

# Digital Integrated Circuits

Programme course

6 credits

Digitala integrerade kretsar

TSTE86

Valid from: 2017 Spring semester

**Determined by**

Board of Studies for Electrical  
Engineering, Physics and Mathematics

**Date determined**

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## Main field of study

Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering

## Course level

Second cycle

## Advancement level

A1X

## Course offered for

- Electronics Engineering, Master's Programme
- Computer Science and Engineering, M Sc in Engineering
- Industrial Engineering and Management - International, M Sc in Engineering
- Industrial Engineering and Management, M Sc in Engineering
- Information Technology, M Sc in Engineering
- Applied Physics and Electrical Engineering - International, M Sc in Engineering
- Applied Physics and Electrical Engineering, M Sc in Engineering
- Computer Science, Master's programme

## Entry requirements

Note: Admission requirements for non-programme students usually also include admission requirements for the programme and threshold requirements for progression within the programme, or corresponding.

## Prerequisites

Knowledge on basic electrical components like resistors, capacitors, inductors, and semiconductors. Ability to solve basic electrical, switching theory, and logical design problems.

## Intended learning outcomes

The course aims at providing knowledge on the design of digital integrated circuits. After the course is completed the students should be able to perform the following:

- use methods and techniques for implementation and verification of circuits
- understand the possibilities and limitations of circuits in System-on-Chip design
- comprehend and apply electrical models of integrated components and interconnect
- estimate circuit performance.

## Course content

The lectures, exercises, and laboratory work treat the following subjects:

- review of CMOS processes and semiconductor technology
- electrical and geometrical properties of the MOSFET
- modelling of wires and interconnect
- design of basic logic circuits, such as static and dynamic gates, latches and flip-flops
- digital circuit timing and clocking
- estimation of performance and power dissipation
- logic and arithmetic blocks, data paths, control units and memories
- I/O and chip packaging
- layout strategies and CAD tools
- overview of ASIC design flow from logic synthesis to layout
- overview of design verification including estimation, simulation and testing.

## Teaching and working methods

The course consists of lectures, and in connection to those, exercises and laboratory work. The course is given in Ht1 and is completed within one study period.

## Examination

LAB1	Laboratory Work	1.5 credits	U, G
TEN1	Written Examination	4.5 credits	U, 3, 4, 5

The examination problems test the student's comprehension of circuit structure and function, circuit design skill, and ability to analyse the circuit performance. Five homework problems are given during the course, which are awarded points in the written examination, if solved. Three laboratory work passes demonstrate and test CAD tools, circuit design, and physical hardware behaviour. The laboratory work is complete when all mandatory exercises are completed.

## Grades

Four-grade scale, LiU, U, 3, 4, 5

## Department

Institutionen för systemteknik

## Director of Studies or equivalent

Tomas Svensson

## Examiner

Mark Vesterbacka

## Course website and other links

<http://www.isy.liu.se/edu/kurs/TSTE86/>

## Education components

Preliminary scheduled hours: 60 h

Recommended self-study hours: 100 h

## Course literature

### Additional literature

#### Books

Jan M. Rabaey, Anantha Chandrakasan, and Borivoje Nikolic, (2003) *Digital Integrated Circuits* 2nd ed  
ISBN: ISBN 0-13-120764-4

## Common rules

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