ECE 597/697DM — Post-CMOS Materials and Devices

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
University of Massachusetts at Amherst
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**Day & Time:** Tue/Thu: 10:00-11:15 Am  
**Place:** TBD  
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**Office Hours:** Tue 1:00-3:00 pm or by appointments

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**Course Description**  
Since traditional CMOS devices cannot meet the needs in the so-called ‘big data’ and Internet of Things (IoT) era, the world research community is aggressively searching for novel materials and devices beyond CMOS. This course will cover the fundamentals of materials and emerging electronic devices (e.g. Memristors and Spintronics) used as logic, memory, storage, sensor and display. Novel computing paradigms enabled by these emerging devices will also be introduced. Recent progress, current challenges and future directions will also be reviewed and discussed. The course is intended to be self-contained by covering materials, devices and applications.

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**Course Goals**  
- To introduce basic materials science knowledge: thermodynamics, kinetics, properties, characterizations.  
- To introduce emerging electronic and ionic devices: mechanisms, structure, promises, challenges.  
- To survey recent progress of unconventional computing enabled by emerging devices.

**Lecture Topics:**  
- Materials basics (structure, defects, classifications, bonds etc.)  
- Electronic properties of materials (electrical, magnetic etc.)  
- Thermodynamics and applications  
- Kinetics and applications  
- Thin films deposition and growth  
- Materials characterization techniques  
- Emerging Memory devices  
- Emerging Logic devices  
- Brain-inspired computing  
- Novel applications of emerging devices

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**Course Materials**
Lectures and lecture notes are the primary course materials.

**Recommended Textbooks**

**Useful Reference Textbooks**

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**Grading**
Homework - 10%
Midterm Exam - 30%
Final Exam - 30%
Course Project – 30%