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Advanced Course on Filters and Amplifiers

College: Engineering
Department: Electrical Engineering
First: Course Definition
1- Course Code: EE611
2- Units (3)
3 – Semester (2)
4 -Prerequisite -None

5- Co-requisite

- Basic knowledge in Electromagnetic and analog Electronic
- Electrical and Computer Engineering course "Electromagnetic Fields" or equivalent, or permission of the instructor

6- Location (if not on main Campus):

Second: Course Objectives

- Acquainting the students with the necessary knowledge to be able to design and analyze various microwave passive (filters, couplers, combiners/dividers) circuits.
- To ensure that students know some characteristic properties of active circuits (linear amplifiers and oscillators).
- Give students an appreciation of the transmission line theory, impedance matching techniques, and microwave circuit network analysis.
- Develop knowledge to design of practical microwave circuits such as filters, couplers, low-noise, amplifiers, and oscillators.

Third: Course Specifications			
1- Topics to be covered			
Subject	No of Weeks	Hours	
Introduction:	1	4	
Transmission line theories and generalized			
matrix representation of RF circuits			
Multiport RF networks:	2	8	

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Analysis of multi-port RF networks equivalent circuit, Lumped circuits in Multiport networks distributed microstrip circuits		
 Analysis of microstrip circuits Microstrip couplers, hybrids and impedance matching networks Microwave Filters and resonators 	2	8
 Design of RF low noise amplifiers (LNAs) Design of RF oscillators and mixers 	2	8
Use of existing commercial CAD design tools for RF circuits	2	8
Hybrid and Monolithic RF circuits	1	4

2- Course components (Total hrs in the Semester)

Lecture	Exercise	Lab	Other
42	6	8	

3- Intended Learning Outcomes of the Course (ILO's)

a. Knowledge

i) Description of the knowledge to be acquired:

- Develop and apply the principles of the different filters according to their applications,
- Develop interdisciplinary knowledge of every filter and amplifier limitations,
- Apply your knowledge to resolving problems in new or relatively unknown environments

ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop that knowledge

- Lectures
- Assignments, at home
- Discussions in the Class
- Case study Report (data collection, internet search, and reporting)

iii) Methods of assessment of knowledge acquired

• Quizzes: to assess understanding of the course knowledge.

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- Assignment reports: to assess ability to answer some comprehensive questions.
- Midterm Exams: to assess understanding of the course knowledge.

b- Cognitive (Intellectual) Skills

i) Cognitive skills to be developed

- The ability to select the proper filter?amplifier,
- The ability to design an accurate/sensitive signal conditioning systems that needs to be filtered or amplified or both
- The ability to propose new conception for improving devices.

ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop these cognitive skills

- Lectures
- Assignments, at home
- Discussions in the Class
- Case study Report (data collection, Internet search, and reporting)

iii) Methods of assessment of students cognitive skills

- **Quizzes:** to asses the ability to solve quickly some problems.
- **Assignment reports:** to asses the ability to solve and analyze some comprehensive problems.
- **Midterm Exams:** to assess the ability to discuss, analyze, and solve the associated problems.
- **Final Exam**: to assess the intellectual skills such as analytical skills and ability to solve machine problems

c. Interpersonal Skills and Responsibility

i) Description of the interpersonal skills and capacity to carry responsibility to be developed

- Team work
- Ideas development and sharing with others

ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop these skills

- Assignments, at home
- Discussions in the Class
- Case study Report (data collection, Internet search, and reporting)

iii) Methods of assessment of students interpersonal skills and capacity to carry responsibility

- Unified reports and Seminars: to assess the integration done by the student in a unified report and presentations.
- Oral Group Exams: to assess interactive and communication abilities.

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d. Communication, Information Technology and Numerical Skills

- i) Description of the skills to be developed in this domain
- Use of the internet search
- Technical report writing
- ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop these skills
- Assignments, at home
- Assignment Reports (data collection, Internet search, and reporting)
- iii) Methods of assessment of students numerical and communication skills
- Assignment Reports: to assess technical report writing abilities.
- Discussion Groups: to assess interactive and communication abilities.-

e. Psychomotor (if applicable) & Other Non-cognitive Skills

ij Description of the psychomotor or other skills to be developed and the performance required	ievei oj
ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop these skills-	
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iii) Methods of assessment of student's psychomotor skills	
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4- Student Assessment Schedule

Serial	Assessment tool (test, group project, examination etc.)	Week due	Weight
1	Quiz (1)	4	2%
2	Mid-Term(1)	6	15%
3	Quiz (2)	8	2%
4	Mid-Term Exam (2)	12	15%
5	Attendance		2%
6	Home work-Mini-project	13	14%
6	Final Exam	16	50%

5- Student Support

Four office hours per week are offered by the instructor to aid the students and support them.

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6- Learning Resources

- Essential Books (References)
- **1-** Pozar: "Microwave Engineering", 3rd Edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- **2-** Guillermo Gonzalez, Microwave Transistor Amplifiers: Analysis and Design, SecondEdition, Prentice Hall, ISBN: 0-13-254335-4
- **3-** R. Ludwig, P. Bretchko, RF Circuit Design: Theory and Applications, Upper SaddleRiver, NJ: Prentice Hall,

ii) Course Notes

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iii) Recommended Books

1- Pozar: "Microwave Engineering", 3rd Edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

iv) Electronic Books & Web Sites:

- Course materials are uploaded on the College Web-Site (www.qec.edu.sa) to be available for the students.

v) Essential Tools

Laboratory space and equipment required:

- 1- The E-CAD room or equivalent is required to teach the simulation software and to allow students to do the first piece of course work
- 2- Commercial Software Advanced Design System "ADS".

Software requirements

1- ADS software license

7- Course Evaluation and Improvement Processes

- i) Strategies for Obtaining Student Feedback on Effectiveness of Teaching
- Questionnaire,
- Observing the students opinions recorded in the college student site
- Appeal box
- Carrying out extensive questioners by a sample of the distinguished students just after the graduation from the college.
- ii) Other Strategies for Evaluation of Teaching by the Instructor or by the Department
- Periodical review of the teaching methods by both the department council and the education affairs vice dean.-
- Questionnaire,
- Observing the students opinions recorded in the college student site
- iii) Processes for Improvement of Teaching
- Evaluation of the course outlines by external staff member from outside the university

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- Periodical contact with the different engineering authorities and industries for evaluating and getting their feedback and suggestions concerning the course outlines.
- iv) Processes for Verifying Standards of Student Achievement It is planned to:
 - Check marking of a sample of student work by an independent faculty member.
 - Exchange periodically, and remark a sample of assignments with a faculty member in King Saud University (KSU).
- v) The planning arrangements for periodically reviewing course effectiveness and planning for improvement.
 - Assessment and evaluation of the level of achieving the course outcomes through a continuous improvement process (part of a quality assurance system established by the university),
 - Consequently, actions are to be taken to improve the course delivery when necessary.
 - Review of the course objectives, outcomes and curriculum each 2 years.