Syllabus for ECE 464, Power Electronics
Fall Semester, 2015

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Prerequisite: Electronic Circuits (ECE 442/342)

Purpose: To learn fundamentals of electronics for electrical energy processing, and applications to renewable and alternative energy.

Course Structure:
Part One
Energy conversion and the future, switch circuit analysis, measures of quality, basic dc-dc converters
Part Two
Advanced dc-dc converters, rectifiers, inverters, and applications
Part Three
Real sources and loads, passive components, control of converters

Exams: Exam 1 is scheduled for Monday, October 5th, at 7:30 pm. Exam 2 is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th, at 7:30 pm. The final exam is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th, at 1:30 pm, and will include all material of the course. For exam 1, you are allowed one sheet of notes. For exam 2, you are allowed two sheets of notes. For exam 3, you are allowed three sheets of notes. No calculators are allowed (or needed).

Written Assignments: Written assignments are due on Fridays as you enter class. Late work is subject to a penalty of 10% per day, except that assignments turned in after the solution is posted will not receive credit. The lowest score on one homework will be dropped from your homework grade.

Grading:
Grading is on an absolute scale. You are compared against a performance standard, not to other students. Weightings are as follows:

Homeworks, other assignments, class participation: 20%
Test #1 25%
Test #2 25%
Final Examination 30%

The plus and minus system will be used, and grades are assigned on an absolute scale as follows:

A 88% and up (A- 88-90%)
B 78% to 87% (B + 85-87%, B- 78-80%)
C 67% to 77% (C+ 75-77%, C- 67-69%)
D 55% to 66% (D + 64-66%, D- 55-57%)

I reserve the right to adjust these numbers downward (in students' favor) but they are guaranteed maximums and will not be raised.