

Academic Year: (2022 / 2023)

Review date: 26-05-2021

Department assigned to the subject: Electronic Technology Department

Coordinating teacher:

Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 4 Semester : 1

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Digital Electronics

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this content area, students will be able to have:

1. coherent knowledge of integrated circuit design including the use of advanced professional design tools;
2. the ability to apply their knowledge and understanding to identify, formulate and solve design problems using an appropriate methodology based on the use of hardware description languages, simulation and synthesis;
3. the ability to apply their knowledge and understanding to analyse engineering products, evaluating and optimizing the use of hardware resources and the performance of integrated circuits;
4. the ability to apply their knowledge and understanding to develop and realise designs that meet specified requirements;
5. an understanding of design alternatives (structural, behavioural, IP-based, etc.), and an ability to use them;
6. the ability to design and conduct appropriate simulations and tests, interpret the data and draw conclusions to debug a design;
7. workshop and laboratory skills.
8. the ability to select and use appropriate equipment, tools and methods;
9. the ability to combine theory and practice to solve integrated circuit design problems at RT level;
10. an understanding of applicable techniques and methods to integrated circuit design at RT level and of their limitations;

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Introduction to integrated circuits and microelectronics. Design methodology.
 - Implementation of digital circuits. Integrated circuits and FPGAs. Pros and cons.
 - The design process of an integrated circuit. Design tools. Design flow.
 - Hardware Description Languages (HDLs). Pros and cons.
2. Review and extension of VHDL language concepts
 - Structural design and component instantiation
 - Packages
 - Concurrent and sequential statements. Processes.
 - Objects. Considerations about the use of variables and signals.
 - Data types and operators.
 - + Scalar types
 - + Composite types: ARRAY and RECORD
 - + Subtypes
 - + Operators and conversion functions
 - + Attributes
 - + Synthesis of data types
 - VHDL design of combinational circuits
 - + Conditional statements and combinational circuits
 - + Rules for the design of synthesizable combinational circuits
 - VHDL design of sequential circuits
 - + Synchronous and asynchronous sequential circuits
 - + Rules for the design of synthesizable sequential circuits
 - + Register and flip-flop inference
3. Design validation by simulation

- General structure of a test bench
- Stimuli generation
 - + Waveform generation using concurrent statements
 - + Waveform generation using sequential statements
 - + Application examples
- Output checking. ASSERT statement.
- Use of files for input and output
- 4. Design organization. Generic design.
 - Design organization
 - Generic design
 - + Generic parameters
 - + IP blocks
 - + Types of IP blocks. Configuration and use.
 - + Application examples
 - Iterative statements
 - + Sequential iterative statements. Loops
 - + Concurrent iterative statements
 - Subroutines. Functions and procedures.
- 5. FPGAs
 - Introduction. Types of FPGAs
 - Internal structure of a FPGA
 - Basic resources
 - + Logic cells. Operating modes
 - + Input/Output blocks
 - + Routing resources
 - Advanced resources
 - + Memory blocks
 - + Arithmetic blocks (DSPs)
 - + Clock management and PLLs
 - + Other resources
 - Configuration
 - Examples of FPGA families and devices
 - Applications
- 6. Synthesis and design optimization
 - Digital systems and abstraction levels
 - Synthesis steps
 - Design objectives. Estimation of area and delay.
 - Design optimization techniques at different abstraction levels
 - Design optimization at the RT level. Serial, parallel and pipelined implementations.
 - Clock frequency adjustment. Clock generation.
 - Estimation of power consumption. Low power design.
 - Examples with tools

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- Lectures: 1 session/week (2 h.)
- Practice: 1 session/week (2 h.). Most sessions in Computer Room to develop practical exercises using design tools
- Lab. Practice: 4 sessions, 3 h. each. Devoted to implement a practical circuit
- Personal assistance, as scheduled by the professor

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Continuous evaluation system based on:

- Midterm partial exam: 15%
- Design works proposed by the professor, to be carried out in practice sessions and lab sessions: 50%
- Final exam: 35%

It is mandatory to fulfill the design works proposed by the professor.

% end-of-term-examination:	35
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	65

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