Syllabus
ECE 456 -- Embedded Control and Mechatronics, spring 2016

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Course Description:
Mechatronics is an engineering discipline to study the synergistic combination of mechanical engineering, electronics engineering, control engineering, and computer engineering. This course studies mechatronics at a practical level; theory is presented wherever necessary but is not emphasized. More emphasis is placed on physical understanding rather than on mathematical formalism. Several practical examples are discussed throughout the course; one of them forms the basis for a final project.

This course covers the fundamental areas of science and technology on which a mechatronics design is based. This includes mathematical modeling of complex dynamical systems, analysis of mathematical models using computer simulations, measurement systems (sensors and signal conditioners), actuators, continuous-time controller design and its real-time digital implementation, and networked control systems. The focus is on the role of each of these areas in the overall design process and how these key areas are integrated to form a successful mechatronics system design.

Lecture:  MWF, 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m., Engineering, A Wing 0208

Recommended Textbook and References:
Textbook:

Note: Textbooks are available online at no cost.

Recommended:

Instructional Objectives:
- To enable students understanding the modern mechatronics components
- To present the underlying principles and alternatives for mechatronics systems design
- To provide students with hands-on experience of mechatronics technology for diverse applications
- To develop the student’s ability to evaluate appropriate technology and devise realistic industrial systems
Course Topics: (subject to change at the instructor’s discretion)
Introduction: components of mechatronics systems
Mathematical modeling and system identification
Numerical tools for design and analysis: MATLAB and SIMULINK
Sensors
Signal conditioning
Actuators
Single-loop controller design
Digital implementation of controllers
Embedded control systems
Networked control and communication considerations

Grading/Evaluation:

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Classroom Policies:

A. Late homework is not accepted. If an exam is missed for a legitimate reason, a grade will be assigned based on the remaining homework/exams.

B. Students are encouraged to discuss problems in groups, but all written submitted work should be individual in nature.

C. Usage of electronic devices (music equipment, cell phones, text messaging devices and computers) is disallowed during regular class hours.

University Policies

A. Incomplete Grades: An INC is assigned when, for reasons beyond their control, students engaged in passing work are unable to complete all class assignments. An INC must be changed to a completed grade within a time period designated by the instructor but not to exceed one year from the close of the term in which the course was taken, or graduation, whichever occurs first. Should the student fail to complete the course within the time period designated, not to exceed one year, or graduation, whichever comes first, the incomplete will be converted to a grade of F and the grade will be computed in the student’s grade point average. Students should not reregister for courses in which an INC has been assigned with the intent of changing the INC grade. Re-registration will not prevent the INC from being changed to an F.

B. Academic Integrity: You are expected to submit your original work and adhere to the academic policies as stated in the SIU Student Conduct Code: [http://srr.siu.edu](http://srr.siu.edu) (listed under Additional Links). Any act of academic dishonesty, cheating, or plagiarism in any form, including anonymous internet sources used in student papers, will be reported. These
acts are taken seriously and the consequences may range from failing as assignment to expulsion from the university.

C. **SIU Email:** Your SIU email account is an official form of University communication. Your instructor will use SIU email as a primary means of electronic communication with students. Please make sure that you maintain a valid password and acquire the habit of regularly checking your SIU email account for important instructor and University announcements. You may view the official SIU Student Email Policy at: [http://policies.siu.edu/policies/email.html](http://policies.siu.edu/policies/email.html).

D. **Emergency Procedures:** SIU is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for study and work. Because some health and safety circumstances are beyond our control, we ask that you become familiar with SIU Emergency response Plan and building Emergency Response Team (BERT) program. Emergency response information is available on posters in buildings on campus, available on BERT’s website at [http://www.bert.siu.edu/](http://www.bert.siu.edu/), the SIU Department of Public Safety’s website [www.dps.siu.edu](http://www.dps.siu.edu) (disaster dropdown and video, “Shots Fired”), and in the Emergency Response Guideline pamphlet. Know how to respond to each type of emergency. Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting your location. **It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during an evacuation or sheltering emergency.** The Building Emergency Response Team will provide assistance to your instructor in evacuating the building or sheltering within the facility.

E. **Supplementary Assistance:** SIU is committed to assisting students with disabilities. With the cooperation of SIU’s Disability Support Services (DSS), each student who qualifies for reasonable supplementary assistance has the right to receive it. Students requesting supplementary assistance must first register with DSS in Woody Hall, B-150, 618-453-5738 or 618-453-2293 (TTY), by email DSS@siu.edu, or [http://disabilityservices.siu.edu/](http://disabilityservices.siu.edu/). Notice: If you have any type of special need(s) or disability for which you require accommodations to promote your learning in class, please contact me as soon as possible. The Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) offers various support services and can help you with special accommodations. You may wish to contact DSS to verify your eligibility and options for accommodations related to your special need(s) or disability.

**Student Services**

A. **Learning Support Services:** The Center for Learning Support Services (CLSS) assists students of all cultures, abilities, backgrounds and identities with enhancing their self-management and interdependent learning skills. Programs offered by CLSS include: group study sessions; math tutoring; academic coaching; early intervention program;
and study skills seminars. For additional information please contact CLSS in Woody Hall, Room A-313, 618-453-2925, or www.tutoring.siu.edu.

B. **Writing Center:** The Writing Center offers free tutoring services and assistance with improving writing skills to all SIU undergraduate students and faculty. For center locations and hours, to schedule an appointment online, and to view information regarding the Online Writing Lab (OWL) contact the Writing Center at 618-453-1231 (Morris Library location); 618-453-2927 (Trueblood location), or www.write.siu.edu.

C. **Saluki Cares:** The purpose of Saluki Cares is to develop, facilitate and coordinate a university-wide program of care and support for students in any type of distress-physical, emotional, financial or personal. By working closely with faculty, staff, students and their families, SIU will continue to display a culture of care and demonstrate to our students and their families that they are an important part of the community. To make a referral to Saluki Cares click, call or send: http://salukicares.siu.edu/index.html; 618-453-5714, or siucares@siu.edu.