

DC Circuits (CETT 1403)



Credit: 4 semester credit hours (3 hours lecture, 4 hours lab)

Co-requisite: MATH 1332

Course Description

A study of the fundamentals of direct current including Ohm's law, Kirchhoff's laws and circuit analysis techniques.

Required Textbook and Materials

1. Electronics Fundamentals 8th edition by Thomas L. Floyd
 - a. ISBN-10: 0135072956 | ISBN-13: 9780135072950
2. Notebook
3. Calculator
4. Pencil

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Apply safety techniques while working on and troubleshooting various circuits and components.
2. Interpret color codes and other descriptors used in electronics.
3. Identify various sources of electricity in DC circuits.
4. Interpret characteristics of voltage, current, resistance and power in DC circuits.
5. Measure voltage, current and resistance in DC circuits using appropriate measuring devices.
6. Analyze DC circuits using appropriate mathematical formulas such as Ohm's Law, Kirchhoff's Law, and the power formula.
7. Troubleshoot various DC circuits using schematic diagrams.

Course Outline

Chapter 1 Quantities and Units

1. Scientific and Engineering Notation
2. Units and Metric Prefixes
3. Metric Unit Conversions
4. Measured Numbers
5. Electrical Safety

Chapter 2 Voltage, Current, and Resistance

1. Atoms

2. Electrical Charge

3. Voltage
4. Current
5. Resistance
6. The Electric Circuit
7. Basic Circuit Measurements

Chapter 3 Ohm's Law, Energy, and Power

1. Ohm's Law
2. Application of Ohm's Law

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3. Energy and Power
 4. Power in an Electric Circuit
 5. The Power Rating of Resistors
 6. Energy Conversion and Voltage Drop in a Resistance
 7. Power Supplies
 8. Introduction to Troubleshooting
- Chapter 4 Series Circuits
1. Resistors in Series
 2. Total Series Resistance
 3. Current in a Series Circuit
 4. Application of Ohm's Law
 5. Voltage Sources in Series
 6. Kirchhoff's Voltage Law
 7. Voltage Dividers
 8. Power in Series Circuits
 9. Voltage Measurements
 10. Troubleshooting
- Chapter 5 Parallel Circuits
1. Resistors in Parallel
 2. Total Parallel Resistance
 3. Voltage in a Parallel Circuit
 4. Application of Ohm's Law
 5. Kirchhoff's Current Law
 6. Current Dividers
7. Power in Parallel Circuits
 8. Troubleshooting
- Chapter 6 Series-Parallel Circuits
1. Identifying Series-Parallel Relationships
 2. Analysis of Series-Parallel Resistive Circuits
 3. Voltage Dividers with Resistive Loads
 4. Loading Effect of a Voltmeter
 5. The Wheatstone Bridge
 6. Thevenin's Theorem
 7. The Maximum Power Transfer Theorem
 8. The Superposition Theorem
 9. Troubleshooting
- Chapter 7 Magnetism and Electromagnetism
1. The Magnetic Field
 2. Electromagnetism
 3. Electromagnetic Devices
 4. Magnetic Hysteresis
 5. Electromagnetic Induction
 6. Applications of Electromagnetic Induction

Grade Scale

- 90 – 100 = A
80 – 89 = B
70 – 79 = C
60 – 69 = D
0 – 59 = F

Course Requirements

1. Work in lab to complete projects assigned.
2. Listen to lectures and take notes.
3. Take quizzes and tests

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Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Reference
1	Course introduction and policies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Multisim on computers	Handouts
2	Electronics Math <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Safety Procedures• Exam One	Chapter 1
3	Voltage <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises	Chapter 2
4	Current, Resistance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises	Chapter 2
5	Ohm's Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises	Chapter 3
6	Energy, Power <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises• Exam Two	Chapters 3
7	Series Circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises	Chapters 4
8	Series Circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises	Chapter 4
9	Series Circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises• Exam Three	Chapter 4
10	Parallel Circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises	Chapter 5

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11	Parallel Circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises	Chapter 5
12	Parallel Circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises• Exam Four	Chapter 5
13	Series Parallel Circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises	Chapter 6
14	Series Parallel Circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises	Chapter 6
15	Series Parallel Circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises	Chapters 6
16	Magnetism and Electromagnetism <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecture• Lab: Chapter Exercises• Exam Five	Chapters 7