

**Circuits & Signals I**  
**Fall, 2020**  
**Lecture: on M W F, 9:50 – 10:40**

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**Office Hours:** Same-day or next-day appointment (Zoom)

**Course Description:** Principles of electrical circuit analysis. Kirchhoff's laws, equivalent circuits, dependent sources, node and mesh analyses, signals, RLC components. Introductory circuits and operational amplifier circuits as examples.

**Mode of Instruction:** Synchronously online delivery via Zoom with asynchronous video recording (access through Canvas - *Panopto Recordings* tab) for later review. Guest lectures will be offered occasionally via face-to-face/hybrid lecture.

**Pre-requisites:** *MATH 132* (Calculus and Analytic Geometry II)

**Place in Curriculum:** This course is normally offered in Fall semester. It is a requirement for the Electrical Engineering major.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

After completion of this course, students are expected to be able to:

- Analyze circuits with basic elements using Ohm's law, KCL, and KVL.
- Calculate instantaneous power absorbed or supplied by elements.
- Apply nodal or mesh analysis to form system of linear equations and solve it.
- Understand the principles of op-amp, non-ideal source, and superpositions.
- Leverage Thevenin's Theorem and Norton's Theorem to evaluate the load conditions.
- Analyze circuits with energy-storage elements, e.g., capacitors and inductors.
- Resolve the integrodifferential equations with non-zero initial conditions and inputs.

**Program Learning Outcomes:** <https://www.nmt.edu/academics/eleceng/undergrad/index.php>

**Course Requirements:**

Textbook: *Elementary Linear Circuit Analysis (Second Edition)*. Leonard S. Bobrow, Oxford University Press 1987.

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### Course Schedule:

Date	Chapter	Topic
Aug. 17 – 31	Chap. 1	Sources, Ohm's Law, KCL, KVL, Instantaneous Power
Sep. 2 – 4	Chap. 2	Nodal Analysis
Sep. 7	Holiday	
Sep. 9 – 16	Chap. 2	Nodal Analysis, Mesh Analysis
Sep. 18 – 21	Chap. 3	Op-Amp, Non-Ideal Sources
Sep. 23		Midterm 1 (Until Chap. 2)
Sep. 25 – Oct. 5	Chap. 3	Thevenin's Theorem, Norton's Theorem, Superposition
Oct. 7 – 14	Chap. 4	Inductor, Capacitor, Input Functions
Oct. 16	Holiday	
Oct. 19 – 23	Chap. 4	Integrodifferential Equations, Initial Conditions
Oct. 26 – Nov. 2	Chap. 5	Zero-Input and Zero-State Response, Linearity and Superposition
Nov. 4		Midterm 2 (Until Chap. 4)
Nov. 6	Chap. 5	Other Forcing Functions
Nov. 9 – 20	Chap. 6	RLC Circuits, Non-Zero Inputs and Initial Conditions
Nov. 23 – 27	Holiday	
Nov. 30 – Dec. 2	Chap. 6	Non-Zero Inputs and Initial Conditions
Dec. 4		Final Term Review

### Grading:

• Homework: 30%	A	90-100	C	70-72
• 2 Midterm: 20% each	A-	86-89	C-	66-69
• Final term: 20%	B+	83-85	D+	63-65
• In-class quest (group): 10%	B	80-82	D	60-62
	B-	76-79	F	<60
	C+	73-75		

There will be no make-up exams except in the case of extraordinary circumstances. All homework with the due dates will be available on Canvas at the beginning of the semester. Submission of homework and exams will be done via Canvas online assignment portal. Students may work together on homework but must turn in individual assignments that CANNOT BE IDENTICAL. Students must work on exams individually and any validated cheating in exams will be reported to NMT Academic Affairs. Late homework will not be accepted unless requested via email before the due date with a valid reason (e.g., family emergency).

In-class quest: i) 10 minutes at the beginning of each lecture. ii) 5 or 6 students in each group, 3 or above show up in the synchronous course can take the quest. iii) Performance during the in-class quest will be used as reference to determine the final score. iv) Given a certain topic, the group will decide who will be raising the question and who will be solving the question.

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