UMass On-line Microwaves Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1.) When are these classes scheduled?
   Classes are scheduled synchronously with the same on-campus courses. They are offered regularly the fall or spring term as listed. See also: https://www.umass.edu/uww/classes/explore

2.) How much do these classes cost?
   The charge is $700 per credit plus $47 per semester registration fee. Most courses are three credits. ECE 584 is the only one that is worth four credits.

3.) Am I prepared for a course?
   These are graduate courses. At minimum, you should have an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering or related science. Beyond that each course has its own prerequisites. It is a good idea to discuss your preparation with the instructor of the course to see if you have sufficient background to proceed.

4.) When does the semester start?
   Courses start at the same time as the in-person courses. For the Spring 2021 courses, they will begin on February 1st. In the fall, courses nominally begin on the first Tuesday after Labor day (early September).

5.) Do I need to begin taking course in the fall?
   No, you can begin taking courses at any time that you want to begin. You can only take the courses during the term that they are offered however.

6.) How long do the courses go?
   The courses go for 13 weeks.

7.) What is the difference between these courses and special topics courses that I can take at professional conferences and one-week short courses?
   These courses are full university-level courses. They are more in-depth than short courses and are equivalent to those that you would take in-person at the University.

8.) Do I have to take the courses synchronously (at the same time that the class is offered)?
   The expectation is that you will attend and participate in the class during its normal class time. The intention is to make the on-line experience as close to the in-class experience as possible. Given that, most of the classes will be recorded, primarily for review purposes. If you unable to attend some lectures, those recordings will be available to you.
9.) **Am I required to take the Microwave Certificate program to take these courses?**
   No, the classes may be taken individually.

10.) **How do I register?**
    Follow this link: [https://www.umass.edu/uww/resources/how-to-enroll-as-a-new-student](https://www.umass.edu/uww/resources/how-to-enroll-as-a-new-student)

11.) **I am having trouble registering for a course, what should I do?**
    send an email to: microwaves@umass.edu

12.) **My question isn’t represented here, what should I do?**
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