

# ESE 586 Microgrids

## Syllabus

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### 2 Course Description

Advanced modeling, control, resilience and security technologies useful for the grid modernization from a unique angle of microgrid design, analysis and operation. Smart inverters, microgrid architectures, distributed energy resources modeling, microgrid hierarchical control, microgrid stability, fault management, resilient microgrids through programmable networks, reliable networked microgrids, and cyber security.

### 3 Classroom and Time

Frey Hall 226  
Friday 11am-1:50 pm

### 4 Course Learning Objectives

The course aims to help students build a solid foundation for analyzing modern power systems. Basic concepts and knowledge for power system modeling, steady-state analysis, dynamic and stability analysis, optimal operation, and control will be introduced, along with lucid examples and hands-on experiments. Homework assignments are designed to improve students' skills in using mathematical algorithms to analyze power systems.

Upon completing this course, students will understand fundamental analytics of modern power system operations, which are particularly useful for power industry applications, and will gain experience in analyzing benchmark power systems. This course will also significantly enhance students' skills in using applied mathematical knowledge and programming technologies to solve engineering problems.

### 5 Student Learning Outcomes

By the time the course is completed, students will have acquired knowledge and skills with microgrids which include the ability to:

- Understand the concepts of microgrids, and networked microgrids;
- Model PV power systems and standard grid-tied inverter;
- Analyze distribution grid power flow; Understand centralized control and distributed control in microgrids, especially primary, secondary and tertiary control;
- Conduct power flow analysis for droop-control-based microgrids and networked microgrids;
- Understand fault ride-through and active fault management for microgrids;
- Understand basics of cybersecurity in microgrids and active defense strategy.

## 6 Schedule

### Week 1 Introduction

- Concept of microgrids
- Operation mode and architecture of microgrids

### Weeks 2-3 Microgrid Modelling

- Distributed energy resources (DERs) modelling I: PV system, MPPT, and energy storage
- Distributed energy resources modelling II: Wind Turbine, Microturbine, and other DERs
- Microgrid inverter structures

### Week 4 Microgrid Control

- Centralized control
- Hierarchical principle: Primary, secondary and tertiary control
- Distributed control

### Weeks 5-6 Enhanced Microgrid Power Flow

- Power flow
- Distribution power flow
- Networked microgrid power flow

### Week 7 Microgrid Stability

- Small-signal stability and modal analysis; Large-signal stability and time-domain simulation
- Stability of inverter-based microgrids

### Week 8 DC Microgrids

- Overview of DC microgrids
- DC microgrid control

### Week 9 Formal Analysis of Networked Microgrids

- Introduction to reachability theory
- Reachability analysis of microgrids

### Week 10 Active Fault Management for Networked Microgrids

- Fault ride through
- Multi-functional Active Fault Management (AFM)

### Week 11 Resilient Microgrids through Software Defined Networking

- SDN-enabled control and communication architecture
- Distributed regulation of networked microgrids; Cyber-hardware-in-the-loop testbed

### Week 12 Cybersecurity in Microgrids

- Introduction to cyber attacks
- Active detection of cyber attacks

### Weeks 13-14 Advanced Computing Techniques of Microgrids

- Machine learning for resilient microgrids
- Quantum information processing in microgrid

### Week 15 Term Project Presentations

## 7 Course Materials

- Lecture notes developed by Prof. Zhang.
- Textbook: **Microgrids: Theory and Practice**, Wiley-IEEE Press, 2024. ISBN: 9781119890850.
- Reference: **Networked Microgrids**, Cambridge University Press, 2021. ISBN: 9781108497657.

## 8 Evaluation Scheme

Homework Assignments: 40%  
Term Project: 40%  
Participation: 20%

### Grading Scale

Score	Grade	Score	Grade
≥90	A	70-74	B–
85-89	A–	65-69	C
80-84	B+	60-64	D
75-79	B	<60	F

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