

**COURSE DESCRIPTION****1. Program identification information**

1.1 Higher education institution	National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest				
1.2 Faculty	Electronics, Telecommunications and Information Technology				
1.3 Department	Electronic Devices, Circuits and Architectures				
1.4 Domain of studies	Electronic Engineering, Telecommunications and Information Technology				
1.5 Cycle of studies	Bachelor/Undergraduate				
1.6 Programme of studies	Technologies and Telecommunications Systems				

2. Date despre disciplină

2.1 Course name (ro) (en)	Circuite electronice fundamentale				
2.2 Course Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Florin Draghici				
2.3 Instructor for practical activities	S.L. Dr. Ing. Ovidiu Profirescu				
2.4 Year of studies	2	2.5 Semester	II	2.6. Evaluation type	E
2.8 Course type	D		2.9 Course code	04.D.04.O.016	2.10 Tipul de notare
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3. Total estimated time (hours per semester for academic activities)

3.1 Number of hours per week	6	Out of which: 3.2 course	3.00	3.3 seminary/laboratory	3
3.4 Total hours in the curricula	84.00	Out of which: 3.5 course	42	3.6 seminary/laboratory	42
Distribution of time:					hours
Study according to the manual, course support, bibliography and hand notes Supplemental documentation (library, electronic access resources, in the field, etc) Preparation for practical activities, homework, essays, portfolios, etc.					63
Tutoring					0
Examinations					3
Other activities (if any):					0
3.7 Total hours of individual study	66.00				
3.8 Total hours per semester	150				
3.9 Number of ECTS credit points	6				

4. Prerequisites (if applicable) (where applicable)



4.1 Curriculum	Undertake and pass the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electro-technical Fundamentals,• Electronic Devices
4.2 Results of learning	Knowledge related to the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electronic devices,• Electronic circuit analysis.

5. Necessary conditions for the optimal development of teaching activities (where applicable)

5.1 Course	Lecture room equiped with multimedia projector, white or chalkboard and connection to internet.
5.2 Seminary/ Laboratory/Project	Seminar room equiped with multimedia projector, white or chalkboard and connection to internet.

6. General objective (Reffering to the teachers' intentions for students and to what the students will be thought during the course. It offers an idea on the position of course in the scientific domain, as well as the role it has for the study programme. The course topics, the justification of including the course in the curricula of the study programme, etc. will be described in a general manner)

A systematic study of both fundamental analogic circuits - amplifiers, voltage regulators and oscillators - and the building blocks utilized in the design of analog IC's such as: the differential amplifier, the cascode configuration, voltage references, current mirrors, etc.

7. Competences (Proven capacity to use knowledge, aptitudes and personal, social and/or methodological abilities in work or study situations and for personal and professional growth. They reflect the employers requirements.)

Specific Competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge of fundamental analogic circuit analysis and design methods.• Ability to select the adequate circuit configuration for a specific application and optimal bias which guarantees the stability of circuit parameters.
Transversal (General) Competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team work, efficient communication: ability to efficient cooperate with the other member of the team to solve problems of medium complexity.• Critical thinking: ability to think scientifically, to inquire and to analyze data independently and to draw conclusions as well as to identify solutions.• Capacity of analyse and synthesise: ability of presenting the acquired knowledge following a systematic analysis.• Follow the academic ethical principles: during the desk research, cite correctly the reference sources.



8. Learning outcomes (*Synthetic descriptions for what a student will be capable of doing or showing at the completion of a course. The learning outcomes reflect the student's accomplishments and to a lesser extent the teachers' intentions. The learning outcomes inform the students of what is expected from them with respect to performance and to obtain the desired grades and ECTS points. They are defined in concise terms, using verbs similar to the examples below and indicate what will be required for evaluation. The learning outcomes will be formulated so that the correlation with the competences defined in section 7 is highlighted.*)

Knowledge	<p><i>The result of knowledge acquisition through learning. The knowledge represents the totality of facts, principles, theories and practices for a given work or study field. They can be theoretical and/or factual.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ability to list and describe the most important properties of the fundamental electronic circuits.Ability to define specific characteristics of electronic circuitsAbility to describe/ classify concepts/fenomena/models for multistage amplifiers, negative feedback amplifiers, voltage regulators and AF and RF oscillatorsAbility to define DC biasing modes and AC modes for the studied electronic circuitsAbility to develop models for electronic circuits used in applications
Skills	<p><i>The capacity to apply the knowledge and use the know-how for completing tasks and solving problems. The skills are described as being cognitive (requiring the use of logical, intuitive and creative thinking) or practical (implying manual dexterity and the use of methods, materials, tools and instrumentation).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ability of working in teams.Ability to solve practical exercises using the acquired knowledge.Ability to propose practical schemes for circuits incorporating studies electronic devices.Ability to identify the electrical behavior of electron devices within given circuits.Ability to differentiate between the electron devices behaviour in DC and small-signal dynamic modes.Ability to differentiate between the linear and non-linear behaviour of electron devicesAbility to analyse elementary circuits with diodes and transistors.Ability to acknowledge the importance of model parameters for electrical behaviour of studies electron devices.



Responsability and autonomy	<p><i>The student's capacity to autonomously and responsibly apply their knowledge and skills.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ability to undertake a proper desk research and analysis of references.Respect the academic ethical principles, by correctly citing the used references.Prove openness for new learning contexts.Cooperate with other colleagues and academic staff in the implementation of academic activities.Prove autonomy in setting-up the learning context or of the problem to be solved.Contribute through new solutions related to its field of study for the improvement of the quality of life.Conscientizează valoarea contribuției sale în domeniul ingineriei la identificarea de soluții viabile/sustenabile care să rezolve probleme din viața socială și economică (responsabilitate socială).Apply the ethical principles in analysing the impact the proposed solutions on the environment.Analise and take advantage of opportunities of personal entrepreneurial development.Prove management abilities in real life settings.
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9. Teaching techniques (*Student centric techniques will be considered. The means for students to participate in defining their own study path, the identification of eventual fallbacks and the remedial measures that will be adopted in those cases will be described.*)

The course is taught based on PowerPoint course notes following the structure presented at section 10 – the presentation includes detailed information regarding the studied subjects and, if needed, extensive explanation for complex matters at the whiteboard/chalkboard. The course resources (the course notes, additional reading, model solved exercises) are published within the Moodle platform.

The seminar is focus on solving practical exercises aiming at assessing the ability of students to transfer the taught theory in practice – model exercises are presented and solved by the teacher (all the seminar notes are also uploaded on the Moodle platform). The common practice is that the students actively contribute to the seminar by responding to open quizzes or solving given exercises of part of them at the whiteboard/chalkboard. The basic resources for seminar activities are the course notes, solved exercises and the exercise book “Circuite Electronice Fundamentale-Probleme”.

The laboratory activities are split within two rooms: the first one is equipped with 15 experimental platforms that include measurement boards and general purpose measurement equipment for the measurement and characterisation of electronic circuits while the second one is equipped with 15 personal computers having installed PSPICE circuit simulation software. In the beginning of each laboratory, the students are introduced to the given topic by the tutors that afterwards guide them during the whole time – the laboratory notes consist in all the needed information in terms of theoretical background, measurement settings, practical steps as well as hints in order that the students to successfully finalize the required tasks (the laboratory notes are available within the laboratory book “Circuite electronice-Îndrumar de laborator” and

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https://wiki.dcae.pub.ro/index.php/Pagina_principal%C4%83#Platforme_de_aplicatii_sau_laborator).

Within the first meeting, the students are introduced to the lab rules and procedures (working security included), equipment operation hands-on and measurement boards

10. Contents

COURSE



Chapter	Content	No. hours
1	Amplifier fundamentals 1.1. Definition 1.2. Parameters 1.3. Amplifier band 1.4. Distortions. Noise in amplifier 1.5. Operation class 1.6. Classification of amplifiers 1.7 Applications	3
2	Fundamental amplifiers 2.1. Single transistor amplifier stages 2.2. Cascode and paraphase configurations 2.3. Differential amplifiers 2.4. Ideal operational amplifiers 2.5 Applications	9
3	Negative feedback 3.1 Ideal feedback amplifier topology 3.2. Negative feedback properties 3.3 Feedback amplifier configurations 3.4. Shunt-shunt feedback amplifier 3.5. Series-series feedback amplifier 3.6. Shunt-series feedback amplifier 3.7. Series-shunt feedback amplifier 3.8 Applications	9
4	Linear voltage regulators 4.1. Definition 4.2. Parameters 4.3. Operation principles 4.4. Classification 4.5. Parametric regulators 4.6. Feedback regulators 4.7. Integrated voltage regulators 4.8 Applications	6
5	Switching regulators 5.1. Definition 5.2. Parameters 5.3. Operation principles 5.4. Classification 5.5 Flyback converter 5.6 Forward converter 5.7 Half-bridge converter 5.8 Switching regulators vs. linear voltage regulator comparison 5.9 Applications	6



6	Sinusoidal oscillators 6.1. Definition. Parameters 6.2. Classification 6.3. RC Oscillators 6.4. LC oscillators 6.5 Applications	7
7	Relaxation Oscillators 7.1 Characteristics. Principle of Operation 7.2 Relaxation Oscillator with Symmetrical Power Supply 7.3 Relaxation Oscillator with Single Power Supply	2
	Total:	42

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10. Site-ul cursului: <http://www.dce.pub.ro>

LABORATORY		
Crt. no.	Content	No. hours
1	The differential amplifiers.	2
2	Differential amplifier simulations.	2
3	Negative feedback amplifier. Configurations and measurements.	2
4	Negative feedback amplifier simulations.	2
5	Low frequency oscillators	2
6	Linear voltage regulators. Simulations	2
7	Final examination.	2
	Total:	14

SEMINARY		
Crt. no.	Content	No. hours
1	High impedance single transistor stages.	2
2	Small signal amplifiers: bias points, ac analysis techniques for multiple stages amplifier	2



3	Cascode configuration. CMOS inverter.	2
4	Differential and paraphase amplifiers.	2
5	Frequency behavior of amplifiers stages. Miller effect. Comparison between cascode – CE/CS, respectively CB/CG	2
6	Negative feedback amplifier. Analysis techniques. Shunt – shunt configuration.	2
7	Series-shunt negative feedback amplifiers	2
8	Shunt-series and series-series negative feedback amplifiers	2
9	Parametric and feedback voltage regulators	2
10	Integrated voltage regulators	2
11	DC-DC converters	2
12	Sinusoidal Oscillators. Analysis techniques. RC oscillators	2
13	Wien oscillators	2
14	LC Oscillators	2
	Total:	28

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11. Evaluation

Activity type	11.1 Evaluation criteria	11.2 Evaluation methods	11.3 Percentage of final grade



11.4 Course	Knowledge of fundamental theoretical concepts, of using theory to solve specific problems and understanding the operation, performances and applications of single and multiple transistor amplifiers and negative feedback amplifiers.	A written midterm test, which covers 50% of the lecture, focusing both on theoretical knowledge evaluation and solving problems that illustrate parameters and operation of fundamental multi-stage and feedback amplifier topologies.	30
	Knowledge of fundamental theoretical concepts, of using theory to solve specific problems and understanding the operation, performances and applications of voltage regulators and sinusoidal oscillators.	Final examination, with the possibility of retaking the midterm test. This exam is focused both on theoretical knowledge evaluation and solving problems that illustrate parameters and operation of fundamental voltage regulator and sinusoidal oscillator topologies.	40
11.5 Seminary/laboratory/project	Analysis, by numerical data, of specific circuits representing multi-stage amplifiers, negative feedback amplifiers, voltage regulators and sinusoidal oscillators.	Two written tests of equal weight, at dates fixed at the beginning of the semester; test topics are based on problems with numerical data on amplifier, voltage regulator and sinusoidal oscillator circuits.	20
	Laboratory: - knowledge of the measurement methods and characterization of fundamental analog circuits: amplifiers, oscillators, linear voltage regulators. - knowledge of both analog and digital electronic circuit simulation software.	- evaluations, during the semester, of practical activities. Grading based on the understanding of measurement methods and elaboration of main electrical characteristics of studied electronic circuits. - Final laboratory examination, evaluating both theoretical knowledge (multiple choices test) and practical abilities (implementation and testing of a specific electronic circuit)	10
11.6 Passing conditions			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquiring a minimum score of 50% for seminar (20 points out of 100).• Acquiring a minimum score of 50% for the midterm test (30 points of 100) and 50% for the final examination (50 points out of 100).• In order to pass the laboratory, students must obtain at least 50% of the allocated score (minimum of 5 points).			



12. Corroborate the content of the course with the expectations of representatives of employers and representative professional associations in the field of the program, as well as with the current state of knowledge in the scientific field approached and practices in higher education institutions in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)

Fundamental Electronic Circuits studies the basic blocks of analogic circuits, typical products of microelectronics. This field has known explosive advancements, especially after the year 2000, following bold and spectacular developments of CMOS nanometer technologies. The microelectronics has a near encyclopedic trait, by the multifunctional circuits and systems it has come to incorporate, offering a wide horizon of applications in many domains for students and specialists alike. Multinational microelectronics companies, well-known producers of integrated circuits (Infineon, Microchip, ON Semiconductor), with strong branches in Romania, have considerably increased the demand for qualified engineers, with solid knowledge and competences in the field of analog and mixed signal. The course familiarizes the students with the fundamental concepts of modelling and design in microelectronics, including original ideas and methods of the specialized Romanian school. Based on the MOS and bipolar models, analysis and design techniques for basic analog circuits – amplifiers, regulators, oscillators – are studied and exemplified. The operation, performances, limitations and typical applications of these circuits are demonstrated through numerical data and comments. Thus, the policy of promoting subjects strongly correlated with the requirements of present top industry such as electronics, is followed.

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