Price Faculty of Engineering
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Course Outline

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Contact Hours
- 4 credit hours
- Lectures: 3 hours per week
- Laboratories: 3 hours x 5 weeks

Prerequisites:
- ECE 2262 Electric Circuits
- MATH 2132 Engineering Mathematical Analysis 2

Traditional Territories Acknowledgement

The University of Manitoba campuses and research spaces are located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anisininewuk, Dakota Oyate, Dene and Inuit, and on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.

UM recognizes that the Treaties signed on these lands are a lifelong, enduring relationship, and we are dedicated to upholding their spirit and intent. We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and the present. With this understanding, we commit to supporting Indigenous excellence through active Reconciliation, meaningful change, and the creation of an environment where everyone can thrive. Our collaboration with Indigenous communities is grounded in respect and reciprocity and this guides how we move forward as an institution.

ECE 3540 – Advanced Circuit Analysis and Design   Winter 2026

Course Objectives

During the first part of the course, formal methods of electrical circuit analysis and relevant network theorems will be covered. This includes an in-depth study of state-equation formulations and methods of obtaining them from a circuit's graph. Extensive use of the Laplace Transform for the analysis of linear time-invariant networks will be made and it is expected that a student will have the mathematical background related to Laplace Transform techniques. The second part of the course (roughly, the second half) will be devoted to the study of network functions: poles, zeros, and frequency response; natural frequencies; filtering; and two-port networks. We will study classical and computer methods for filter design. Transmission lines will be covered and analysed both in the frequency-domain as well as the time-domain. Computer techniques for analysing and designing electrical circuits, using Matlab and Spice as exemplary tools, will be used throughout the course. Laboratory sessions and a final group design project will provide a means of applying theoretical concepts and computer tools to solve practical problems and create useful circuit designs. This is a core-course in the Electrical Engineering Program and is a prerequisite for several other technical electives.

Course Content

The following topics will be covered:

- Methods of electrical circuit analysis: formal methods, network theorems
- State-equation formulations and graph-theoretic methods
- Application of Laplace Transform techniques for circuit analysis
- Computer techniques for solving electrical circuits using Matlab & Spice
- Network Functions: poles, zeros, frequency response, and two-ports
- Design of electrical filters
- Transmission lines.

Textbook

Basic Engineering Circuit Analysis, J. David Irwin and R. Mark Nelms, 11th Edition, Wiley, 2015. [available from the University of Manitoba's Fort Garry Book Store]

Computer Methods for Circuit Analysis and Design, K. Singhal and J. Vlach, 2nd Edition, Springer. [ISBN: 978-1441947383 available as a Kindle e-book.]
Course notes [available from the course web page].

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze linear electrical circuits using the modified nodal analysis, tableau formulation, and state space methods, and apply the state space method in conjunction with graph-theoretic approaches.
2. Use the Laplace transform to analyze linear electrical circuits, to evaluate their stability, and to synthesize transfer functions/impedances with given amplitude frequency responses.
3. Analyze the input-output properties of interconnected two-port networks.
4. Analyze and design Butterworth filters and perform frequency transformation as well as low-pass/high-pass/band-pass/band-reject transformation.
5. Comprehend the Telegrapher's equations and calculate the propagation constant, reflection coefficient, and input impedance in transmission line circuits

Important Dates

- **Term Test**
  March 2nd, 2026
  6:00PM–9:00PM
- **Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline**
  March 19th, 2026
- **Louis Riel Day**
  February 16th, 2026
  No classes or examinations
- **Spring Break**
  February 17th – 20th, 2026
  No classes or examinations
- **Good Friday**
  April 3rd, 2026
  No classes or examinations

Accreditation Details

Accreditation Units

- Mathematics: 0%
- Natural Science: 0%
- Complementary Studies: 0%
- Engineering Science: 75%
- Engineering Design: 25%

Graduate Attributes

KB: A knowledge base for engineering
PA: Problem analysis
IN: Investigation
DE: Design
ET: Use of engineering tools
IT: Individual and team work
CS: Communication skills
PR: Professionalism
IE: Impact of engineering on society/
environment
EE: Ethics and equity
EP: Economics and project
management
LL: Life-long learning

Competency Levels

I - Introduced (Introductory)
D - Developed (Intermediate)
A - Applied (Advanced)

Expected Competency Levels

Outcome	KB	PA	IN	DE	ET	IT	CS	PR	IE	EE	EP	LL
1	D	A	D		D							D
2	A	A	D		D							D
3	D	D	D	D	D							D
4	D	D	D	A	D	D	D					D
5	I	D	I	I	I							I

CEAB Graduate Attributes Assessed

PA.4 – Evaluates a solution to a complex engineering problem.

DE.3 – Develops/implements possible solutions to an open-ended design problem, leading to an appropriate recommendation

Evaluation

Students who are unable to write the mid-term exam for medical (or other acceptable) reasons will have their final examination weighted to include the mid-term weighting. Students must complete all the laboratories and the group design project, and must pass the final examination ($\geq 50\%$) in order to be eligible to receive a passing grade.

Component	Value (%)	Method of Feedback	Learning Outcomes Evaluated
Laboratories	10	F, S	1, 2, 3, 4
Project	5	F, S	1, 2, 3, 4
Homework	20	F, S	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Term Test	20	F, S	1, 2, 3
Final Examination	45	S	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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

Student Absences

Attendance in lectures, tutorials, and laboratories is mandatory. For short-term absences due to illness or other extenuating circumstances of 120 hours (5 days) or less, students are required to complete a *Self-Declaration Form for Brief or Temporary Absence* available on the University website. This form must be submitted to the course instructor within 48 hours of the absence. (No additional documentation is required.)

Note that students are responsible to complete any missed work and must consult with the instructor to make appropriate arrangements.

For absences longer than 120 hours, students must contact the instructor and ECE Undergraduate Advisor, Tammy Holowachuk (Tammy.Holowachuk@umanitoba.ca) for further instructions.

Deferred Final Examinations

Students who miss the regular scheduled writing of a final examination, for valid medical or compassionate reasons, may be given the opportunity to write a deferred examination, subject to approval by the Associate Dean (Undergraduate). All requests for a deferred examination must be made within 48 hours of the missed examination, and must follow the procedure described on the Faculty website, without exception. Course instructors do not have the discretion to grant deferred final examinations. (https://umanitoba.ca/engineering/student-experience#engineering-student-policies)

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*

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.

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). This includes the unauthorized use of AI when preparing course deliverables. A student found guilty of contributing to cheating by another student is also subject to serious academic penalty. Integrity also applies to respecting copyrighted course content, which should not be distributed without the creator's permission. Uploading content for the purpose of transcription or other AI-enabled features is commonly a violation of the copyright holder's rights.

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Retention of Student Work

Students are advised that copies of their work submitted in completing course requirements (i.e. assignments, laboratory reports, project reports, test papers, examination papers, etc.) may be retained by the instructor and/or the department for the purpose of student assessment and grading, and to support the ongoing accreditation of each Engineering program. This material shall be handled in accordance with the University's *Intellectual Property Policy* and the protection of privacy provisions of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba)*. Students who do not wish to have their work retained must inform the Head of Department, in writing, at their earliest opportunity.

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 passing final grade.
- It is the responsibility of each student to contact the instructor in a timely manner if they are uncertain about their standing in the course and about their potential for receiving a failing grade. Students should also familiarize themselves with the University's *General Academic Regulations* 🔗, as well as the Price Faculty of Engineering *Academic Regulations* 🔗 dealing with incomplete term work, deferred examinations, attendance and withdrawal.
- No programmable devices or systems (such as calculators, PDAs, smart phones, smart watches, 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 Resources*

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