EE 3321 Electromagnetic Field Theory

Semester: Fall 2019  
Section: 11406  
Class Time: Monday and Wednesday 03:00 pm - 4:20 pm  
Classroom: LA Building 222  

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Recitation Sessions and MATLAB Workshops: F 2:00 pm to 4:00 PM.  


**Other Materials.** All slide presentations will be posted in Blackboard. You are responsible for downloading them and bringing them to class.  

**Course Topics.** Electrostatics, magnetostatics, wave propagation, Maxwell’s equations.  

**Prerequisites.** By courses, students must have earned a grade of “C” or better in EE 2351 Electric Circuits. By topic, students must remember and understand:  

- Vector operations  
- Cartesian, cylindrical, and spherical coordinate systems  
- Gradient, divergence, curl, and Laplacian operators  
- Phasors  
- Second order ordinary differential equations  

**Class Attendance.** Attendance is an essential component of this course. You’re expected to come to all lecture sessions. **A maximum of three (3) absences are allowed.** Additional absences may result in course dismissal with an F grade.  

We will dedicate most of our time to discussing topics in groups, solve problems, and review key concepts and analysis/design procedures. As a college student, you are expected to participate in class. Uncooperative behavior as determined by the instructor and classmates may be penalized with a grade reduction.
In Class Participation. Everyone is expected to participate. Uncooperative behavior as determined by the instructor and teaching assistant or reported by classmates may be penalized with a grade reduction.

Study Habits. For every hour of lecture, you are expected to dedicate at least two 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 6 hours per week or until you fully understand the material discussed in class. Time on task is essential for your success!

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

- Understand spatial coordinate systems and apply calculus operators (Chapter 3)
- Apply fundamental laws to solve basic electrostatic (resistance and capacitance) problems (Chapters 3 and 4)
- Apply fundamental laws to solve basic magnetostatic (inductance) problems (Chapters 3 and 5)
- Understand propagation of Transverse Electro Magnetic (TEM) waves in space and in coaxial cables (Chapter 2 and 7)

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.

A good engineer student commits to practice this cycle. 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.

**Course Materials.** The following items are required for the course:

- Engineering graph paper for homework assignments.
- 1 ½ inch, 3 ring binder to keep homework problems, exams, and MATLAB assignment.
- Graphics or scientific calculator.

**Study Groups.** I encourage you to form study groups of two or three people. You may get together to discuss homework problems and computer assignments. However your solutions must be a reflection of truly individual effort.

**Tutoring Websites.** The use of tutoring websites such as chegg.com is **strictly prohibited**. All work submitted for grading must be strictly your own.

**Computer Usage.** You are required to use MATLAB to conduct simulations of electromagnetic phenomena. There will be at least one MATLAB assignment per chapter. You will receive a handout for each assignment. Submit a report with the items described in the handout. This will include your MATLAB script which must be unique and well documented. MATLAB assignments will count 15% of the final grade.
Homework Portfolio. You must keep all your graded homework, graded MATLAB assignments, and graded exams in a well-organized 1 ½ inch, three-ring binder. I will ask you to turn in the binder at the end of the semester. Organization skills do matter. You must bring your binder to the final examination. Homework will count 15% of the final grade.

Late Homework. Homework is generally due at the beginning of the class period on Mondays. There will be a 20 point deduction for late homework. Late homework must be turned in by the next class period. No exceptions.

Weekly Quizzes. It is in your best interest to always come prepared to class. There will be a short quiz every week to check that you are keeping up with the course. There are no makeup opportunities for short quizzes. Quizzes will count 10% of the final grade.

Midterm exams. There will be four midterm exams, one for each learning objective. You may use approved crib sheets for each exam. You may use a calculator during examination periods but you may not share it with anyone. You may not communicate with any class peer during the exam. The use of cell phones, lap tops, or pads during examination periods is strictly prohibited. Tardy entrance will not be allowed. You may not leave the classroom after the exam has started. Additional rules may be announced during exam periods. There will be no grading curves or negotiation on points earned. If you feel that a grading error was made, I will review the case individually. Remember you earn your grade based on the work you do. Midterms will count 60% of the final grade.

Final Examination. In lieu of a final examination, you may retake any midterm exam you wish during the final examination period. This opportunity is meant to help you improve your final grade. However, do not expect the same questions. In fact, questions may be a bit more challenging as you are expected to have a fuller knowledge of the subject at the end of the semester.

Final Grade. The final grade will be determined as follows:

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The corresponding letter grade scale is:

- A 100-90  Outstanding
- B  89-80  Above average
- C  79-70  Average
- D  69-60  Poor
- F  60 or less  Failing
Cell Phone Etiquette. Please set your cell phone to do not disturb before each class or exam period. Use of the phone in class for texting, browsing social media, recording conversations, or making videos is prohibited.

Note: This syllabus is subject to minor changes as determined by the instructor. Any such changes will be posted on a timely manner.

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Academic Integrity and Professional Ethics. Every college student must abide by professional and academic integrity rules. I expect nothing but the best from you. However I will not hesitate to report all cases of misconduct to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. Check the OSCCR website for UTEP’s policy on academic dishonesty. Also, carefully review the IEEE code of ethics below. Remember, cheating is for losers.

IEEE Code of Ethics

We, the members of the IEEE, in recognition of the importance of our technologies in affecting the quality of life throughout the world, and in accepting a personal obligation to our profession, its members and the communities we serve, do hereby commit ourselves to the highest ethical and professional conduct and agree:

1. to hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public, to strive to comply with ethical design and sustainable development practices, and to disclose promptly factors that might endanger the public or the environment;
2. to avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest whenever possible, and to disclose them to affected parties when they do exist;
3. to be honest and realistic in stating claims or estimates based on available data;
4. to reject bribery in all its forms;
5. to improve the understanding by individuals and society of the capabilities and societal implications of conventional and emerging technologies, including intelligent systems;
6. to maintain and improve our technical competence and to undertake technological tasks for others only if qualified by training or experience, or after full disclosure of pertinent limitations;
7. to seek, accept, and offer honest criticism of technical work, to acknowledge and correct errors, and to credit properly the contributions of others;
8. to treat fairly all persons and to not engage in acts of discrimination based on race, religion, gender, disability, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;
9. to avoid injuring others, their property, reputation, or employment by false or malicious action;
10. to assist colleagues and co-workers in their professional development and to support them in following this code of ethics.

Learning Disabilities. The UTEP Center for Accommodation and Support Services (CASS) was established for the purpose of providing appropriate and reasonable accommodations as mandated in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you have needs regarding learning disabilities, please help me to help you by reporting those needs the first week of classes.
Discrimination. Members of the UTEP community are protected from discrimination and harassment by State and Federal Laws. Discrimination on campus on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, genetic information, national origin, religion, veteran’s status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity is strictly prohibited.

Campus Concealed Carry. For details see http://sa.utep.edu/campuscarr. The instructor reserves the right not to engage individuals who carry a concealed weapon. The instructor will provide oral notice if needed.
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I have 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 the final exam.

Name: _______________________________________
Signature: _____________________________________
Student ID #: ________________________________
Date: ________________________________________