Title of Course: CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS I  
Code: ESC 221
Semester: 
Professor: 

Class Hours: 6
Lecture hours per week: 3
Laboratory Hours per Week: 3
Credits: 4

Semester:
Instructor Information:

Course Description: This course covers circuit elements and their voltage-current relations, Kirchhoff's laws, elementary circuit analysis, continuous signals, differential equations, first order systems and second order systems. Students will simulate circuits on the computer. A laboratory component is integrated into the course.

Basic Skills: MAT 056

Prerequisites: PHY 225

Corequisites: MAT 501 or departmental approval


Use of Technology (If Applicable):

Evaluation and Requirements of Students:

Exams 80 %
Laboratory 20 %
LECTURE CONTENTS:

**Basic Concepts**: Charge and current; voltage, power and energy, circuit elements, passive sign convention.

**Basic Laws**: Ohm’s Law, nodes, branches, loops, Kirchhoff’s Laws, series and parallel resistor networks, voltage and current division.

**Methods of Circuit Analysis**: Nodal and mesh analysis.

**Circuit Theorems**: Linearity, superposition, source transformations, Thevenin and Norton’s Theorem.

**Operational Amplifiers**: Ideal OP-AMP, voltage follower, inverting, non-inverting, summing and difference amplifier circuits.

**Capacitors and Inductors**: Capacitors, series and parallel connections, inductors, series and parallel connections, integrators and differentiators.

**First-Order Circuits**: RC circuits, RL circuits, step response.

**Second-Order Circuits**: Introduction to series and parallel RLC circuits.

LAB CONTENTS:

DC instrumentation and electrical components.

Circuit simulation and data analysis software.

Voltage and current division.

Equivalent resistor circuits.

Node and mesh analysis.

Proportionality and superposition.

Thevenin and Norton theorems.

Signal waveforms and ac instrumentation.

RC circuit time response.

Series RLC circuit time response.
This syllabus is provided as a general informational guide. Some of the information may vary depending on the specific course section and instructor. Different sections of the same course may require different textbooks. Verify the section specific textbook information in the CUNY’s Academic Course Schedule Web Page. Modifications of the grading system presented here will be communicated by the instructors of the sections when they meet the class.

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<td>1. Calculate the equivalent resistance of resistor networks.</td>
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<td>2. Apply the techniques of node-voltages and mesh-currents to DC circuits.</td>
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<td>3. Determine the Thevenin and Norton Equivalent of a circuit.</td>
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<td>4. Compute the output of an OP-AMP circuit.</td>
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<td>5. Analyze the behavior of first-order circuits.</td>
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Below are the college’s general education learning outcomes, the outcomes that are checked in the left-hand column indicate goals that will be covered and assessed in this course. (Check at least one.)

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<td>☐ Quantitative Reasoning- Students will be able to use quantitative skills and the concepts and methods of mathematics to solve problems.</td>
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<td>☐ Scientific Reasoning- Students will be able to apply the concepts and methods of the natural sciences.</td>
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<td>☐ Social and Behavioral Sciences- Students will be able to apply the concepts and methods of the social sciences.</td>
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<td>☐ Arts &amp; Humanities- Students will be able to develop knowledge and understanding of the arts and literature through critiques of works of art, music, theatre or literature.</td>
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<td>☐ Values- Students will be able to make informed choices based on an understanding of personal values, human diversity, multicultural awareness and social responsibility.</td>
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Class Participation
Participation in the academic activity of each course is a significant component of the learning process and plays a major role in determining overall student academic achievement. Academic activities may include, but are not limited to, attending class, submitting assignments, engaging in in-class or online activities, taking exams, and/or participating in group work. Each instructor has the right to establish their own class participation policy, and it is each student’s responsibility to be familiar with and follow the participation policies for each course.

BMCC Mask Mandate Policy for In-Person Classes
CUNY has put in place a temporary mask mandate policy that requires the wearing of masks indoors in all campus buildings. See: https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/university-updates/clarity-new-mask/

Face masks help prevent the spread of COVID-19. As it is possible to have or carry the coronavirus without having or showing symptoms, it is necessary for every person in our community to wear a mask even if you are fully vaccinated and/or have tested negative for COVID19, or think you are completely healthy. For appropriate/acceptable masks and guidelines on use, see CDC guidelines at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html.

While the mask mandate is in effect, the following will apply to all in-person classes (including in-person classes associated with hybrid courses):

- In a classroom, if a fully vaccinated instructor is teaching a class and can maintain social distance from all others in the classroom, he/she may choose not to wear a mask (subject to any additional Department guidelines regarding the use of face shields or other layers of protection).
- Students who attempt to enter a classroom without wearing masks will be asked by the instructor to put on their masks before entering. Students who remove their masks during a class session will be asked by the instructor to put on their masks. Masks will be available for distribution for those who need one.
- Students may remove their masks momentarily during class (to drink something quickly), in classrooms other than labs, but must replace their masks immediately after that. The consumption of food is not permitted in any classroom or lab.
- Students who are not fully vaccinated are also required to maintain social distancing between themselves and all others in a classroom.

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Advocacy and Resource Center (ARC) https://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/student-affairs/arc/ room S230, 212-220-8195, arc@bmcc.cuny.edu. If you are having problems with food or housing insecurity, finances, health insurance or anything else that might get in the way of your studies at BMCC, contact the Advocacy and Resource Center (formerly Single Stop) for assistance. Please contact us at arc@bmcc.cuny.edu, call 212-220-8195, or come by the office at room S230. You may also contact the Office of Student Affairs, S350, 212-220-8130, studentaffairs@bmcc.cuny.edu, for assistance.

Counseling Center www.bmcc.cuny.edu/counseling, room S343, 212-220-8140, counselingcenter@bmcc.cuny.edu. Counselors assist students in addressing psychological and adjustment issues (i.e., depression, anxiety, and relationships) and can help with stress, time management and more. Counselors are available for walk-in visits.

Office of Compliance and Diversity https://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/about-bmcc/compliance-diversity, room S701, 212-220-1236. BMCC is committed to promoting a diverse and inclusive learning environment free of unlawful discrimination/harassment, including sexual harassment, where all students are treated fairly. For information about BMCC's policies and resources, or to request additional assistance in this area, please visit or call the office, or email olevy@bmcc.cuny.edu, or twade@bmcc.cuny.edu. If you need immediate assistance, please contact BMCC Public safety at 212-220-8080.

Office of Accessibility www.bmcc.cuny.edu/accessibility, Students who need academic accommodations in connection with a disability must initiate the request with BMCC’s Office of Accessibility (OA). Students need to register with the Office of Accessibility in order to officially disclose their disability status to the College and to determine eligibility for appropriate reasonable accommodations (including any prior IEPs or 504s). Please contact the OA at the start of the semester (or as soon as possible) to coordinate any accommodation request/s: www.bmcc.cuny.edu/accessibility, Room N360 (accessible entrance: 77 Harrison Street), 212-220-8180, accessibility@bmcc.cuny.edu.