EET 4450 Automatic Control Systems Spring 2026

When and where	Lecture (001) NE 2104 T, R - 2:30 – 3:50 pm	Lab (002) NE 2350 T 3:55 - 5:25 pm Lab (003) NE 2350 T 12:45-2:25 pm
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Office Hours	9:30-12:00 M,W	
Prerequisite	**Prerequisites:** EET 3250 for UG with min of D- or ENGT 3050 for UG with min of D-	
Textbook	All posted on hybridplc.org website under course.	
Useful References	DiStefano et al, Schaums Outlines – Feedback and Control Systems, 2nd ed. Astrom and Murray, Feedback Systems – An Introduction for Scientists and Engineers, v2.11b, online and at hybridplc.org website, control.com/education, Liptak, Instrument Engineers' Handbook, Process Measurement and Analysis, Process Control ISA (International Society of Automation), www.isa.org	
Grading	**Homework 10 %, Quizzes 10 %, Labs 20 %** **Midterm exam I 20 %, Midterm exam II 20 %** **Completion of 20 Video Reviews 20%**	
Class rules and regulations	1. No eating, drinking, or smoking in classrooms. 2. There are no make-up exams for this course. If you have a problem or conflict and cannot attend an exam, let me know beforehand and we will try to work something out. No credit will be given for a missed exam that we haven't made arrangements about beforehand unless you have a ***really excusable*** emergency. Cell phone use will not be allowed. If you do not have a calculator, buy one and bring it to class. Video Review books are only allowed using exam books – purchased – and handwritten ***Cheating is not allowed and will be punished by rules of U of Toledo Student Handbook.***	
Catalog descriptions	This course is an introduction to industrial controls, including the PID control of closed-loop servo and process systems, with emphasis placed on the electronic circuits of the closed-loop sub-systems.	
Topics and reading assignments (subject to change, any changes will be notified in the class beforehand)	• To study the basic elements of an automatic control system • To use block diagrams to describe the elements of a control system • To study the difference between open-loop and closed-loop systems • To use the knowledge of math and science in deriving the process model and use it in the controller design • To determine and design signal conditioning for the system • To study the operation of different transducers/sensors and their importance in a control system • To be able to design a controller for a system to satisfy a certain performance criterion • To study the operation and performance of different control strategies such as P, PI, PD and PID • To use Bode plots to study the stability of controlled systems • To use labs for hands on experience with different measuring devices and compare different control techniques	
Class dates (Exam dates are subject to change.)		

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	Date	Lecture/Lab Schedule	Homewrk/Lab Due Date
Week 1	1-13-26	Intro and Terms	
	1-15-26	Instruments and Linear Conversion	
Week 2	1-20-26	Automatic Control	
	1-22-26	Intro to Laplace	HW 1
Week 3	1-27-26	Laplace Cont, Lab 2	
	1-29-26	Laplace Cont	HW 2 - Lab 1
Week 4	2-3-26	Laplace Cont, Lab 3	
	2-5-26	Laplace Cont	HW 3 thru 4.12 - Lab 2
Week 5	2-10-26	Laplace Cont, Lab 4	
	2-12-26	Boxes	HW 4 any 15 - Lab 3
Week 6	2-17-26	Boxes, Lab 5	
	2-19-26	Boxes, Laplace Review	HW 5 any 10 - Lab 4
Week 7	2-24-26	Midterm Test 1, Lab 6	
	2-26-26	Return Midtern Test 1	Lab 5, all labs, HWs due
Week 8	3-3-26	Fall Break	
	3-5-26	Fall Break	
Week 9	3-10-26	Measurements	HW 6, Lab 6
	3-12-26	Sensors, Lab 8	
Week 10	3-17-26	Pressure and Flow	Lab 7
	3-19-26	Jim Pital – Introduction to Pneumatics Pneumatic Direction Control Valves (Full lecture)	
Week 11	3-24-26	Temperature	Lab 8
	3-26-26	Control Valves, Lab 9	HW 7
Week 12	3-31-26	Veterans Day Break	
	4-2-26	Pneumatics	Lab 9
Week 13	4-7-26	Electric Machines, Lab 10	HW 8
	4-9-26	PID Revisited – PPT 436-499	Lab 10
Week 14	4-14-26	Review, Lab 11	
	4-16-26	Review	HW 4a and 4b
Week 15	4-21-26	Test 2	Lab 11, 12
	4-23-26	Return Test and Wrap Up	
Final		Final Exam Week – Hand in Video Reviews	

Tacoma Narrows Bridge Collapse "Gallopin' Gertie"
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-zczJXSxnw

How to Read a P&ID? (Piping & Instrumentation Diagram)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=j4EOTerfyTY&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=1
Kaufman
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXB2qHsVsfM&list=PLj10k9JPIMAGPAIylqEkEr-oGKIMQPsge
What is a Fourier Transform?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmCIrpLBFds

More information can be found on MATLAB at:
https://rocketsutoledo.sharepoint.com/sites/ecchelp/eccwiki/ENG%20Virtual%20Labs.aspx

Modal Testing Seminar
https://community.sw.siemens.com/s/article/Modal-Testing-Seminar

How to Read a Datasheet
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=lWsh_ldxiUQ&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=63

Limit Switch Explained – Working Principles
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=8v7fInvKNQM&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=16

Diode Module | How does it work?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=gQNSpEOz5mM&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=17

Terminal Blocks Explained
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-kZ2ksav8g&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=19

What is a Sensor? Different Types of Sensors, Applications
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=XI49uFm5HRE&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=12

Smart Sensor Explained | Different Types and Applications
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=5b5xJu8KYrc&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=13

What is a Transistor | Working Principles
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=YtM_MnM0qT4&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=21

Basics of the Linear Variable Differential Transformer (LVDT)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=o_hEmYip248&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=55

Photoelectric Sensor Explained (with Practical Examples)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=l1rjErRvbgw&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=34

Photoelectric Sensor Wiring and Setup
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=g3utyglYy0E&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=36

3-wire Inductive Proximity Sensor | How to Read the Datasheet

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtNyLZ-BGa4&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=11

Inductive Sensor Explained | Different Types and Applications
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4_6yu-GIDU&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=37

Transmitter Explained | Types of Transmitters
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtNyLZ-BGa4

Pressure Sensor, Transducer, and Transmitter Explained | Application of Each
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=DVq10SGKHMU&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=41

How to Measure Flow Rate with a DP Transmitter
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=e169sklQ5Ys&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=2

DP Flow Transmitter Testing and Recalibration
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MzFQtQOl3c&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=3

Turbine Flow Meter Explained | Operation and Calibration
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=-RvwXGzzv4c&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=29

Ultrasonic Flow Meter Explained | Working Principles
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=JRKlR4YgMHw&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=43

Magnetic Flow Meter Explained | Working Principles
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=D999KDUj_QU&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=70

Pressure Gauge Explained | Types of Gauges
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=muWuIJS_F7k&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=50

Pressure Transmitter Explained | Working Principle
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=zS77qnlEPg0&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=9

Differential Pressure Transmitter Explained
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkMEto_x22A

The Differential Pressure Flow Measuring Principle (Orifice-Nozzle-Venturi)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUd4WxjoHKY

Manometer Explained | Working Principle
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=gxrkLkJybnA&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=20

Pressure Switch Explained | Types of Pressure Switches
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=1VdSxSRhadM&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=33

Bernoulli Equation
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DW4rItB20h4

DP Level Measurement Explained

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=ylhwPcyieTc&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=5&pp=iAQB

DP Closed Vessel Level Measurement Explained
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=VyHIgqqpGEc&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=7&pp=iAQB

Capacitive Sensor Explained | Different Types and Applications
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=o4_6yu-GIDU&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=37

Thermocouple Explained | Working Principles
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=mNoI62URtAk&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=54

How to Choose a Thermocouple (with Practical Examples)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=5IS6jq6IaVU&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=56

Understanding Temperature Sensor Technology: RTDs, Thermocouples, and Thermistors
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=J2ulD-bPTS4&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=76

Temperature Transmitter Explained | Connection and Calibration
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Kq22wxqzJ7g&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=44

What is an RTD | Working Principles
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=7nsIJ5fOLJ8&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=73

RTD Installation and Maintenance 101: A Beginner's Guide
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Fut1AYx0QAc&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=78

RTD vs Thermocouple: Which is Better for Your Needs?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=J2ulD-bPTS4&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=76

How to Wire a Thermocouple to a PLC
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=ZG574Ss56HA&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=58

What is a Control Valve?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=KtsiM1st0KA&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=14

Valve Sizing
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldLkbV3W7Pk

Festo Pneumatic Control
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5q7YasmwXCs

FluidSIM
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajLRtRs92lY

Big Bad Tech – Jim Pytel
https://atecentral.net/r44246/pneumatic_flow_control_methods_part_1_of_2

https://atecentral.net/r44247/pneumatic_flow_control_methods_part_2_of_2
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHto_QiORz0&list=PLdnqjKaksr8qM_nxfOnZhELfIlr6auQZG

https://openoregon.pressbooks.pub/hydraulics/chapter/1-2-hydraulics-math/#pb-interactive-content

https://openoregon.pressbooks.pub/hydraulics/

Pytel - motor starter with jogging
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcpXV9-ww1c&list=PLdnqjKaksr8qRPCFkU2Q8XQe0bfo99rs6&index=30
DC Motor
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWulQ1ZSE3c
AC Motor
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59HBoIXzX_c
VFD
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEPe7RDtkgo

Motor Starter Explained | Motor Starter Types
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=wEwX2PRebVU&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=26

What is a Contactor? | Working Principles
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=08ozhRb7HEU&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=38

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=08ozhRb7HEU&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=38

Electrical Grounding Explained | Basic Concepts
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YO-Dnk6ZKrI&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=32

Variable Frequency Drives Explained | VFD Basics - Part 1
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=HayryySX_po&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=57

Variable Frequency Drives Explained | VFD Basics - Part 2
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=DXjXh0cF8Kc&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=62

Kalman Filter with Student Dave
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FkCT_LV9Syk
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NT7nYv9Ri2Y

What are 2-Wire and 4-Wire Transmitter Output Loops?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Bk5bLrzwLII&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=4

Interpreting Typical Analog Input Control Loop Diagrams
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=fcF6ivDavrQ&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=8

WiFi vs Industrial Wireless - What is the Difference?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=QP8WF4UCmcw&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=22

Pressure Transducer and Transmitter Wiring Explained
https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=dt4Q69yMZYE&list=PLln3BHg93SQ9fq9jcwARIFCmrpXE2rZuj&index=53