

# SYLLABUS

## ECE 426: Digital Computer Design 3(3,0) Section 1 – Spring Semester, 1998

- Goals:** Understand design of high-speed ALUs  
Understand design of control and timing circuitry  
Understand design of memory and I/O systems  
Understand modern design methodologies (CAD and HDL)
- Instructor:** Walt Ligon, EIB 335, 656-1224, walt@eng.clemson.edu
- Office Hours:** MWF 10:05 to 11:05 or by appointment
- Lecture Hours:** MWF 11:15 to 12:05 Riggs 223
- TA/Grader:** Fred Stivers, Riggs 315, 656-1142
- Text:** Mano, Digital Design (recommended)  
Skahill, VHDL for Programmable Logic
- Grading:** Homework: 10%  
Mid-Term Exam: 25%  
Design Projects: 40%  
Final Exam: 25%
- Attendance:** Required. No late work accepted.  
Make-up tests by prior appointment only.  
Wait 15 minutes for late instructor.
- Academic Honesty:** All work on quizzes, tests, design assignments, and labs is to be wholly your own. Possessing, using, providing, or exchanging improperly acquired written, verbal, or electronic information will be considered a violation of the academic honor code. Violations will result in a grade of F for the semester. Honor Pledge to be written on each assignment and signed.

## ECE426 - Topic List

- Design Methodology
  - Definition
  - Design
  - Produce and Test
- CAD Tools
  - Schematic Capture
  - Hardware Description Languages
    - VHDL
    - Verilog
    - ABEL
  - Simulation, Place and Route, etc.
- Programmable Logic
  - ROMs
  - PLAs
  - PALs
  - FPGAs
- State machine design and implementation
  - FSM design
  - Asynchronous logic
  - Performance issues
- ALU design
  - Adder/Subtractors
  - Multipliers
- Design Projects