



Course Outline

Instructor

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Office Hours

- By appointment

Contact Hours

- 4 credit hours
- Lectures:
3 hours x 13 weeks = 39 hours
- Laboratories:
3 hours x 5 weeks = 15 hours

Prerequisites:

- ECE 3700 Telecommunication Network Engineering
- ECE 3780 Signal Processing 1

Course Website:

<https://umanitoba.ca/umlearn>

ECE 4540 – Wireless Networks

Fall 2020

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Mandatory Requirement to Report

This course will be conducted using remote instruction. Students who are accessing the course from outside of Canada or the USA **must notify the instructor** and indicate in which country they are located. Access to software may be restricted from some countries and failure to comply with these restrictions may result in criminal prosecution.

Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to give an introduction to the fundamentals of the wireless communications systems, the wireless network architectures, protocols, and applications. Topics of study include an overview of wireless communications and mobile computing systems, signal propagation characteristics of wireless channels, wireless channel modelling, frequency reuse/cellular/microcellular concepts, modulation techniques for wireless systems, diversity techniques, and multiple access techniques.

Course Content

The following topics will be covered:

- Overview of Wireless Communications and Networks
- Wireless Channel Modelling
- Modulation, Coding, Diversity Techniques
- Cellular Concept
- Multiple Access Techniques

Textbook

Introduction to Wireless Digital Communications: A Signal Processing Perspective, R.W. Heath Jr., Pearson, 2017.

Other Resources

Wireless Communications, A. Goldsmith, Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Requirements and Regulations

- Attendance at lectures and laboratories is essential for successful completion of this course. Students must satisfy each evaluation component in the course to receive a final grade.
- It is the responsibility of each student to contact the instructor in a timely manner if he or she is uncertain about his or her standing in the course and about his or her potential for receiving a failing grade. Students should also familiarize themselves with the University's *General Academic Regulations*, as well as Section 3 of the Faculty of Engineering *Academic Regulations* dealing with incomplete term work, deferred examinations, attendance and withdrawal.
- No programmable devices or systems (such as calculators, PDAs, iPods, iPads, cell phones, wireless communication or data storage devices) are allowed in examinations unless approved by the course instructor.
- Students should be aware that they have access to an extensive range of resources and support organizations. These include Academic Resources, Counselling, Advocacy and Accessibility Offices as well as documentation of key University policies e.g. Academic Integrity, Respectful Behaviour, Examinations and related matters.

 [Supplemental Information](#)

Important Dates

- **Term Test**
November 4th, 2020
6:00pm – 8:00pm
- **Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline**
November 23rd, 2020
- **Thanksgiving Day**
October 12th, 2020
No classes or examinations
- **Remembrance Day**
November 11th, 2020
No classes or examinations
- **Fall Term Break**
November 9th–13th, 2020
No classes or examinations

Accreditation Details

Accreditation Units

- Mathematics: 0%
- Natural Science: 0%
- Complementary Studies: 0%
- Engineering Science: 70%
- Engineering Design: 30%

Attributes

- A1: A knowledge base for engineering
- A2: Problem analysis
- A3: Investigation
- A4: Design
- A5: Use of engineering tools
- A6: Individual and team work
- A7: Communication skills
- A8: Professionalism
- A9: Impact of engineering on society/environment
- A10: Ethics and equity
- A11: Economics and project management
- A12: Life-long learning

Competency Levels

- Knowledge (Able to recall information)
- Comprehension (Ability to rephrase information)
- Application (Ability to apply knowledge in a new situation)
- Analysis (Able to break problem into its components and establish relationships.)
- Synthesis (Able to combine separate elements into a whole)
- Evaluation (Able to judge the worth of something)

Grading Scale

Letter	Mark
A+	95–100
A	85–94
B+	80–84
B	70–79
C+	65–69
C	55–64
D	45–54
F	< 45

Note: These boundaries represent a guide for the instructor and class alike. Provided that no individual student is disadvantaged, the instructor may vary any of these boundaries to ensure consistency of grading from year-to-year.

Learning Outcomes

- Understanding wireless channel modeling.
- Understanding different digital modulation, channel coding, and diversity techniques for wireless communications.
- Learning design and analysis of cellular wireless systems.
- Learning and understanding multiple access techniques for wireless networks.
- Understanding basic queuing theory for network performance analysis.

Expected Competency Levels

Outcome	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11	A12
1	3	2	2	3	4		2		2			3
2	3	2	2	3	3		3		2			3
3	4	3	3	4	3		3		3			3
4	4	3	3	4	3		3		2			3
5	4	3	3									3

Evaluation

The final course grade is determined by the student's performance in laboratories, and on examinations. Students must complete all the laboratories in order to be eligible to receive a passing grade.

Component	Value (%)	Method of Feedback	Learning Outcomes Evaluated
Assignments	15	F, S	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Laboratories	20	F, S	1, 2, 3, 4
Term Test	25	S	1, 2, 3
Final Examination	40	S	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

* Method of Feedback: F - Formative (written comments and/or oral discussion), S - summative (numerical grade)

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest ethical standards of the Profession of Engineering and evince academic integrity in all their pursuits and activities at the university. As such, in accordance with the *General Academic Regulations on Academic Integrity*, students are reminded that plagiarism or any other form of cheating in examinations, term tests, assignments, projects, or laboratory reports is subject to serious academic penalty (e.g. suspension or expulsion from the faculty or university). A student found guilty of contributing to cheating by another student is also subject to serious academic penalty.

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