# Boston University
# Dresden Program
# Electric Circuit Theory

**ENG EK 307** **Summer 2017**

**Prerequisite:** CAS PY 211 or CAS PY 251

**Lecturers:**

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| Lectures: Dr. A. Mögel | Tuesday<br>Thursday | 9.20 – 10.50, TOE 315<br>9.20 – 10.50, HSZ E01 |
| Seminar & Discussions: Dr. Jens Müller | Wednesday | 8.00 – 9.00, TOE 315 |
| Prelab Lectures: Dr. A. Mögel | Wednesday | 16.40 – 17.40, HSZ E01 |
| Lab: Dr. A. Mögel, Dr. Jan Müller, DI K. Mühlberg | Friday | (see schedule), TOE 301 |

**Text:** **Charles K. Alexander, Matthew N. O. Sadiku: Fundamentals of Electric Circuits. 5th edition, McGraw-Hill, 2013**

**References:** Recommended for additional reading:

Dorf and Svoboda: Introduction to Electric Circuits. John Wiley & Sons
Thomas and Rosa: The Analysis and Design of Linear Circuits. Prentice Hall
Neudorfer and Hassul: Introduction to Circuit Analysis. Allyn and Bacon
Hayt and Kemmerly: Engineering Circuit Analysis. McGraw-Hill
Simpson: Student Problem Set with Solutions. Prentice Hall
Johnson, Johnson and Hilburn: Student Problem Set with Solutions. Prentice Hall
Hayt and Kemmerly: Student Manual to Accompany Engineering Circuit Analysis. McGraw-Hill
Schaum's: 3000 Solved Problems in Electric Circuits. McGraw-Hill

**Exams:** You will have one mid-term exam and a final exam. The exams are closed-book, closed-notes. **No formula sheets will be allowed.**

**Quizzes:** You will have five 20-minute in lecture quizzes distributed randomly over the course, based on recent lectures and homework material.

**Discussion:** Discussion classes begin the first week of classes.

**Homework:** A homework set will be assigned weekly.

**Problem Presentation:** Every student will present solutions to problems selected from the homework material. The presentation will be graded.

**Laboratories:** To pass this course you must satisfactorily complete the Laboratory. There will be in-lab exams before each lab work.

**Absences:** Absences will hurt your progress and understanding. You are expected to attend every Lecture, Lab and Discussion session for which you are registered. You should not form other commitments conflicting with your EK 307 obligations. If you miss an Exam, Quiz, Homework, or Lab without a valid documented excuse, you will get zero points for that exercise. Only extreme circumstances will warrant an excused absence. In case of sickness, provide a doctor's note upon your first return to class. See your professor to discuss unusual circumstances.

Oversleeping, forgetfulness, inability to find the classroom, lack of preparation, heavy workloads in other courses, etc. are not valid reasons for missing an assignment. An early Final Exam will not be given to those booking air tickets for dates prior to the Exam. If you have a valid excuse, the following will apply: (1) you must make up a missed Midterm Exam, Final Exam or Lab, (2) a missing Quiz or Homework grade will be replaced by the average of your other Quiz or Homework grades.

**I and W Grades:** An I (Incomplete) grade will be given only in extreme circumstances in which most of the course has been completed and enforceable and uncontrollable circumstances prevent a student from completing the remaining requirements. A W (Withdrawal) grade will be given according to the University Calendar -- the professors will not backdate W forms.

**Collaboration:** All work done for credit must be your own! The Faculty, Teaching Fellows, and Teaching Assistants will not tolerate cheating of any kind. Collaboration is encouraged - engineers usually work collaboratively and learning improves if you work with others. Copying is not allowed.

**Course information:** Information or changes to this syllabus may be given during Lectures. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to seek out this information.

**Grading:** Grade appeals must be made in writing, and accompanied by the disputed work. These must be submitted within one week.

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| **Final Exam** | **30%** | **0...30 points** |
| **Mid Term Exam** | **25%** | **0...25 points** |
| **Quizzes** | **20%** | **0...4 points each quiz** |
| **Laboratory** | **25%** | **0...5 points each lab work** |
| **Problem Presentation** | **+ 3%** | **0...3 additional points** |

Grades will be assigned to the points achieved according the following table:

| Points | Grade |
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| ≥ 90 | A |
| ≥ 83 | A- |
| ≥ 76 | B+ |
| ≥ 69 | B |
| ≥ 62 | B- |
| ≥ 55 | C+ |
| ≥ 48 | C |
| ≥ 41 | C- |
| ≥ 34 | D |
| < 34 | F |

**Homework Assignments:**

**Distribution:** Homework will be assigned weekly in the lectures or discussion class.

**Quality of solutions:** The homework solutions should be neat and well-organized. Each solution should clearly indicate the technique used and assumptions made.

**Learning circuit theory:** **This is a problem-solving course** emphasizing analysis, but also including design and evaluation.
The importance of **working out the homework problems yourself** cannot be over-emphasized. Looking over other people's solutions is no substitute for working the problems on your own.
**If you don't do the problems, you won't learn circuit theory**.
You should work through all of the example problems as you read the text and read the unassigned problems at the end of each chapter to determine if you know how to approach their solutions.

**Resources / Help:** The reference books above have many more worked problems. Individual or group appointments with the lecturers can be made to answer questions and to help with solving problems. **Make use of all these resources!**