

1. Course Description:

This introductory course will cover system-level and circuit design issues relevant to wireline communication systems.

2. Text books:

Handouts and technical papers

3. Teaching Method:

Lecture: 3 hours

Outside study: 4 hours

3. Evaluation:

Homework: 40% (no late homework)

Midterm: 30%

Case study and presentation: 30%

4. Prerequisites:

Microelectronics

Analog Integrated Circuits Analysis and Design

Digital Circuit Analysis and Design

5. Tentative Syllabus:

2/28 3/1: Introduction

3/6 3/8: Channel characteristics

3/13 3/15: Transmitter circuits I

3/20 3/22: Receiver circuits I

3/27 3/29: Tx equalization (FIR/FFE)

4/3 4/5: Rx equalization I (FIR/CTLE)

4/10 4/12: Rx equalization II (DFE)  
4/17 4/19: Midterm  
4/24 4/26: Clocking circuits I (PLL)  
5/1 5/3: Clocking circuits II (DLL)  
5/8 5/10: Clocking circuits III (phase interpolator)  
5/15 5/17: Source synchronous clocking  
5/22 5/24: Clock-and-data recovery  
5/29 5/31: Clock distribution I  
6/5 6/7: Clock distribution II  
6/12 6/14: Presentations