



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Telecommunications Principles

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
ELE	2601	86534	1, 2009	ONC	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOENS
Academic org:	FOES04
Student contribution band:	2
ASCED code:	031307

STAFFING

Examiner: Bruce Varnes
Moderator: David Parsons

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: (ELE1502 and ELE1801) or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCEN or GDET or METC

SYNOPSIS

The electronic communications industry is an essential part of the modern world. It provides two way communications for both voice and data services as well as radio and television broadcasts. This course introduces the building blocks and the principles on which typical electronic communications systems operate. It examines the nature of signals in both the time and frequency domain and considers how information signals may be transmitted using modulated carrier signals. Radio frequency transmission lines, radio wave propagation and basic antennas are included. In general the course considers systems which operate below 1 GHz.

OBJECTIVES

The course objectives define the student learning outcomes for a course. The assessment item(s) that may be used to assess student achievement of an objective are shown in parenthesis. On completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. describe in detail the principles upon which selected communication systems operate (exam);
2. analyse the operation of representative communication circuits and systems using block diagram and accompanying written explanations (assignment 2 and exam);
3. predict or evaluate system parameters for particular applications (assignments 1, 2 and exam);
4. compare alternative methods of modulating information onto a carrier waveform (assignments 1, 2, and exam);
5. interpret mathematical or graphical descriptions of characteristics of communication system components (assignments 1 and 2).

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	The Nature of Signals	10.00
2.	Modulation Principles	20.00
3.	Simple Radio Principles	15.00
4.	Basic Principles of Television	15.00
5.	Transmission Lines and Fibre Optics	15.00
6.	Radio-Wave Propagation	10.00
7.	Antennas	15.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

ELE2601 Telecommunications principles: external study package, University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba.

A calculator which cannot hold textual information.

Beasley, JS & Miller, GM 2008, *Modern electronic communication*, 9th edn, Prentice Hall, New Jersey.

(The textbook by Beasley and Miller is also specified for the course ELE2603 Telecommunications Systems, which is an elective course for students in two or three year programs.)

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Examinations	2.00
Lectures	26.00
Private Study	101.00
Tutorials or Workshops	26.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1a	50.00	5.00	02 Mar 2009 (see note 1)
ASSIGNMENT 1b	50.00	5.00	02 Mar 2009
ASSIGNMENT 2a	50.00	5.00	02 Mar 2009
ASSIGNMENT 2b	50.00	5.00	02 Mar 2009
2 HOUR RESTRICTED EXAMINATION	400.00	80.00	END S1 (see note 2)

NOTES

1. Students will be advised of the due date for assignments 1a, 1b, 2a and 2b in week one of lectures.
2. Student Administration will advise students of the dates of their examinations during the semester.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To satisfactorily complete an assessment item a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks or a grade of at least C-. Students do not have to satisfactorily complete each assessment item to be awarded a passing grade in this course. Refer to Statement 4 below for the requirements to receive a passing grade in this course.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without extenuating circumstances then a penalty of 5% of the assigned mark may apply for each working day late up to a maximum of ten working days at which time a mark of zero can be recorded for that assignment.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade in a course a student must obtain at least 50% of the total weighted marks for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
In a Restricted Examination, candidates are allowed access to specific materials during the examination. The only materials that candidates may use in the restricted examination for this course are: writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination); calculators which cannot hold textual information (students must indicate on their examination paper the make and model of any calculator(s) they use during the examination).

- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the examination period at the end of the semester of the next offering of this course.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 1 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner.
- 2 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be despatched to USQ within 24 hours if required by the Examiner.
- 3 In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.
- 4 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.
- 5 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.
- 6 Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.
- 7 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.
- 8 Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded one of the temporary grades: IM (Incomplete - Make up), IS (Incomplete - Supplementary Examination) or ISM (Incomplete -Supplementary Examination and Make up). A temporary grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non directed personal study.
- 9 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Students will require access to e-mail and internet access to USQConnect for this course.
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