Instrumentation, Signals, and Control in Transportation Applications

ECE 5400

Credit Hours:
3.00

Course Levels:
Undergraduate (1000-5000 level)
Graduate (5000-8000 level)

Course Components:
Lecture

Course Description:
Interdisciplinary course bringing together electrical engineering tools and transportation applications. Students gain valuable experience working in teams while learning traffic flow, surveillance and control.

Prerequisites and Co-requisites:
Prereq: 2020 and 2050, and Math 2415; or Grad standing in Engineering, Biological Sciences, or Math and Physical Sciences.

Course Goals / Objectives:
- Provide students with a teamwork environment that is representative of the work strategies found in industry and research, but rarely in coursework
- Address an interdisciplinary topic with a holistic approach that bridges Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering (and to a lesser degree, other disciplines such as computer science and city planning)
- Provide a comprehensive course traffic flow theory, traffic surveillance and traffic control. These studies will form the foundation for a research program on traffic surveillance, traffic flow theory, and traffic control
- Introduce the students to managing and manipulating large quantities of raw data. This objective will include basic tasks such as working with analysis tools (e.g., Matlab)
- Distill meaningful information from large quantities of sensor data. Applications will include traffic control, traffic flow theory, and driver behavior (e.g., car following models)
Course Topics:
- Traffic flow theory- what are we monitoring and why?
- Existing traffic surveillance and control- hardware and software- how do we monitor and control traffic today and what are the shortcomings?
- Signals, shocks and disturbances- the waves that propagate through the traffic stream how do they travel and how do they affect traffic?
- New traffic surveillance technologies and traffic control methods
- Working with data analysis tools, e.g., Matlab

Designation:
Elective