

**ECE 480**  
**Introduction to Digital Signal Processing (4 credit hours)**  
**Spring/Summer 2024**

**Course Meeting Times and Formats**

**Lecture:**

Monday/Wednesday  
3:30 – 5:15 PM

**Lab: 2034 ELB**

Instructor: Swetha Kasimalla (tentative)  
Section 001: Friday, 8:00 – 10:45 AM  
Section 002: Online

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**Course Description:**

Fundamentals of discrete-time signals and systems. Introduction to z-transform and its applications. The design of digital filters. Characteristics of analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog converters. Fourier transform of sequences, DFT, and FFT algorithms. An introduction to software tools for the simulation and design of real-time digital filters. Implementation of digital systems using digital signal processing boards. Three hours of lecture and three hours of laboratory experiments per week.

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3. Ability to solve the output of discrete-time system using both convolution and Z-transform. (*Related to student outcome 1*)
4. Ability to derive spectral properties of discrete filters. (*Related to student outcome 1*)
5. Ability to apply a bilinear transform to transform analog filters to their discrete-time equivalents. (*Related to student outcome 1*)
6. Ability to design digital filters to meet stated performance specifications. (*Related to student outcome 1*)
7. Ability to use software tools for analysis and design of discrete-time systems. (*Related to student outcome 1*)

**Course Objectives:**

1. A good understanding of the fundamentals of discrete-time signals and systems.
2. An awareness of the importance of DSP in engineering applications.
3. Familiarity with techniques of analysis of discrete-time signals and the use of Z-transforms.
4. Knowledge of spectral properties of discrete-time systems using Discrete Fourier transform (FFT) of sequences.
5. Skills in the design of digital filters.
6. Mastering computer simulation tools to simulate and design digital filter-based systems.

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PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

<https://umdearborn.edu/cecs/departments/electrical-and-computer-engineering/undergraduate-programs/bse-electrical-engineering/program-educational-objectives>

PROGRAM STUDENT OUTCOMES

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**Required Materials and/or Technology:**

- A. Oppenheim, R. Schafer, and J. Buck, "Discrete-time signal processing," Prentice Hall, 2010
- MATLAB, Simulink, and Toolboxes (software).

**Assignments and Grading Distributions:**

2 Midterm tests      40% (20% each)  
 Final test            30%  
 Lab. assignments    30%

- Tests and Exams are open-book and notes.
- Using a cell phone is prohibited.
- No make-up will be given unless for a documented emergency.

• **Tentative Course Outline and Schedule:**

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Date or Week	Activity, Content, Assignments
Week one- 5/6 & 5/8	Introduction, Syllabus, review of continuous-time signals, and systems.
Week two- 5/13 & 5/15	Discrete-time signals: properties and definitions. Periodic and aperiodic signals.
Week three- 5/20 & 5/22	Intro. to discrete-time systems, LTI systems, and their properties: stability, causality, difference equations, etc.

Week four- 5/29 & 6/3	Description of discrete-time signals in the frequency domain: The Fourier transform and its properties.
Week five- 6/5 & 6/10	Discrete-time systems in the frequency domain: The frequency response of discrete-time systems (magnitude, phase, and group-delay responses).
Week six- 6/12 & 6/17	Simple discrete-time systems (digital filters): IIR and FIR.
6/21 (tentative)	First mid-term test.
Week seven- 7/1 & 7/3	The z-transform of sequences: properties and theorems.
Week eight- 7/8 & 7/10	Finding the inverse z-transform and solving systems.
Week nine- 7/15 & 7/17	Review of analog filter design using Matlab, Into. To digital filter design.
Week ten- 7/22 & 7/24	Design of IIR digital filters using the bilinear transformation.
7/26 (tentative)	Second mid-term test.
Week eleven- 7/29 & 7/31	Design of IIR digital filters using the bilinear transformation.
Week twelve- 8/5 & 8/7	Intro. to spectral analysis methods as applied to cont.-time signals.
Week thirteen- 8/12 & 8/14	Examples of spectral analysis of continuous-time signals using DSP methods using Matlab. Solving miscellaneous problems and reviewing for the final Test with Q &A.
8/21	Final test (tentative)

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