ECEN 620: Network Theory: Broadband Circuit Design

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MWF 10:20-11:10, ZACH 223A
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Pre/Co-requisite: ECEN 474

Textbook: Class Notes and Technical Papers

References:

Class Notes:
- Posted on the web and will hand out hard copies in class

Objectives: At the end of this course, students be able to
1. Understand broadband circuit design methodologies and key principles
2. Understand phase-locked loop system design for applications such as frequency synthesis and clock recovery.
3. Understand the design specifications and implementation details of phase-locked loops and clock and data recovery systems.
4. Understand the design specifications and implementation details of broadband amplifiers, such as limiting, transimpedance, and variable-gain amplifiers.

Grading:
- Exams 60%
  - Three Midterm Exams (20% each), No Final Exam
  - Closed book
  - One double sided 8.5x11 note sheet allowed
  - No make-up exams except for university excused absences
- Homework 20%
  - You are encouraged to work together with your colleagues on the homework. However, each student must turn in an independent write-up.
  - No late assignments will be graded
- Final Project 20%
  - Report and PowerPoint presentation required
Grading Policy*:

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*This is the lowest grade that you are guaranteed for your raw average, x. Depending on the relative performance of the class, your grade **MAY** be adjusted higher.

Outline & Preliminary Schedule*

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*Exam dates are approximate and subject to change with reasonable notice.

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*An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do.*

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“The University views class attendance as the responsibility of an individual student. Attendance is essential to complete the course successfully. University rules related to excused and unexcused absences are located on-line at http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07.”

**Build the Hell Outta Broadband Circuits!**