

University of Macau
Faculty of Science and Technology
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Part A: Course Outline

Course Title:	Control Electronics and Automation		
Course Code:	ELEC326	Year of Study:	3
Course Mode:	Theoretical with substantial laboratory/ practice content		
Compulsory/Elective:	Elective		
Course Prerequisites:	ELEC223 – Applied Electronics II		
Prerequisite Knowledge	Electronics basis; circuit analysis; digital system; preliminary control theory		
Class/Laboratory Schedule:	3 hours for lecture and 2 hours for tutorial/experiment per week		
Duration	One semester	Credit Units	3.5
Text Books and References:	<p>[1] Curtis D. Johnson, <i>Process Control Instrumentation Technology</i>, 8th ed., Prentice-Hall, 2005.</p> <p>[2] G. F. Franklin, J. D. Powell, A. Emami-Naeini, <i>Feedback Control of Dynamic Systems</i>, 2nd ed., Addison –Wesley, 1991.</p> <p>[3] Karl J. Astrom, Bjorn Wittenmark, <i>Computer Controlled Systems - Theory and Design</i>, 2nd ed., Prentice Hall, 1990.</p> <p>[4] Richard C. Dorf, Robert H. Bishop, <i>Modern Control Systems</i>, 9th ed., Prentice Hall, 2001.</p> <p>[5] Earl Cox, <i>The Fuzzy Systems Handbook</i>, Academic Press, 1994</p> <p>[6] J. Yan, M. Ryan, J. Power, <i>Using Fuzzy Logic</i>, Prentice Hall, 1994.</p> <p>[7] Bernard Widrow, Eugene Walach, <i>Adaptive Inverse Control</i>, Prentice Hall, 1995.</p>		
Course Description:	<p>This course will present a comprehensive treatment of the fast-paced field of electronic circuits for modern automatic control systems with mainly focusing on process control system. The focus of the course is not only the state-of-art control-subsystem electronics but also with the special emphasis on their interconnections. In addition, simulation of modern control algorithm using in a closed-loop control system and the application of industrial-type programmable logic controller (PLC) for discrete-state control will also be included. Throughout this course, both process control system design and implementation will be given with balanced treatment in order to give students the prospectus in modern control system usage and its latest investigations.</p>		
Topics Covered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Sensors 3. Signal Conditioners 4. Controller 5. Control Elements and Actuators 		

Course Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To introduce to students the relevant electronic circuits with various types of sensors and final control elements for a closed-loop process control [a, b, c, d, e, k] 2. To introduce to students some common control algorithms, e.g. PID control and fuzzy-logic control etc, and their analog and digital implementations [a, b, c, d, e] 3. To prepare students to design a controller for a given process in a close-loop system by simulation [b, c, k, l] 4. To prepare students to design and implement a discrete-state controller using programmable logic controller [b, c, d, k, l] 		
Course Assessment:	Mid-Term Examination: 20% Final Examination: 30% Experiments: 10% Project - Simulation: 20% Project – PLC: 20%		
Relationship to Program Objectives and Outcomes	<p>This course primarily contributes to EEE program outcomes that develop students abilities to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science and engineering. b. Ability to design and conduct experiments. c. Ability to design a system, component or process to meet desired needs. k. Ability to use the techniques, skills and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice. l. Ability to use the computer/IT tools relevant to the discipline along with an understanding of their processes and limitations. <p>This course secondarily contributes to EEE program outcomes that develop students abilities to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> d. Ability to function on multidisciplinary teams. e. Ability to identify, formulate and solve engineering problems. 		
Course Contents and Relationship to Program Criteria:	Week no.	Topics	Program Criteria
	1	Introduction Automatic control purpose, classification of control system, process control system, evaluation of control system, analog vs. digital control, control system simulation techniques	CS, ES
	3	Sensors Sensor general concepts, type of sensors, thermal sensors, optical sensors, mechanical and other sensors	DIC, BS, ES
	3	Signal Conditioner Role of signal conditioning, bridge circuits, instrumentation amplifiers, voltage – current - frequency converter, RC filters, cold-junction compensator, comparator, DAC and ADC, data acquisition system	DIC, CS, ES

Remark:

- Objective for “Problem Solving” can be achieved by mid-term exam, final exam and project.
- Objective for “Leadership and Communication” can be achieved by report writing and presentation/discussion. However, leadership training is not given by this course.
- Objective for “Market Acceptance” can be achieved by the course subject about the automation system based on the programmable logic controller.
- Objective for “Technical Competence” can be achieved by using fundamentals of math and science in communication engineering and experience in engineering project and computer simulation.

Program Criteria Policy:

Course VS Program Criteria

Scale: 1 (Highest) to 4 (Lowest)

Course	PS	DIC	BS	CS	ES	DE	LA	CV	DM
Control Electronics and Automation		3	4	2	1	4			4

Terms:

Probability and Statistics (PS), Differential and Integral Calculus (DIC), Basic Science (BS), Computer Science (CS), Engineering Science (ES), Differential Equation (DE), Linear Algebra (LA), Complex Variables (CV), Discrete Mathematics (DM)

Program Outcome Policy:

Course VS Course Outcomes

(H= Highly Related, S = Supportive, N = None)

Course	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l
Control Electronics and Automation	H	H	H	S	S	N	N	N	N	N	H	H

The electrical and electronics engineering program outcomes are:

- a. Ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science and engineering.
- b. Ability to design and conduct experiments.
- c. Ability to design a system, component or process to meet desired needs.
- d. Ability to function on multidisciplinary teams.
- e. Ability to identify, formulate and solve engineering problems.
- f. Understanding of professional and ethical responsibility.
- g. Ability to communicate effectively.
- h. Broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in global and societal context.

- i. Recognition of the need for and an ability to engage in life-long learning.
- j. Knowledge of contemporary issues.
- k. Ability to use the techniques, skills and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice.
- l. Ability to use the computer/IT tools relevant to the discipline along with an understanding of their processes and limitations

Curriculum Details

Timetabled work in hours per week			No of teaching weeks	Total hours	No /Duration of exam papers	Max marks available from:	
Lecturer	Tutor	Practice				Exams	Course
3	1	1	14	70	2/4 hours	50	50

Term: 6th

Hours			Percentage content of					
Lecture	Lab/Tut.	Other	Maths	Basic Science	Engineering Science	Engineering Design and Synthesis	Complementary Studies	Computer Studies
42	12/16	0	30	0	30	30	0	10

Design Elements

% of Design Content	Design Content in Course Work	Design Project	Design Content in Laboratories
30%	✓	✓	✗

Course Assessment Policy

- Quizzes will be given frequently. One of the quizzes with the lowest scores would be discarded at the end.
- Students are required to submit reports for experiments and projects.
- No late submission is accepted for any report or assignment. Zero mark is given for copied reports and assignments.
- One mid-term exam and one final exam will be given.