General policies

ECEN 5322 is a graduate course that you take because you are really interested in the subject. No one is
forced to take ECEN 5322. We therefore consider all of you to be graduate students in training and will try to
provide assignments and feedback that help you gain all the skills and knowledge you will need to.

You are expected to come to all the lectures. You are expected to know everything that is announced on
the class website or discussed during lectures.

Plagiarism and Cheating

The homework are designed to encourage you to work on the class material. You are welcome to discuss
the material with other students and the TA in order to derive your own solution. However, copying from
each other is not legitimate collaboration but fundamental cheating, you will automatically get zero on that
assignment. If you realize that you rely too much on your classmates for solving problem sets, you need to
contact the instructor and the TA to develop other strategies.

Homework

There will be bi-weekly problem sets, which will be posted on the course website. Homework will be due on
Friday. You must turn in your homework at the beginning of class on the day it is due. You should staple all
the pages of your homework; paper clips, folded corners, etc. are not acceptable.

There will be approximately five long homework. The problem sets and the project are designed to
encourage you to work on novel and exciting material. You are welcome to discuss the material with other
students and the TA in order to come to your conclusions about the questions, the programing, and the
experiments. However, when you actually compose your answers, they must be written independently and
in your own words. For the project and other MATLAB assignment, each student must turn in her/his own
report including the data analysis and the MATLAB codes.

Grading

Your final grade will be computed using the following weights,

- Homework assignments \( W_H = 0.10 \)
• Project $W_p = 0.50$. The project’s grade is composed of 70% for the report and 30% for the in class presentation. Students are asked to prepare a 15 page report on their projects. Students work in groups for the project. The in-class presentation is delivered in a format similar to a technical conference.

For letter grade equivalents, we will be using the following algorithm.

We first compute a grade, $X$, on a scale from 0 to 4 as follows,

$$X = 0.04 \times \left( \sum_{i=1}^{5} W_H(i)X_H(i) + W_PX_P \right)$$

where $X_H(i)$ and $X_P$ are your grades (on a 0 to 100 scale) for homework $i$, and for the project (oral and written parts combined), respectively.

Finally, your letter grade is given by the following intervals,

- $3.7 < X \leq 4.0$ is A
- $3.3 < X \leq 3.7$ is A-
- $3.0 < X \leq 3.3$ is B+
- $2.7 < X \leq 3.0$ is B
- $2.3 < X \leq 2.7$ is B-
- $2.0 < X \leq 2.3$ is C+
- $1.7 < X \leq 2.0$ is C
- $1.3 < X \leq 1.7$ is C-
- $1.0 < X \leq 1.3$ is D+
- $0.7 < X \leq 1.0$ is D
- $0.4 < X \leq 0.7$ is D-
- $0 \leq X \leq 0.4$ is F

Incomplete grades will not be issued without a valid documented reason. A petition is required, delineating how the incomplete grade will be resolved. Retaking the course is not an acceptable way to resolve an incomplete.
Late Work Policy

Everyone in the class should have the same amount of time to deal with the assignments. To ensure that your work is graded in comparison with the other students’ assignments, we need to be able to grade the work of all the students at the same time.

Work that is handed in after the deadline, but before the answers are posted will get partial credit. Obviously, any work that is handed in after answers are posted will not receive any credit, except under rare and well-documented circumstances (see below). Late assignments without a formal excuse (see next paragraph) will have 10% credit deducted for each calendar day that it is late. For instance, a homework that is due on Friday, and is turned in on Monday is two days late and will count only for 80% of the maximum grade. Homework that are five days late will not be graded.

If you know in advance that one of the deadlines conflicts with an obligation (e.g., religious holiday, travel to an interview, etc.) it is your responsibility to contact me or the TA and arrange an alternative due date for your work. If you do this in advance, you will not be penalized.

If you get sick or have an accident that prevents you medically from finishing your work, you may also be given extra time, but only under these circumstances: you must get a note from a doctor or registered health professional.

University Policies

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to your professor a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner (for exam accommodations provide your letter at least one week prior to the exam) so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or by e-mail at dsinfo@colorado.edu. If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Injuries guidelines under the Quick Links at the Disability Services website and discuss your needs with your professor.

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. In this class, you may turn in your homework early if you cannot come to class when the homework is due. If you know in advance that one of the deadlines or exam conflicts with a religious observance, it is your responsibility to contact me or the TA and arrange an alternative due date for your work, or reschedule and exam. If you will be missing an exam, please inform us at least one week prior to the exam so that we can schedule a makeup exam. See the campus policy regarding religious observances for full details.

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Those who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, color, culture, religion, creed, politics, veteran’s status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and gender expression, age, disability, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student’s legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. For more information, see the policies on classroom behavior and the student code.
The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working, and living environment. CU Boulder will not tolerate acts of sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment or related retaliation against or by any employee or student. CU’s Sexual Misconduct Policy prohibits sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, intimate partner abuse (dating or domestic violence), stalking or related retaliation. CU Boulder’s Discrimination and Harassment Policy prohibits discrimination, harassment or related retaliation based on race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, political affiliation or political philosophy. Individuals who believe they have been subject to misconduct under either policy should contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) at 303-492-2127. Information about the OIEC, the above referenced policies, and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment or related retaliation can be found at the OIEC website.

http://www.colorado.edu/institutionalequity/

All students enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of the institution. Violations of the policy may include: plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access, clicker fraud, resubmission, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-735-2273). Students who are found responsible for violating the academic integrity policy will be subject to nonacademic sanctions from the Honor Code Council as well as academic sanctions from the faculty member. Additional information regarding the academic integrity policy can be found at http://honorcode.colorado.edu.