

Semiconductor Devices

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Course Description:

This course is composed of two parts: (1) advanced semiconductor fundamentals and (2) modern electronic devices. The first part is designed to give you a good background of semiconductor physics. In the second part, we will use the physics from the first part to study modern semiconductor devices.

(1) Semiconductor fundamental topics that will be covered include: Crystal structure, Basic quantum mechanics, Energy band theory, Equilibrium carrier statistics, Recombination-generation processes and, Carrier transport.

(2) For the second part of the course, modern electronic devices will be studied from both broad and deep perspectives. Modern electronic devices possess dimensions at which the quantum mechanical behavior of matter starts to become manifested. This dimension is approximately 100 nm. These devices are now called nanodevices because of this new behavioral characteristic.

Equally important to detailed study of nanodevices is the study of trends of semiconductor devices. This broad study will give us a perspective as to what direction the technology is heading and also which problems are likely to be encountered in the future.

If time permits, we will also perform a review of the literature in a certain topic and/ device. This exercise will be designed to give you experience in researching a topic on advanced semiconductor devices.

Textbooks:

Physics of Semiconductor Devices, 3rd Ed, Sze and Ng, 2007, Wiley.

Advanced Semiconductor Fundamentals 2nd Ed., Pierret, 2003, Prentice Hall

Evaluation:

	Value
Problems	20%
Exam I	25%
Exam II	25%
Exam III Final	30%
Total	100%

Grading and Policies:

A: 90%-100% B: 80%-<90% C: 70%-<80% D: 60%-<70% F: 0-<60%

Late course work will not be accepted.

No make-up work will be accepted.

Prerequisite: EE 3329 or equivalent.

Academic Dishonesty:

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