
ECE 401 - Senior Design I

ECE 401 Senior Design I

Week #1

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Course Information:

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Class Times We 3pm, ECE 125 & Zoom

Office Hours Mo/Tu/We/Th 9-10am (Erickson), ECE 209
Tu/Th 11am - noon (Glower), ECE 201 & zoom

Text: none

On-Line Reference:

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Bulletin Description:

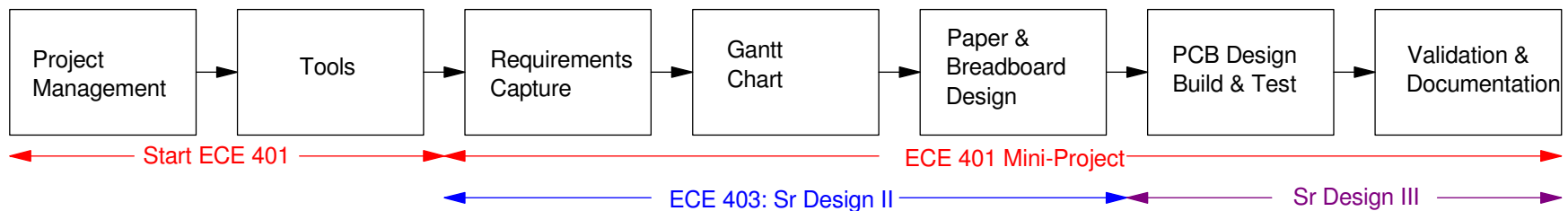
Capstone experience in formulation and design of a system or device.

Prereq: EE 206

Senior Design 1, 2, & 3

Senior Design is a three-semester sequence at NDSU.

- Senior Design I presents the tools for taking an idea from concept through a working prototype. A mini-project is used to allow students to apply these techniques and tools to a concrete example.
- Senior Design 2 and 3 then take the tools and techniques presented in Senior Design I to take a larger, more complex project through the design process. The goal of this is to allow each student a chance to demonstrate
 - *That he/she can apply knowledge of ECE to an original working device, and*
 - *That he/she is able to use tools related to ECE (such as oscilloscopes, function generators, etc.)*



Tools and techniques used in Senior Design I will be used in Senior Design II and II

Expectation of Students for ECE 401:

- Use of schematic capture and printed circuit board (PCB) software
- Understanding the process for selecting components (understanding data sheets)
- Understanding PCB material considerations
- Understand the basics of soldering and rework techniques
- Understand the basics of project planning and management
- Understand the basics of safety engineering
- Use of lab notebooks for documentation

ABET Criterion 3

- Section h The broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context
 - Section k: The ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice.
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Text Book

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Hy-Flex Model

This class is offered

- In-Person (We 3pm, ECE 125)
- Live-Stream (zoom)
- Online (YouTube videos & Bison Academy)

Students are welcome to attend
however they like

ECE 401: Senior Design I Syllabus

Lecture	Project (homework)
0. Syllabus Week #0 Slides - 1. Project List	Project List - HW1: Project Selection (10%) Which project you want to work on Pick your lab partner (2/group) Due Week #2
2. Project Management & OneNote Week #2 Slides Sample OneNote Document	HW2: Work Breakdown Structure (10%)) Set up One-Note (one per group) Share with partners & instructors Outline Level 3 (sections) Outline Level 4 (pages) Due Week #3
3. CircuitLab, Diodes, & Transistors Week #3 Slides - LM7805 Datasheets	HW3: Paper Design (10%) Circuit Schematic Calculations for R_s Calculations for voltages and currents Due Week #5
4. Op-Amps & 555 Timers Week #4 Slides - LM555 Datasheets MCP602 Datasheets	
5. Designs Using a Microcontroller Week #5 Slides -	HW4: Simulation (10%) - CircuitLab Schematics - CircuitLab Results - Main IC Datasheets - Due Week #7
Career Fair (no class)	
6. Breadboards and Test Points Week #6 Slides - PIC16F887 on Breadboard	HW5: Breadboard (10%) - Breadboard Photo - Schematics - Due Week #8

Evaluation Procedures and Grading Criteria

Grades will be the average of the following:

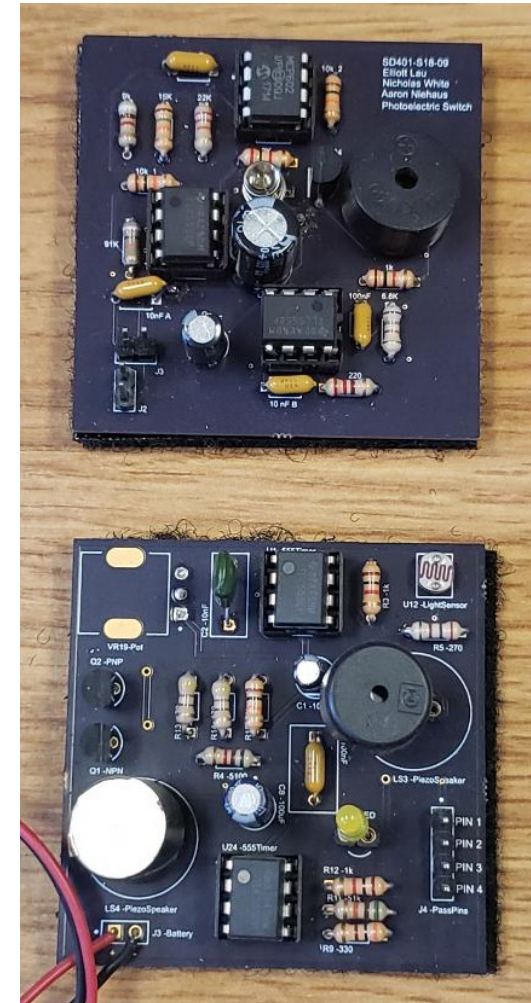
Homework	Final Exam
100%	none

Grades are rounded to the nearest 1%, with your final grade being

F	D	C	B	A
59% or less	60% - 69%	70% - 79%	80% - 89%	90% or more

Overall Course Objective:

- Get familiar with the tools you'll use in Senior Design II & III
 - *CircuitLab*
 - *Fusion360*
 - *Soldering*
 - *Oscilloscopes & Multimeters*
- Design, build, test, and demonstrate a PCB
 - *Original design*
 - *2" x 2" PCB (no microcontroller)*
 - *2" x 3" PCB (with a microcontroller)*
 - *One per student (yours to keep)*



Syllabus

Stuff for Design II and III

- Project Management
- Fusion 360
- Breadboards
- Soldering

Short-Course on

- Electronics
- Embedded Systems
- (no guarantee students have had these)

Week	Topic
1	Syllabus & Project Selection
2	Project Management & OneNote
3	Breadboards, Pi-Pico, Python
4	CircuitLab & Op-Amps
5	Career Fair (no class)
6	Diodes & Transistors
7	Fusion 360 Schematics
8	Fusion 360 PCB Layout
9	Through-Hole Soldering
10	Test Equipment
11	<i>work on your project</i>
12	<i>work on your project</i>
13	<i>work on your project</i>
14	<i>work on your project</i>
15	<i>work on your project</i>
16	<i>final presentations</i>

HW1: Project Selection

Homework Sets are tasks you need to do to complete your PCB

Task #1: Pick a project

- Form groups of two
- Select one of twelve different projects

1. Freezer Alarm
 2. Binary Counter
 3. 0-9 Counter
 4. Light Sensor
 5. H-Bridge Motor Driver
 6. Stop Light (software)
 7. Door Open with Delay
 8. Mod-9 Up/Down Counter (software)
 9. Freezer Alarm (software)
 10. 0-9 Paper Clip Counter
 11. Annoyatron
 12. Electronic Doorbell
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HW2: Work Breakdown Structure

Organize your project

- Level 1: Project Requirements
- Level 2: Project Breakdown
- Level 3: Major Activities
- Level 4: Tasks
 - *homework sets*

Set Up a OneNote Document

- Your diary for your work this semester
- Your final report
- How you submit your homework sets

OneNote Document		
Section	Page	Content
HW1 Project Selection	Contact Info	
	Project	
HW3 Paper Design	Schematic	
	Calculations	
HW4: Simulation	CircuitLab	
HW5: Breadboard	Schematic	
	Measurements	
	Parts List	
HW6: PCB	Schematic	
	PCB Layout	
	Gerber Files	
HW7: Practice PCB	Practice PCB	photo of PCB
HW8: Test Equip		
HW9: Final Report	Final PCB	
	Test Data	
	Poster	

HW3: Paper Design

Design a circuit to meet your requirements

- Schematics
- Calculations
- Transistors are off or saturated
- Diode current = 20mA +/- 5mA

Update your OneNote document

- How homework is submitted in this class

- $V_{in} = 0V, 3V, 6V$

$V_{in} = 0V$

- $I_b = 0$
- $I_c = 0$
- $V_c = 5 - 20 I_b = 5V$

$V_{in} = 3V$

$$I_b = \left(\frac{3-0.7}{2000} \right) = 1.15mA$$

$$I_c = 200I_b = 230mA$$

$$V_{ce} = 10 - 20I_c = 5.40V$$

$V_{in} = 6V$

$$I_b = \left(\frac{6-0.7}{2000} \right) = 2.65mA$$

$$I_c = 200I_b = 530mA \quad \text{if active}$$

$$V_{ce} = 10 - 20I_b = -0.60V \quad \text{if active}$$

That can't happen, so it's not active. Instead, it's saturated

$$V_{ce} = 0.2V$$

$$I_c = \left(\frac{10V-0.2V}{20} \right) = 490mA$$

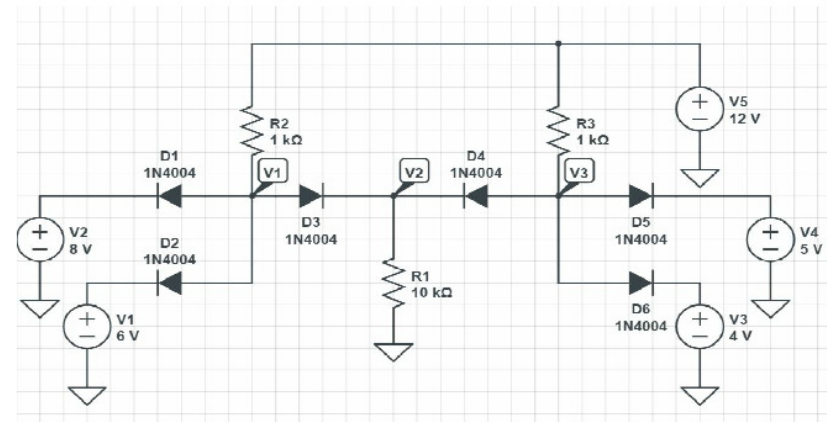
HW4: Simulation

Transfer your schematic to CircuitLab

Check your design

- Is 9V converted to 5V?
- Are transistors off or saturated?
- Is the diode current 20mA?
- Is your design correct?

Update your OneNote document



DC	
V(V1)	6.668 V
V(V2)	6.077 V
V(V3)	4.685 V
I(D2.nA)	4.724 mA
I(D3.nA)	607.7 μ A
I(D4.nA)	-76.90 pA
I(D6.nA)	7.315 mA
I(D1.nA)	-76.90 pA
+ Add Expression	

HW5: Breadboard

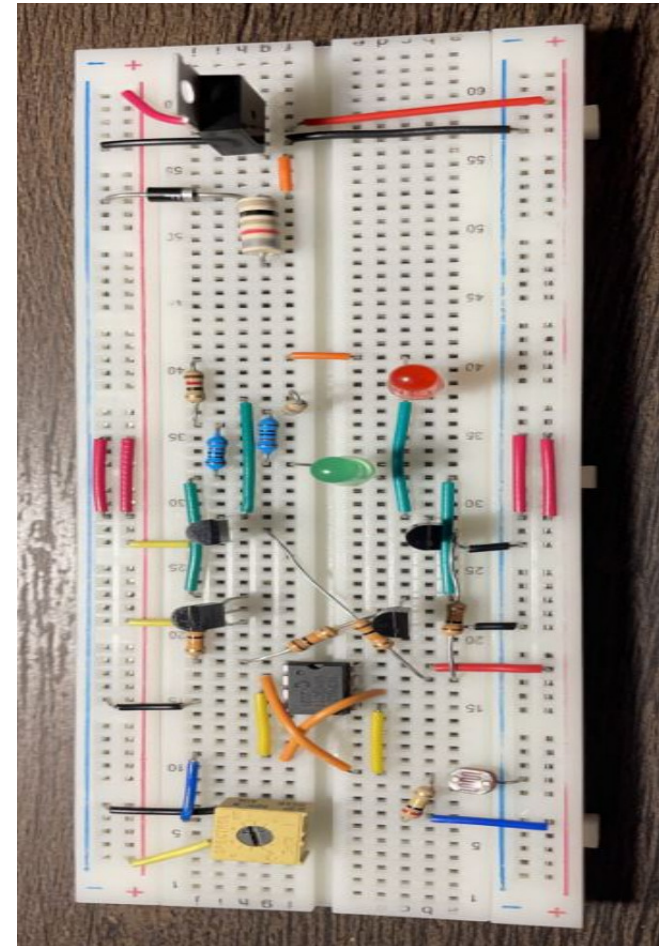
Transfer your design to a breadboard

Check that your circuit works in hardware

- Voltages are correct
- Currents are correct
- Logic is correct

Finalize your overall schematic

Update your OneNote document



HW6: PCB Layout

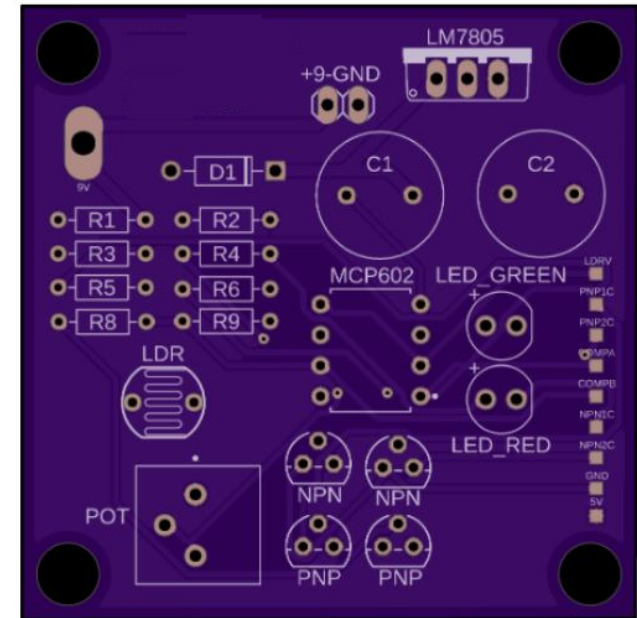
Transfer your schematic to Fusion360

Create a PCB for your design

- 2" x 2" without a microcontroller
- 2" x 3" with a microcontroller
- Through hole components only
 - *surface mount parts allowed in Design 2 & 3*

Submit your Gerber files

- We then order five PCBs
- One for each person plus spares
- Takes 10 days to get back your PCBs



HW7: Practice PCBs

Practice soldering a PCB

- Through-Hole Components
- Lead vs. Lead-Free Solder

Activity while waiting for your PCBs to come in

- Gives you practice soldering
- First time is always the hardest

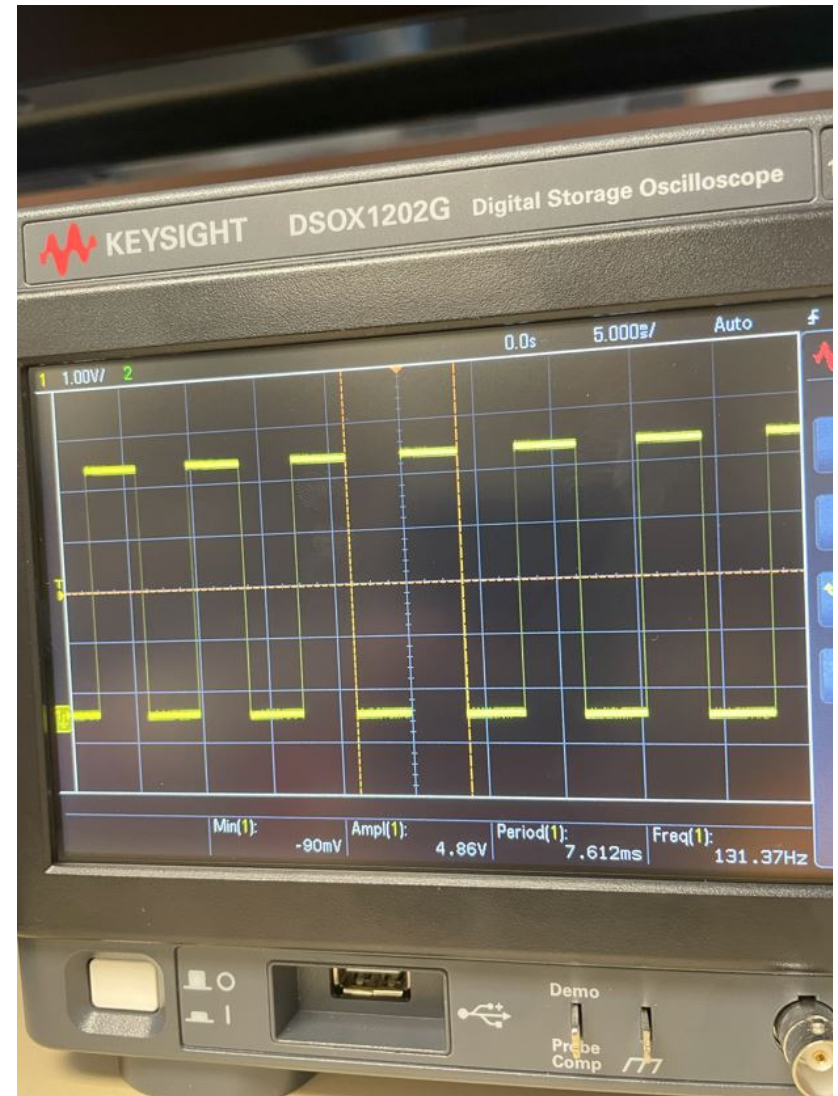


HW8: Test Equipment

Verify you are able to use

- Multimeters
- Oscilloscopes

Activity while waiting for your PCBs to come in



HW9: Final Report

Populate your PCB

- Solder components onto your PCB
- One per student

Test your PCB

- Take measurements using
 - *Oscilloscopes*
 - *Multimeters*
- Verify transistors are off / saturated
- Verify diode current is 20mA +/- 5mA
- Verify overall operation

Demonstration

- 1/2 hour demonstration of your working PCB
- One PCB per student

Poster

- 11" x 17"



Legal Stuff:

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