



**ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
COURSE OUTLINE FORM**

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science

NEW COURSE: COS-IMGS-441-Noise and System Modeling

1.0 Course Designations and Approvals

Required course approvals:	Approval request date:	Approval granted date:
Academic Unit Curriculum Committee	7/23/10	8/17/10
College Curriculum Committee	10/19/10	12/3/2010

Optional designations:	Is designation desired?	*Approval request date:	**Approval granted date:
General Education:	No		
Writing Intensive:	No		
Honors	No		

2.0 Course information:

Course title:	Noise and System Modeling
Credit hours:	3
Prerequisite(s):	COS-MATH-251,COS-IMGS-261
Co-requisite(s):	None
Course proposed by:	Rich Hailstone
Effective date:	Fall 2013

	Contact hours	Maximum students/section
Classroom	3	30
Lab		
Studio		
Other (specify)		

2.1 Course Conversion Designation (Please check which applies to this course)

x	Semester Equivalent (SE) Please indicate which quarter course it is equivalent to: 1051-453 Image Systems Analysis III: Noise & Random Processes
	Semester Replacement (SR) Please indicate the quarter course(s) this course is replacing:
	New

2.2 Semester(s) offered (check)

Fall	X	Spring	Summer	Other
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All courses must be offered at least once every 2 years. If course will be offered on a bi-annual basis, please indicate here:

2.3 Student Requirements

Students required to take this course: (by program and year, as appropriate)

Third-year Imaging Science majors

Students who might elect to take the course: Students with appropriate prerequisites

3.0 Goals of the course (including rationale for the course, when appropriate):

Provide students with practical skills in the mathematical analysis and modeling of noise in imaging systems. Students will be able to measure, characterize, and diagnose the causes of noise and imaging inefficiencies in complex imaging systems.

4.0 Course description (as it will appear in the RIT Catalog, including pre- and co-requisites, and quarters offered). Please use the following format:

COS-IMGS-441

Noise & System Modeling

This course develops the concepts of noise modeling and random processes within the context of imaging systems. After a brief review of probability theory, the concept of image noise is introduced. Random processes are considered in both the spatial and spatial frequency domains, with emphasis on the autocorrelation function and power density spectrum. Finally, the principles of random processes are applied to signal and noise transfer in multistage imaging systems. At the completion of the course the student will be able to model signal and noise transfer within a multistage imaging system.

(COS-MATH-251, COS-IMGS-261) **Class 3, Credit 3 (F)**

5.0 Possible resources (texts, references, computer packages, etc.)

5.1 Course notes: Noise and Random Processes

5.2 Frieden, B.R., *Probability, Statistical Optics, and Data Testing*, Springer, New York, NY

6.0 Topics (outline):

- 6.1 Review of probability
- 6.2 Image noise
 - 6.2.1 Granularity
 - 6.2.2 Noise constant
 - 6.2.3 Photon noise and signal-to-noise ratio
 - 6.2.4 Detective quantum efficiency (DQE)
- 6.3 Random processes – spatial characterization
 - 6.3.1 First-order stationarity
 - 6.3.2 Second-order and wide sense stationarity
 - 6.3.3 Autocorrelation function and its properties
 - 6.3.4 Cross-correlation function and its properties
 - 6.3.5 Discrete and cyclostationary random processes
 - 6.3.6 Random processes and linear systems
- 6.4 Random processes – spectral characterization
 - 6.4.1 Power density spectrum (PDS) and its properties
 - 6.4.2 Relationship between the PDS and the autocorrelation function
 - 6.4.3 PDS for discrete and cyclostationary random processes
 - 6.4.4 White noise
 - 6.4.5 Correlated and uncorrelated noise
- 6.5 Zero-frequency analysis of signal and noise
 - 6.5.1 Rose model
 - 6.5.2 DQE and examples
 - 6.5.3 Photon amplifier modeling
 - 6.5.4 Cascaded DQE
- 6.6 Fourier analysis of signal and noise in continuous systems
 - 6.6.1 Response of linear systems to random signals
 - 6.6.2 Noise transfer and examples
 - 6.6.3 General equation for system DQE
 - 6.6.4 Quantum accounting diagram
- 6.7 Fourier analysis of signal and noise in discrete systems
 - 6.7.1 Discrete modulation transfer function (MTF), presampling and aliasing
 - 6.7.2 Discrete Wiener spectrum, presampling and noise aliasing
 - 6.7.3 Discrete DQE
 - 6.7.4 Analysis of a digital detector array
 - 6.7.5 System DQE

7.0 Intended course learning outcomes and associated assessment methods of those outcomes

Course Learning Outcome	Assessment 1	Assessment 2
7.1 Identify and describe the factors that govern noise and signal/noise ratio in imaging systems.	Homework	Examinations
7.2 Explain spatial aspects of random noise, including autocorrelation, autocovariance, and cross-correlation functions.	Homework	Examinations
7.3 Describe the power density spectrum and its application to noise in imaging systems.	Homework	Examinations
7.4 Describe detective quantum efficiency and its use in imaging system analysis.	Homework	Examinations
7.5 Describe how signal and noise are propagated in a multistage imaging system.	Homework	Examinations
7.6 Explain how the concept of signal and noise transfer must be modified for discrete imaging systems.	Homework	Examinations

8.0 Program outcomes and/or goals supported by this course

Provides mathematical skills with which to understand and model imaging system performance
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	General Education Learning Outcome Supported by the Course	Assessment Method
<i>Communication</i>		
	Express themselves effectively in common college-level written forms using standard American English	
	Revise and improve written and visual content	
	Express themselves effectively in presentations, either in spoken standard American English or sign language (American Sign Language or English-based Signing)	
	Comprehend information accessed through reading and discussion	
<i>Intellectual Inquiry</i>		
	Review, assess, and draw conclusions about hypotheses and theories	
	Analyze arguments, in relation to their premises, assumptions, contexts, and conclusions	
	Construct logical and reasonable arguments that include anticipation of counterarguments	
	Use relevant evidence gathered through accepted scholarly methods and properly acknowledge sources of information	
<i>Ethical, Social and Global Awareness</i>		
	Analyze similarities and differences in human experiences and consequent perspectives	
	Examine connections among the world's populations	
	Identify contemporary ethical questions and relevant stakeholder positions	
<i>Scientific, Mathematical and Technological Literacy</i>		
	Explain basic principles and concepts of one of the natural sciences	
	Apply methods of scientific inquiry and problem solving to contemporary issues	
	Comprehend and evaluate mathematical and statistical information	
	Perform college-level mathematical operations on quantitative data	
	Describe the potential and the limitations of technology	
	Use appropriate technology to achieve desired outcomes	
<i>Creativity, Innovation and Artistic Literacy</i>		
	Demonstrate creative/innovative approaches to course-based assignments or projects	
	Interpret and evaluate artistic expression considering the cultural context in which it was created	

10.0 Other relevant information (such as special classroom, studio, or lab needs, special scheduling, media requirements, etc.)

Smart classroom
