ECE 271
Digital Logic Design
Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 1000-1050, Kidder 350

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This statement is the original plan of the course. Plans can change through the course of the term, and changes will be sent out to the class email list. Check your ENGR email account daily.

**Course Description:** ECE 271 is an introduction to digital logic design. This class focuses on number systems, logic gates, combinational logic timing and minimization, registers and memory, sequential logic, and an introduction to Hardware Description Languages.

**Prerequisite(s):** MTH 231

**Course Objectives:**
At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Map the high-level description of a digital system into a binary description. (ABET Outcomes: A, M)
2. Analyze and design combinational systems using standard gates and minimization methods (such as Karnaugh maps). (ABET Outcomes: A, C, N)
3. Analyze and design simple synchronous sequential systems. (ABET Outcomes: A, C, N)
4. Analyze and design sequential systems composed of standard sequential modules, such as counters and registers. (ABET Outcomes: A, C, N)
5. Perform basic arithmetic operations with signed integers represented in binary. (ABET Outcomes: A, M, N)

**Grade Distribution:**

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**Letter Grade Distribution:**
Course grades can be curved up based on class attendance, participation in lecture or office hours, or helping others with posts on the lab forum. Grades will not be curved down, everyone can earn an A.

Course Policies:

- **General**
  - Laptops, phones, and campus newspapers or other distractions are not to be used during lecture, for reasons stated in this article. Tablets and other devices that lay flat on the desk will be allowed in the first three rows of the lecture hall. Participate in class, take notes, engage in your learning and the lecture minutes will go by quickly.
  - You are responsible for preparing for each lecture and reviewing your notes after each lecture. It’s your responsibility to contact a classmate to get notes if you miss a lecture.
  - Use the lecture time efficiently.

- **Grades**
  - Grades in the C range represent performance that meets expectations; Grades in the B range represent performance that is substantially better than the expectations; Grades in the A range represent work that is excellent. You are not entitled to an A, but preparation, hard work, and maturity can help you earn a good grade in this course.
  - Grades will be maintained in the Blackboard. Students are responsible for tracking their progress by referring to the online gradebook. Grading concerns should be brought to the instructors attention within a week of the grade being posted onto Blackboard.

- **Labs and Assignments**
  - Students are expected to work independently, unless specified to submit work in groups. Cheating, fabrication, assisting, tampering, and plagiarism are all forms of academic dishonesty and will be penalized according to the Student Conduct and Community Standards. Here is the process for dealing with academic dishonesty, and here are the forms. Discussion amongst students is encouraged, but when in doubt, direct your questions to the professor, tutor, or lab assistant.
  - No late assignments will be accepted under any circumstances. Homework assignments can be submitted several days before the due date, but assignments submitted through TEACH will not be accepted even one second late. Assignments can be submitted multiple times, and old assignments will automatically be renamed with a .old extension within TEACH. Only the most recent submission will be graded.

- **Attendance and Absences**
  - Attendance is required. Attendance will not be taken, but you are responsible for all content discussed in lecture. Extra credit opportunities and in class assignments might be held during lecture without prior announcement.
– Students are responsible for all missed work, regardless of the reason for absence. It is also the absentee’s responsibility to get all missing notes or materials.