provided by the instructor.

Pearson account: You will either create your Pearson student account or identify your existing account.

Access code or buy access: Either enter a student access code or buy access using a credit card or PayPal. A student access code card may be provided with your new textbook or you may be able to purchase this separately.

Mastering Engineering provides tutorial homework problems designed to emulate the instructor's office hour environment. The system can guide you through engineering concepts with self-paced individualized coaching. It will provide you with feedback that is specific to any errors you may happen to make. Also, you may elect to receive optional hints that are capable of breaking a complex problem down into simpler steps.

**Grading:** There will be four midterm exams, one for each module. The average of these exams will count 60% of your final grade. There will be a short quiz every day and there are no makeup opportunities for short quizzes. The average of these quizzes will determine 20% of your grade. There will be one MATLAB assignment per chapter. These assignments will count 10%. Homework will count 10%.

The final examination will be an opportunity to “make up” midterm exams on which you score less than 70/100 points. If you miss an exam, you may not retake an exam unless you have a justifiable reason (such illness, civic duty, or family emergency). Please inform the instructor by e-mail if you cannot make it to an exam. The instructor will determine if the justification is acceptable for a makeup.

Midterm Exams (4)	60%	Time on task
Quizzes (daily)	10%	Attendance
MATLAB Assignments	10%	Time on task
Homework and course binder	20%	Time on task, organization
Total	100%	

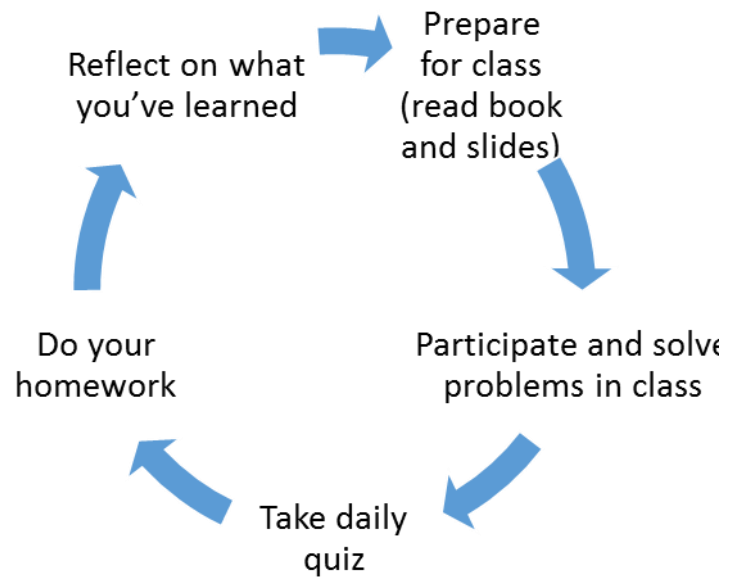
**Study Habits.** For every hour of lecture, you are expected to dedicate at least three hours of study per day until you understand the material and you finish your homework assignment. This is a standard expectation. Thus, you should study approximately 9 hours per week or until you fully understand the material discussed in class. Time on task is essential for your success.

**In Class Participation:** As a college student, you are expected to attend regularly and participate in class. Uncooperative behavior as determined by the instructor and classmates may be penalized with a grade reduction.

**Study Strategy:** Dedicating time and effort to this course can be achieved systematically. The process is simple but it requires your commitment. As a college student you should strive to:

1. Study the corresponding slide presentation **before** each class period.
2. Read the corresponding chapter sections in the book **before** each class period.
3. Attend class and participate in discussions.
4. Solve, collaboratively, the exercises in the handouts.
5. Take the daily quiz.
6. Do your homework with a study partner.
7. Reflect on what you learned and need to improve upon.

This is a cycle that a good engineer student commits to practice. As the saying goes: practice makes perfect. The expectation is that you will do your best. Your final grade should be a reflection of this effort.



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**Academic Dishonesty.** As an entity of The University of Texas at El Paso, the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is committed to the development of its students and to the promotion of personal integrity and self-responsibility. The assumption that a student's work is a fair representation of the student's ability to perform is the basis for departmental and institutional quality. All students within the Department are expected to observe appropriate standards of conduct. Acts of scholastic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that attributable in the whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts will not be tolerated. Any case involving academic dishonesty will be referred to the Office of the Dean of Students. The Dean will assign a Student Judicial Affairs Coordinator who will investigate the charge and alert the student as to its disposition. Consequences of academic dishonesty may be as severe as dismissal from the University. See the Office of the Dean of Students' homepage (Office of Student Life) for more information. You can also refer to the IEEE website for information on our code of ethics: <http://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/governance/p7-8.html>

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Note: This syllabus is subject to minor changes as determined by the instructor.

## EE2350 Electric Circuits I

I've read the course syllabus and understand the policies and procedures that apply to this course. Furthermore, I understand that if I do not agree to sign this form and return it to the instructor I forfeit the opportunity to take any makeup exams.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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