

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Course ECE 56000 - Body Sensors and Body Communications Networks

Type of Course Graduate Course

Catalog Description Principles of the acquisition, communication, and processing of in-

body and on-body signals. Design and implementation of Body sensors. Path-Loss modeling for on-body and in-body communications. Body sensor networks and topologies. Related communication protocols and Standards. Low Power sensors and

signal processing. Multi-Sensor Fusion.

Credits 3

Contact Hours 1

and Interfacing, OR equivalent courses, OR instructor approval

Textbook No textbook. The course material is composed of a series of online

slides and articles drawn from the scientific literature

Course Objectives To learn a basic knowledge of body sensors, body path-loss models

for wireless communications, body sensor networks, and the

processing of signals generated by the human body.

Course Outcomes Students who successfully complete this course will have demonstrated:

1. Understanding of power, time, and frequency characteristics of signals present in the human body [1]

- 2. Understanding the design and interfacing of body sensors [1]
- 3. Understanding the electromagnetic propagation characteristics present in- and on-body communication paths [1]
- 4. Ability to compute path-losses for different scenarios [1]
- 5. Ability to carry out simple designs of antennas for in- and on- body transmission of signals [2]
- 6. Understanding of network topologies [1]
- 7. Understanding of IEEE standards applicable to body sensor networks [1]
- 8. Understanding the power consumption of body sensors [1]
- 9. Understanding the algorithms and software used to process signals collected by body sensors [1]
- 10. Ability to design and implement signal processing algorithms [1]

Lecture Topics

- Characteristics of the human body as a signal generator and transmission medium
- Design and implementation of on-body and in-body sensors
- Body path-Loss characteristics and modeling for wireless communications
- Body Area Networks
- Communication Protocols
- IEEE 802.15.1, IEE 802.15.3, IEEE 802.15.4, IEEE 802.15.6
- Energy Scavenging
- Low-Power sensors and Signal Processing
- Multi-Sensor Fusion
- Dimensionality Reduction and Feature Selection

Computer Usage Medium

Laboratory Experience None

Design Experience Medium

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