

EE 4328 Applied Microcontrollers
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5:30-6:50pm MW, 108 NH

Instructor:

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Office Hours are after 6:50pm MW outside 108NH or in 148NH.

E-mail is the quickest method of contacting me on non-class days.

Textbook:

No textbook will be required for this course. Extensive references, datasheets, application notes, and class notes will be provided on the course web site at <http://omega.uta.edu/~jlosh/>.

Listserv:

Please sign up for the EE4328-L listserv to receive the latest updates (goto <http://listserv.uta.edu> to manage your subscriptions or send a message to listserv@listserv.uta.edu with no subject line and the command SUBSCRIBE EE4328-L as the message body).

Course Description:

4328. APPLIED MICROCONTROLLERS (3-0). The course focuses on the study and development of hardware and software techniques for real-world applications incorporating essential topics from electronics, power, electromagnetics, linear systems, and controls. Subjects include hardware-software interactions, programming internal peripherals, and real-time control and conditioning of external devices.

Prerequisite Background:

Very good knowledge of at least one microprocessor or microcontroller is mandatory. Essential background includes assembly language programming, memory organization, memory mapping, bus timing, basic i/o interfacing, and interrupt operation.

A good understanding of BJT and FET circuits and Fourier series and transforms will also be very useful.

Course Topics:

- Course introduction and discussion of course objectives
- Harvard v. von Neuman architectures
- Comparison of microcontroller and microprocessor architectures
- Study of 18F4620 microcontroller built-in devices including timers, PWM, interrupts, i/o ports, and a/d converters
- Determining microcontroller memory, speed, and capabilities to solve a task
- Interfacing with I2C, 1-wire, SPI, serial
- Measurement and instrumentation applications
- Device control: Motors, servos, relays, heavy AC and DC loads
- Real-time control applications

Important Dates:

First Class (Wednesday, 1/21), Census Date (Wednesday, 2/4), Test 1 (Wednesday, 3/11), Spring Break Week (3/16-20), Last Drop Date (Friday, 4/3), and Project Defense (Wednesday, 5/6 @ 5:30pm)

Performance Assessment:

- Grade scale: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69), and F (0-59)
- Grade calculation: (Test x 0.3 + Average of Quizzes x 0.3 + Project x 0.4)
- The instructor reserves the right to make reasonable changes in performance evaluation as needed.

Graduate Teaching Assistants:

Ricardo Noboa (EE5314): Mon 5:00-8:00 PM, Tu 5:00-7:00 PM, Thu 2:00-3:30 PM

Hozefa Karachiwala (EE6314): Mon 2:00-4:00 PM, Wed 5:00-10:00 PM, Fri 5:00-8:00 PM

Rohit Rawat (EE4328): Mon 8:00-10:00 PM, 3:00-5:00 PM, Fri 8:00-10:00 PM.

All office hours are in the lab (148NH).

Tests:

- Calculators, rulers, pencils, pens, books, and notes will be allowed during tests.
- Any device capable of compiling or emulating microcontrollers or microprocessors can not be used during in-class portions of the tests.
- Any take home portions of test will be due within one week of assignment.
- No makeup will be provided for any test.
- Any request for re-grading must be submitted to the grader within one week of the return date.

Quizzes:

Quizzes will be given on random dates during the course at unannounced times. Please keep up with the course materials to ensure that your grade is optimized. No makeups will be provided, but the lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

Cost:

No textbook will be required. Since no student fee is assessed, materials will be paid for by the student teams. The project cost is expected to be minimal. Required in-circuit debuggers will be checked out to teams of three and where possible, teams of one and two.

Projects:

- Project teams will consist of one or two team members. No teams of three or more will be allowed, without exception.
- Off campus students shall also meet this deadline for the project.
- A lab in 148NH is available to construct the hardware portion of your project and test your project, provided you attend a mandatory lab safety orientation.

Academic Integrity:

It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

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As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels. Information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for

obtaining academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability. Also, you may visit the Office for Students with Disabilities in room 102 of University Hall or call them at (817) 272-3364.

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