ECE 4360 – High Voltage Engineering

Course Objectives
The course serves as an introduction to high voltage engineering, including basics of electrical breakdown, high voltage generation, high voltage test systems, measurement and analysis techniques as applied to power system apparatus such as cables, insulators, transformers, and generators.

Course Content
The following topics will be covered:
- Generation of high voltage: AC, DC, and impulse generating equipment.
- High voltage measuring systems.
- Quasi-electrostatic field calculation and simulation models.
- Standard high voltage laboratory test and measurement methods and analysis of results.
- Electrical breakdown fundamentals; electrical breakdown in solids, liquids, and gases.
- Non-destructive tests such as corona testing and partial discharge.
- Insulation coordination as related to equipment ratings and test requirements.
- Review of other industrial applications of high voltage engineering.

Textbook

Other Resources

Requirements/Regulations
- This course includes a field trip to a local industry and one of the laboratories will be held at an off-campus facility. Details will be provided in class. It is the responsibility of the students to be available for the field trip and off-campus laboratory and arrange for transportation.
- 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, 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.
Learning Outcomes

1. Understand fundamental concepts of high voltage AC, DC, and impulse generation.
2. Learn the techniques employed in high voltage measurements.
3. Apply analytical and numerical techniques for electric field calculations in high voltage systems.
4. Learn the fundamental concept of electric breakdown in liquids, gases, and solids.
5. Become familiar with non-destructive test techniques in high voltage engineering.

Expected Competency Levels

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Evaluation

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

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.