



Chemistry 628 Chemical Instrumentation: Design and Control Applications  
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Pre-requisites are Chem 524 or 621, or graduate standing

Course Description: The design and application of chemical instrumentation; basic principles for monitoring and controlling chemical experiments; optical, electrical and mechanical sensors and transducers of importance to analytical chemical instrumentation.

The goal of this course is to provide you with a practical introduction to electronics as it applies to chemical research and/or chemical instrumentation. After taking this course you will be able to understand the electronics behind modern chemical instrumentation, to interconnect and modify commercial instrumental modules for use in new applications, and to build new instrumental modules based on operational amplifiers, microcontrollers, and/or other integrated circuits.

To help meet these goals you will be required to: 1) use supporting materials to learn fundamental background information related to electronics. The supporting materials include texts, data sheets, videos, and research papers. 2) complete periodic problem sets, 3) complete one take home exam, 4) complete the laboratory exercises and their corresponding report sheets, and 5) complete a laboratory project.

Grading: Your course grade will be based on: Problem sets ~20%, Exam ~ 20%, Regular Labs ~40%, and Project ~20%.

We will attempt to cover the following electronics topics:

Direct Current Circuits- Ohms Law, voltage dividers, Kirchhoff's laws, Superposition Principle, Thevenin's theorem, Norton's theorem, and DC power supplies

Alternating Current Circuits- complex transfer functions and impedance analysis of RC, RL, and RLC circuits

Diodes and Transistors- semiconductor physics and applications.

Operational Amplifiers- basic concepts, applications, frequency response, feedback theory, and noise

Mixed Digital/Analog Circuits- basic digital terminology, A to D conversion, comparators, timers, oscillators, flip-flops, registers, multivibrators, and phase locked loops

Microcontroller Programming- digital input-output, A to D conversion, Pulse width modulation, serial communication

Signal Processing- Fourier analysis, noise, sampling, lock-in detection, and digital filtering

There is an almost infinite amount of supporting materials to aid in your understanding of these topics. Here are some of the supporting materials that I find useful.

**Introductory Electronics for Scientists and Engineers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.** Robert E. Simpson

**Practical Electronics for Inventors, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.** Paul Scherz

**The Art of Electronics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.** Paul Horowitz and Winfield Hill

**All About Circuits:** [www.allaboutcircuits.com](http://www.allaboutcircuits.com)

**EEVBlog:** <https://www.eevblog.com/>

**w2aew:** <https://www.youtube.com/user/w2aew>

I will also post book chapters, web pages, application notes, and other supporting items that support the course topics, on our CANVAS page.

Learning electronics is best accomplished by doing electronics and the laboratory will provide you with the opportunity to do electronics. We will follow the schedule below in an attempt cover the course topics. There may be times throughout the semester where you will need to come to the laboratory outside of your scheduled section.

The laboratory activities are done in the electronics shop. Room 2227 Chemistry.

Week 1	1/23– 1/25	Unit 1 Measuring and Filtering
Week 2	1/28 – 2/1	Unit 1 Measuring and Filtering
Week 3	2/4 – 2/8	Unit 1 Measuring and Filtering
Week 4	2/11-2/15	Unit 2 Discrete Solid-state Components
Week 5	2/18 – 2/22	Unit 2 Discrete Solid-state Components
Week 6	2/25 – 3/1	Unit 3 Operational Amplifiers
Week 7	3/4 – 3/8	Unit 3 Operational Amplifiers
Week 8	3/11 – 3/15	Unit 4 Microcontrollers
	3/18 – 3/22	Spring break-Lab Open
Week 9	3/25 - 3/29	Unit 5 Oscillators and timing
Week 10	4/1 – 4/5	Unit 6 LabView-DAQ and signal processing
Week 11	4/8 – 4/12	Project work
Week 12	4/15 - 4/19	Project work
Week 13	4/22 – 4/26	Project work
Week 14	4/29 – 5/3	Project work
Finals Week		Project Due May 10

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<http://mcburney.wisc.edu/facstaffother/faculty/syllabus.php>

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