

**Southern Illinois University at Carbondale**  
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**Syllabus: ECE447 Semiconductor Devices**

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**Office Hours:** MW 1:00–3:00 PM, and by appointment

**Lecture:** MWF 3:00–3:50 PM, Engineering A Wing Room 220

**Labs:** online simulations on nanoHUB.org

**Prerequisite:** ECE375, ECE345; or equivalent

**Textbook:** (1) (main) Solid State Electronic Devices, 6th edition, by Ben Streetman and Sanjay Banerjee, ISBN# 9780131497269. (2) (supporting) Semiconductor Device Fundamentals, 2nd edition, by Robert F. Pierret, ISBN# 9780201543933.

**Course Topics:**

Introduction {2 classes}  
Atoms and electrons, quantum mechanics {4 classes}  
Crystal properties and energy bands {2 classes}  
Carrier statistics, generation and recombination {3 classes}  
Carrier transport mechanisms {3 classes}  
PN diodes {4 classes}  
Field-effect transistors {10 classes}  
Bipolar junction transistors {6 classes}  
Optoelectronic devices {4 classes}  
Integrated circuits {2 classes}

**Evaluation:**

Quizzes (best 4/6)	20%
Homework	15%
Midterm Exam	20%
Project	10%
Final Exam	25%
Lab	10%

**Note:**

1. Students are responsible for all announcements made in the class and posted on SIUC's webCT (blackboard).
2. Class materials will be posted on SIUC's webCT (blackboard) portal.
3. Emphasis will be given on the *conceptual understanding* of the subject-matter rather than on memorization of equations.