

ECE 345 L

ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTATION AND SYSTEMS LAB

FALL 2019

Week of	Topic
Aug. 26	No labs meet this week
Sept. 2	No labs meet this week
Sept. 9	Course introduction & lab safety
Sept. 16	Lab I: Introduction to the Oscilloscope, Function Generator and Digital Multimeter*
Sept. 23	Lab II: Introduction to Prototyping Circuits
Sept. 30	Lab III: Diode Curve Tracer
Oct. 7	Lab IV: Introduction to Microcontrollers
Oct. 14	Lab V: Build Your Own Digital DC Voltmeter
Oct. 21	Lab VI: Serial Liquid Crystal Display
Oct. 28	Lab VII: Entertainment System: MP3 Player Power Amplifier, PA System and Mixer.
Nov. 4	Lab VIII: DC Power Supply and Regulator
Nov. 11	Lab IX: Light Activated Exhaust Fan
Nov. 18	Pick up graded Lab IX and do course evaluations
Nov. 25	A Lab Exam on Labs I - IX will be given on Monday Nov. 25th in the ECE 345 lecture classroom. You should bring a pencil and ruler. You will NOT be allowed to use a calculator for this exam
Nov. 25	No labs meet this week
Dec. 2	No labs meet this week

* All lab lectures are video recorded and can be found on the ECE 345 YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ECE345Lmsu>

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MATERIALS: G.M. Wierzba, *ECE 345 Course e-Notes and Lab Manual, Fall 2019 Edition*, (free for all registered students)

Safety Glasses

PRE- & CO-REQ: ((MTH 234 or concurrently) or (MTH 254H or concurrently) or (LB 220 or concurrently)) and ((PHY 184 or PHY 184B or PHY 234B) and completion of Tier I writing requirement)

GRADING: LAB REPORTS* 60%
(1/3) EXAM (Mon 11/25 @ 9:10 - 10:00 am; South Kedzie Rm S109) 40%

* Your lab report grade consists of 60 points maximum. Your total lab report grade is multiplied by a scale factor at the end of the course such that all sections have the same average lab report grade.

You must pass the lab to pass the course.

OVERVIEW: Your lab instructor will give a weekly quiz on the lab procedure you are about to perform and on the lab lecture video associated with that lab. This will count for 10 points of the maximum 60 points.

This lab is intended to teach measurement techniques as well as reinforcing concepts taught in ECE 345. As you complete each task in lab you will be asked to record, calculate and evaluate your data. You cannot go on to the next step or circuit unless each task is completed as stated in the lab experiment. This method emphasizes accuracy over speed. Your lab report is due at the **end of the period**. Your lab instructor will return your graded lab at the beginning of the next lab period. If you come to lab unprepared you will probably be unable to finish all of the tasks in each lab. You must read the lab thoroughly before you come to lab and review past labs for measurement procedures.

POLICIES: Any copying of lab data from another group or section will result in a failing grade.

If you miss more than two labs you will receive a failing grade. There are no make up labs. Your grade will be computed by dropping your lowest Lab Report grade.

Since everyone in lab is trying to complete their lab report during lab you are not allowed to ask other lab groups for help. The lab instructor will try to help you but you are responsible for your own work.

TARDINESS: Lab needs to start on time. Your lab instructor will take attendance at the start of lab. Your lab report grade will be multiplied by 0.9 if you are tardy from 1 to 10 min., by 0.85 if you are tardy from 11 to 30 min. *If you are late more than 30 min you will not be allowed to enter lab.*

Electrical Safety Considerations for ECE 345 L

Safety glasses are required. Minimally prescription glasses are ok but full wrap around glasses are preferred. If you fail to wear safety glasses or come to lab without a pair of safety glasses, you will be asked to leave. You can purchase another pair at the bookstore and return to lab but the penalty for tardiness described on the previous page will apply.

The equipment used in ECE 345 Lab is primarily low voltage. There is no danger associated with this equipment when used as instructed. Care should always be taken not to touch the prongs of an electrical plug when inserting or removing it from an electrical outlet.

In some lab experiments we are going to use polarized electrolytic capacitors. These elements must at all times have a positive voltage across their terminals with respect to an indicated polarity. Failure to do so can result in the component overheating which could cause severe burns. In such experiments warning boxes are placed in the experimental procedure and your project consultant will be required to check your wiring before you proceed.

We will also be cutting and stripping wires in most labs. This sometimes causes pieces of wire or plastic to fly through the air. This and the danger from capacitors is why we need safety glasses at all times.

Lastly, the ECE department does not allow any food or drink in any of the experimental labs at any time. This is for your safety. ***Anyone who brings food or drink into lab will be asked to leave the food or drink in the hallway outside of lab. If the student refuses they will receive a lab grade of zero for that lab.***