

# ENGG\*4560 Embedded System Design

## Winter 2014



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## 1 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

### 1.1 Instructor

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### 1.3 Teaching Assistants

<u>GTA</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Office Hours</u>
None	NA	NA

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## 2 LEARNING RESOURCES

### 2.1 Course Website

Course material, news, announcements, and grades will be regularly posted to the ENGG\*4560 Courselink site and on my personal course webpage. You are responsible for checking the sites regularly.

### 2.2 Required Resources

1. Rishiyur S. Nikhil, Cathy R. Czeck, *BSV By Example*, Bluespec Inc., 2010
2. Michael J. Flynn, Wayne Luk, *Computer System Design, System-on-Chip*, Wiley, 2011
1. Daniel D. Gajski, et al., *Embedded System Design, Modeling, Synthesis and Verification*, Springer, 2009

### 2.3 Additional Resources

**Lecture Information:** All lecture notes are posted on the ENGG\*4560 Courselink system (week #1 to week #12) under ENGG4560 LECTURES module.

**Lab Information:** The Engg\*4560 Embedded Systems Design Lab Manual is posted on the ENGG\*4560 Courselink system under the LABORATORY module.

**Assignments:** The assignments are posted on the ENGG\*4560 Courselink system under the ASSIGNMENTS module.

**Exams:** Some solutions of previous midterm exams will be posted on the ENGG\*4560 Courselink system under the EXAM SOLUTIONS section. Also, after the midterm exam a complete solution of the exam with the marking scheme applied will be posted for your reference.

**Miscellaneous Information:** Other information related to embedded systems design will be posted on the web page.

### 2.4 Communication & Email

Please use lectures and lab help sessions as your main opportunity to ask questions about the course. Major announcements will be posted to the course website. **It is your responsibility to check the course website regularly.** As per university regulations, all students are required to check their <uoguelph.ca> e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the University and its student.

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## 3 ASSESSMENT

### 3.1 Dates and Distribution

**Labs/Projects:** 60%

**Presentation:** 10%

See section 5.4 below for due dates

**Midterm Exam:** 10%

Fri Feb 28, 7 pm – 9 pm, Room RICH 2531

**Final Exam:** 20%

Mon April 21, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Room TBA on Webadvisor

### 3.2 Course Grading Policies

**Missed Assessments:** If you are unable to meet an in-course requirement due to medical, psychological, or compassionate reasons, please email the course instructor. See the undergraduate calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

**Accommodation of Religious Obligations:** If you are unable to meet an in-course requirement due to religious obligations, please email the course instructor at the start of the semester to make alternate arrangements. See the undergraduate calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Accommodation of Religious Obligations:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-accomrelig.shtml>

**Passing grade:** In order to pass the course, you must meet the following conditions:

1. Students must finalize and submit all the labs and projects (Demo + Report) and obtain a passing grade of 50% or higher in all the labs and projects. Also the students are required to have a good participation on the work evaluation form (+/- 10% variation max allowed). The work evaluation form can be downloaded from the Engg\*4560 Courselink system found under the LABORATORY module. If an overall grade of lower than 50% is obtained in any lab, the students need to arrange with the instructor a new demo and report submission. In this case, grade penalties will be applied as appropriate.
2. Obtain a passing grade of 50% or higher in the final exam or the midterm test.
3. If the course passing conditions 1 and 2 are not met then the final course grade will be the average of the exams out of 100% (the laboratory grades will not be considered).

**Contesting marks:** All laboratory and midterm exam marks must be contested within 1 day from the grade submission. Also the exam must be written in pen or ink for contest consideration.

**Missed midterm exam:** If you miss a test due to grounds for granting academic consideration or religious accommodation, you will need to arrange a makeup exam date with the instructor or other solution such as move the midterm exam weight to the final exam if that is appropriate.

**Lab/Project Work:** You must attend and complete all laboratories. If you miss a laboratory demo due to grounds for granting academic consideration or religious accommodation, arrangements must be made with the instructor to complete a makeup lab demo.

**Late Lab/Project Reports:** Late submissions of lab reports will be accepted only with the approval of the course instructor. However, penalties on late submissions will be applied. Applied penalties will be posted on Engg\*4560 CourseLink system.

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## 4 AIMS, OBJECTIVES & GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

### 4.1 Calendar Description

This course introduces the basic principles of embedded system design. It utilizes advanced hardware/software abstractions to help design complex systems. Topics include: design of embedded CPUs; embedded architecture cores; system-on-chip designs and integration using processor cores and dedicated core modules; embedded computing platforms; embedded programming design and analysis; processes and operating systems; networks for embedded systems; distributed embedded architectures; design examples that target robotics, automobile, and communication systems.

*Prerequisite(s):* ENGG3640

*Corequisite(s):* None

### 4.2 Course Aims

This course is a senior level course in electrical and computer engineering. The main goals of the course are (1) to teach students the fundamental of Bluespec System Verilog (BSV) as a programming language used in the design of electronics systems such as system-on-chip, FPGAs, and embedded systems (2) to teach students the basics of system-on-chip architectures and the performance issues related to the design of system-on-chip (3) to teach students the basic of the embedded systems design through modeling and synthesis tools.

### 4.3 Learning Objectives

At the successful completion of this course, the student will have demonstrated the ability to:

1. Program in BSV (Bluespec System Verilog)
2. Design simple system examples using BSV such as counters, 2-stage CPU pipeline, state machines, system interfaces.
3. Design a complex system-on-chip application using BSV.
4. System-on-chip architecture principles
5. Design of components for system-on-chip design such as processors, memory, interconnect
6. Chip basic performance analysis such as time, area, power, reliability and configurability
7. Embedded systems design modeling principles
8. Embedded system design synthesis principles at system, software and hardware levels

9. Demonstrate and communicate embedded system design results
10. Present new research results in the field of embedded systems design
11. Use of embedded systems design tools

#### 4.4 Graduate Attributes

Successfully completing this course will contribute to the following CEAB Graduate Attributes:

<b>Graduate Attribute</b>	<b>Learning Objectives</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
1. Knowledge Base for Engineering	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Exams, Labs/Projects
2. Problem Analysis	2, 3, 4, 6	Exams, Labs/Projects
3. Investigation	2, 3	Labs/Projects
4. Design	2, 3, 4, 6	Exams, Labs/Projects
5. Use of Engineering Tools	1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 11	Assignments, Labs/Projects
6. Communication	3, 9, 10	Labs/Projects/Presentation
7. Individual and Teamwork	3, 9, 10	Labs/Projects/Presentation
8. Professionalism	9, 10	Labs/Projects/Presentation
9. Impact of Engineering on Society and the Environment	-	-
10. Ethics and Equity	-	-
11. Environment, Society, Business, & Project Management	-	-
12. Life-Long Learning	2, 3, 9, 11	Labs/Projects/Presentation

#### 4.5 Instructor's Role and Responsibility to Students

The instructor's role is to develop and deliver course material in ways that facilitate learning for a variety of students. All lecture notes plus various exercises, examples and referenced resources will be made available to students on Courselink system in the appropriate module. However, these are not intended to be stand-alone course notes. During lectures, the instructor will expand and explain the content of notes and provide in class solutions to problems that supplement posted notes. Scheduled classes and labs will be the principal venue to provide information and feedback for tests and labs.

#### 4.6 Students' Learning Responsibilities

Students are expected to take advantage of the learning opportunities provided during lectures and labs. In addition students are encouraged to consult the instructor and the TA during the scheduled office hours or to contact the instructor or TA for any help needed. Students, especially those having difficulty with the course content, should also make use of other resources recommended by the instructor. Students who do (or may) fall behind due to illness, work, or extra-curricular activities are advised to keep the instructor informed. This will allow the instructor to recommend extra resources in a timely manner and/or provide consideration if appropriate.

## 4.7 Relationships with other Courses & Labs

### Previous Courses:

**ENGG\*3640** (Microcomputer Interfacing): instruction set architecture, microcontroller architecture, interfacing principles and components.

### Follow-on Courses:

NA

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## 5 TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

### 5.1 Timetable

#### Lectures:

Tuesday Sec 01 11:30am – 12:50pm MACK 228

Thursday Sec 01 11:30am – 12:50pm MACK 228

#### Laboratory:

Friday Sec 01 8:30am - 11:20pm RICH 2531

### 5.2 Lecture Schedule

Week	Lecture Topics	References	Learning Objectives
1	BSV programming part 1	[1]: Chapters 1-4	1, 2, 3
2	BSV programming part 2	[1]: Chapters 5 - 7	1, 2, 3
3	BSV programming part 3	[1]: Chapters 8-10	1, 2, 3
4	BSV programming part 4	[1]: Chapters 11-14	
5	System-on-chip design	[2]: Chapter 1	4
6	Chip basics performance analysis	[2]: Chapter 2	4, 6
7	Processors	[2]: Chapter 3	4, 5
8	Memory, Interconnect	[2]: Chapters 4, 5	4, 5
9	Embedded system design methodologies	[3]: Chapters 1, 2	7, 8
10	Embedded system design modeling	[3]: Chapter 3	7, 8
11	Embedded system synthesis	[3]: Chapters 4, 5, 6	7, 8, 11
12	Applications	[2]: Chapter 7	3, 11

### 5.3 Design Lab Schedule

Week	Activity	References	Learning Objectives
1	Lab safety presentation. Introduction to the embedded design tools.	Lab Manual	11
2	Lab1/Tutorial: BSV tutorial	Lab Manual	1, 2, 3,
3	Lab1/Tutorial: BSV tutorial	Lab Manual	1, 2, 3
4	Project 1 introduction	Lab Manual	3, 4
5	Project 1 implementation	Lab Manual	3, 4, 9, 11
6	Project 1 demo		3, 4, 9, 11
7	Lab2/Tutorial: Actel system-on-chip board and tools	Lab Manual	3, 4, 9, 11
8	Project 2 introduction	Lab Manual	3, 4, 9, 11
9	Project 2 implementation	Lab Manual	3, 4, 9, 11
10	Project 2 implementation	Lab Manual	3, 4, 9, 11
11	Project 2 demo		3, 4, 9, 11
12	Research Presentations		

### 5.4 Lab Schedule

Week	Topic	Due
1	Introduction to Lab Equipment and Safety Training	
1-3	Lab 1/Tutorial: BSV tutorial	Week 3: Demo
4-6	Project 1: Implementation of an AES system-on-chip using BSV	Week 6: Demo Week 6: Report
6	Lab 2/Tutorial: Actel SOC development board and tools	Week 7: Demo
8-11	Project 2: Target the BSV design into the Actel SOC board	Week 11: Demo Week 11: Report
12	Research Presentations	Week 12: Demo

### 5.5 Other Important Dates

Monday, 6 January 2014: First class

Monday, February 17 – Friday, February 21, 2014: Winter Break

Friday, March 7: drop date – 40th class

Friday, April 4 2014: last day of class

You can refer the student undergraduate calendars for the semester scheduled dates.

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## 6 LAB SAFETY

Safety is critically important to the School and is the responsibility of all members of the School: faculty, staff and students. As a student in a lab course you are responsible for taking all reasonable safety precautions and following the lab safety rules specific to the lab you are working in. In addition, you are responsible for reporting all safety issues to the laboratory supervisor, GTA or faculty responsible.

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## 7 ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community faculty, staff, and students to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection.

Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member.

### 7.1 Resources

The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml>

A tutorial on Academic Misconduct produced by the Learning Commons can be found at:

<http://www.academicintegrity.uoguelph.ca/>

Please also review the section on Academic Misconduct in your [Engineering Program Guide](#).

The School of Engineering has adopted a Code of Ethics that can be found at:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/engineering/undergrad-counselling-ethics>

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## 8 ACCESSIBILITY

The University of Guelph is committed to creating a barrier-free environment. Providing services for students is a shared responsibility among students, faculty and administrators. This relationship is based on respect of individual rights, the dignity of the individual and the University community's shared



commitment to an open and supportive learning environment. Students requiring service or accommodation, whether due to an identified, ongoing disability for a short-term disability should contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities as soon as possible.

For more information, contact CSD at [519-824-4120](tel:519-824-4120) ext. 56208 or email [csd@uoguelph.ca](mailto:csd@uoguelph.ca) or see the website: <http://www.csd.uoguelph.ca/csd/>

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## 9 RECORDING OF MATERIALS

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded or copied without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, classmate or guest lecturer. Material recorded with permission is restricted to use for that course unless further permission is granted.

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## 10 RESOURCES

The Academic Calendars are the source of information about the University of Guelph's procedures, policies and regulations which apply to undergraduate, graduate and diploma programs:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/index.cfm?index>