ECE 4370 – Power Electronics

Course Objectives
Theory and operation of power semiconductor devices, DC-DC converters (choppers), uncontrolled/controlled rectifiers, AC voltage controllers, voltage source converters, power electronic applications in motor drives and electric power systems.

Course Content
The following topics will be covered:
• Electric circuit and Fourier series (review only)
• Power electronic devices, ratings, control and protection
• DC-DC converters
• Uncontrolled and controlled rectifiers
• AC voltage controllers and cycloconverters
• Voltage source converters
• Application areas:
  • Power systems
  • Motor drives.

Textbook

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.

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.
Learning Outcomes

1. Describe the characteristics of power semiconductor devices and identify suitable switch choices for a given application.
2. Analyze controlled and uncontrolled single- and three-phase rectifiers, and cycloconverters.
3. Analyze DC-AC converters, and use pulse-width modulation techniques.
4. Analyze DC-DC converters.
5. Explain power electronic applications in power systems and motor drives, and evaluate suitable converter types of a given application.

Expected Competency Levels

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Evaluation

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

CEAB Graduate Attributes Assessed

PA.3 – Analyzes and solves complex engineering problems.

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

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.