

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
REQUEST FOR ADDITION, EXPIRATION,  
OR REVISION OF AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE  
(10000-40000 LEVEL)

DEPARTMENT School of Electrical and Computer Engineering EFFECTIVE SESSION 201710

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check the items below which describe the purpose of this request.

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<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Add existing course offered at another campus	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Change in instructional hours
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<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Change in course title	<input type="checkbox"/> 11. Change in semesters offered (department head signature only)
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<b>PROPOSED:</b> Subject Abbreviation <u>ECE</u> Course Number <u>40862</u> Long Title <u>Software for Embedded Systems</u> Short Title <u>Software for Embedded Systems</u>	<b>EXISTING:</b> Subject Abbreviation _____ Course Number _____	<b>TERMS OFFERED</b> Check All That Apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring <b>CAMPUS(ES) INVOLVED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Calumet <input type="checkbox"/> N. Central <input type="checkbox"/> Cont Ed <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Statewide <input type="checkbox"/> Ft. Wayne <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Lafayette <input type="checkbox"/> Indianapolis
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Abbreviated title will be entered by the Office of the Registrar if omitted. (30 CHARACTERS ONLY)

<b>CREDIT TYPE</b> 1. Fixed Credit: Cr. Hrs. _____ 2. Variable Credit Range: _____ Minimum Cr. Hrs _____ (Check One) To <input type="checkbox"/> Or <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum Cr. Hrs _____ 3. Equivalent Credit: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>COURSE ATTRIBUTES: Check All That Apply</b> 1. Pass/Not Pass Only <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Only <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Repeatable <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum Repeatable Credit: _____ 4. Credit by Examination <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Fees <input type="checkbox"/> Coop <input type="checkbox"/> Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Rate Request <input type="checkbox"/> Include comment to explain fee _____ 6 Registration Approval Type <input type="checkbox"/> Department <input type="checkbox"/> Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Variable Title <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Honors <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Full Time Privilege <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Off Campus Experience <input type="checkbox"/>
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Schedule Type	Minutes Per Mtg	Meetings Per Week	Weeks Offered	% of Credit Allocated	Cross-Listed Courses
Lecture	50	3	15	100	
Recitation					
Presentation					
Laboratory					
Lab Prep					
Studio					
Distance					
Clinic					
Experiential					
Research					
Ind. Study					
Pract/Observ					

**COURSE DESCRIPTION (INCLUDE REQUISITES/RESTRICTIONS):**  
This course provides an introduction to software design for embedded computing systems. Major topics covered include the importance of time and timing in embedded systems, embedded software organization (FSM-based program design, polled loop systems, foreground- background systems, event driven architectures, multi-tasking, etc.), real-time scheduling and real-time operating systems, wired/wireless networked embedded systems, debugging techniques for embedded software, and advanced topics such as memory-safe programming, implementing reentrant functions, and minimizing code space, memory usage, and power consumption. The course features a series of integrated assignments using state-of-the-art embedded hardware platforms, embedded software design tools, and real-time operating systems that reinforce the concepts taught in the lectures.

**\*COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**  
i. an understanding of the embedded software design process and tools used. [k]  
ii. an understanding of various software architectures for embedded systems. [a,c]  
iii. an ability to apply advanced debugging techniques to embedded software. [b,e]  
iv. an ability to analyze and implement real-time embedded applications. [a,c]  
v. an ability to design and implement distributed applications for networked embedded systems. [b,c]

Calumet Department Head _____ Date _____	Calumet School Dean _____ Date _____
Fort Wayne Department Head _____ Date _____	Fort Wayne School Dean _____ Date _____
Indianapolis Department Head _____ Date _____	Indianapolis School Dean _____ Date _____
North Central Faculty Senate Chair _____ Date _____	Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs _____ Date _____
<i>[Signature]</i> _____ Date <u>3/7/16</u>	<i>[Signature]</i> _____ Date <u>3/1/16</u>
West Lafayette Department Head _____ Date _____	West Lafayette Registrar _____ Date _____

**TO:** The Faculty of the College of Engineering  
**FROM:** The Faculty of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
**SUBJECT:** New Course numbered ECE 40862.

The faculty of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering has approved the following new course. This action is now submitted to the Engineering Faculty with a recommendation for approval.

**ECE 40862 Software for Embedded Systems**

Sem. 1, 2. Lecture 3, Credit 3.

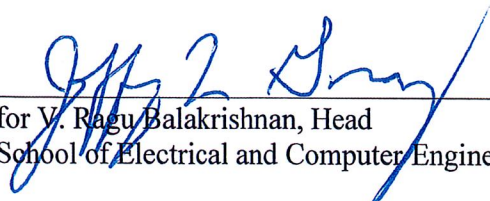
Prerequisite: ECE 36200, CS 15900

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**REASON:**

The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering seeks to give students hands-on experience in addition to a theoretical background in software for embedded systems. By completing hands-on assignments, students will gain experience with a number of essential tools and techniques used in the creation and maintenance of such systems. The proposed course gives students the opportunity to learn, with platforms and simple exercises, concepts such as cross compilation, polling & interrupts, control loop design, TinyOS, Linux, Real-time scheduling, MSP430F5438 & Beagleboard platforms, and writing simple distributed embedded applications. ECE has a number of qualified faculty capable of teaching this course. This course has been offered experimentally in various previous semesters: Spring 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013 and most recently in Fall 2015.

  
for V. Ragu Balakrishnan, Head  
School of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Approved for the faculty of the Schools  
of Engineering by the Engineering  
Curriculum Committee

ECC Minutes 14 Date 11-23-16  
Chairman ECC [Signature]



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**Learning Objectives:**

*A student who successfully fulfills the course requirements will have demonstrated:*

- i. an understanding of the embedded software design process and tools used. [k]
- ii. an understanding of various software architectures for embedded systems. [a,c]
- iii. an ability to apply advanced debugging techniques to embedded software. [b,e]
- iv. an ability to analyze and implement real-time embedded applications . [a,c]
- v. an ability to design and implement distributed applications for networked embedded systems. [b,c]

**Assessment Method for Learning Objectives:** The students will have several opportunities to satisfy the course outcomes including design assignments and a midterm/final exam. A student will satisfy each course outcome when his/her score for the corresponding exam/assignment question(s) equals or exceeds 40%, which represents minimal competency. If the student fails to meet this level of minimal competency on a specific course outcome, the student will have a second chance to do so by appearing for a retest (either written or through an interview, to be chosen by the instructor). While the retest will not affect the student's score on the original test, it will provide him/her a second opportunity to demonstrate competency on the course material, and satisfy the course outcome.

**Lecture Outline:**

<b>Week(s)</b>	<b>Major Topics</b>
1	Introduction to embedded systems and associated tool flow
2	Review of embedded hardware
1	Time and clocks in embedded systems
3	Software architectures for embedded systems
3	Real-time operating systems
2	Software for networked and distributed embedded systems
2	Debugging techniques for embedded software
1	Advanced topics

**Total 15 class sessions****Required Text:**

*An Embedded Software Primer*, David E. Simon, Addison-Wesley Professional, 1999, ISBN No. 13: 978-0201615692.

**Recommended Text:**

*Introduction to Embedded Systems, A Cyber-Physical Systems Approach*, E.A. Lee and S.A. Seshia, 2011, ISBN No. 978-0-557-70857-4.