Course guides
230652 - ESDC - Electronic System Design for Communications

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MASTER'S DEGREE IN ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES (Syllabus 2019). (Optional subject).
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PRIOR SKILLS

Previous knowledge needed to follow all the explanations:

CONCEPTS OF PHYSICS:
- Plate parallel capacitance. Voltage-Charge relation. Dielectrics.
- PN Junctions: forward and reverse biasing.

BASIC CIRCUIT ANALYSIS:
- Concept of resonance frequency in RLC circuits.

MOS TRANSISTOR
- Identification of terminals, sign of currents and voltages in NMOS and PMOS devices.
- Large Signal (DC), long channel equations (ID vs VGS, VDS) curves and regions. Transconductance and gate dimensions. Channel-Length modulation.
- Overdrive voltage
- Unified model for PMOS and NMOS.
- Threshold voltage effects: Body Effect. Threshold voltage as a function of bulksource voltage: linear simplification equation. Drain induced barrier lowering.
- Short channel equations: Mobility degradation and Velocity saturation.
- Parasitic capacitances: Gate capacitance and Diffusion Capacitance

DIGITAL CIRCUITS
- CMOS Logic gates. Extraction of the truth table and logic expression form a gate transistor schematic.
- Pass Transistor DC characteristics. N, P and CMOS transmission gates.
- Inverter: Static transfer function. Noise Margin definition.

DIGITAL DESIGN
- State Machines: state diagram. Canonical structure of sequential systems.
- Basic combinational and sequential blocks. Truth table. Logic level schematic.
Symbol. (basic logic gates, multiplexer, decoder, half adder, full adder, flip-flop, latch, register, counter).
- Digital waveform as a function of time interpretation.
- VHDL Hardware Description Language.
- Basic understanding of C programming
- Basic microprocessor experience
DATA COMMUNICATIONS BASICS (*)
- Basics of data flow and digital communication channels
- Types of network connections
- Network topologies
- Network types (LAN, WLAN)
- Switched WAN
- Packet switching Networks
- Internet basics
- Communication protocols
- Protocols layering
- TCP/IP protocol
- Layers communication in networks with switching and routers
- Message encapsulation and decapsulation
- Addressing in TCP/IP protocol suite
- Multiplexing and demultiplexing
- OSI model
- Time Division and Frequency Division Multiplexing

(*) For this part we suggest ?Data Communications and Networking? of B.A. Forouzan

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:
1. Ability to design and manufacture integrated circuits
2. Knowledge of hardware description languages for high-complex circuits.
3. Ability to use programmable logical devices, as well as to design analog and digital advanced electronics systems. Ability to design communication devices, such as routers, switches, hubs, transmitters and receivers in different bands.

Transversal:
4. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES: Managing the acquisition, structuring, analysis and display of data and information in the chosen area of specialisation and critically assessing the results obtained.

5. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Achieving a level of spoken and written proficiency in a foreign language, preferably English, that meets the needs of the profession and the labour market.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

- Lectures
- Application classes
- Laboratory activities
- Individual work
- Exercises
- Extended answer test (Final Exam)
LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

Learning objectives of the subject:

To understand the general principles and design methods of integrated electronic computing and communication systems.

Learning results of the subject:

- Ability to understand the design process of an integrated circuit.
- Ability to assess the possibilities and limitations of CMOS technology.
- Ability to design at circuit level the main subsystems of a digital electronic circuit based on given specifications, including communications applications.
- To acquire knowledge on signal integrity, power consumption and test of an electronic system.

STUDY LOAD

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Total learning time: 125 h

CONTENTS

Design Methodology

Description:
Embedded system design.
Digital blocks Review
DESIGN METHODOLOGY
Design Structure
From specs to hardware description
VHDL implementation
Concurrent vs. blocking operation
Software design
Concurrent Software State Machines
New hardware design
Design Lab3: Serial Communications

Related competencies:
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CE11. Knowledge of hardware description languages for high-complex circuits.
CE10. Ability to design and manufacture integrated circuits
CT5. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Achieving a level of spoken and written proficiency in a foreign language, preferably English, that meets the needs of the profession and the labour market.

Full-or-part-time: 16h
Theory classes: 8h
Self study: 8h
Specific communication electronic components and architectures

Description:
Motivation, Basics of Digital Communications, Switch
Queues and CRC Checkers/Generators
Design of basic communication systems
State of the art in R&D on Electronics for Communication

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Full-or-part-time: 16h
Theory classes: 8h
Self study: 8h

Integrated Circuit Design Concepts

Description:
Delay in digital circuits. Timing analysis.
Power and energy in integrated circuits.
Low power design techniques.

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Full-or-part-time: 16h
Theory classes: 8h
Self study: 8h

ACTIVITIES

EXERCISES

Description:
Exercises to strengthen the theoretical knowledge.
EXTENDED ANSWER TEST (FINAL EXAMINATION):

Description:
Final examination.

LABORATORY

Description:
The laboratory part is based on the Xilinx Zynq device: an FPGA with embedded processor. You will use a commercial development board.
The course consists in 4 Labs, the first three are guided with a last section consisting on an independent design. Lab 4 consists on a design proposed by the professor.

Delivery:
ab 1: Simple embedded design.
Introduction to the design with Vivado. Device configuration and simple application program. (2 weeks).

Lab 2: Designing concurrent functions in software
You will design in an embedded system as the Zynq a programming strategy for concurrent functions. (2 weeks).

Lab 3: Full hardware design and serial communications
You will learn how to use a serial communications IP to communicate between two boards (2 weeks).

Lab 4: Small design.
Proposed by the professor, it usually involves the use of the communications interface. Collaboration between teams may be required. (6 weeks).

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Full-or-part-time: 74h
Laboratory classes: 12h
Self study: 62h

GRADING SYSTEM

Final examination: 47%
Partial exams: 20%
Laboratory: 33%
**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

**Basic:**

**Complementary:**