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ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code ECE-426	Course Title Optical Networks	ECTS 6
Department Engineering	Semester Fall or Spring	Prerequisites ECE-354, ECE-446
Type of Course Required	Field Engineering	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st cycle	Year of Study 4 th	Lecturer Dr Antonis Hadjiantonis
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Familiarize students with the optical network evolution, from the point-to-point link to the intelligent transport
- Introduce the main elements and components of the all-optical networking solution
- Explore the capabilities and limitations of the optical network

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Identify the three generations of optical networking evolution
- Name the all-important technological issues that affect how optical networks are implemented
- Comprehend the potentialities and limitations of optical networks
- Underline how these networks fit in the more classical communication networks based on electronic time division
- Compare the performance of optical networks via computer discrete-event simulation.

Course Contents:

- Review of propagation of signals in the optical fiber (attenuation, dispersion etc.)
- The three generations optical networks (point-to-point link, the single station-to-multistation multipoint network, and the any-to-any connected network.
- Elements of all-optical networks: Optical Add and Drop Multiplexers (OADM), Optical Amplifiers (EDFA and SOA) and Optical Switches (OXC).
- The optical node: opaque nodes, transparent nodes translucent nodes.
- The switching fabric: blocking versus non-blocking switches
- Optical amplifiers (Semiconductor Optical Amplifiers and Erbium-Doped Fiber Amplifiers.
- Wavelength-Division Multi-Access (WDMA) network service provisioning.
- Survivability: Protection vs. restoration, link vs. path protection, dedicated vs. shared

protection.

- Control and management of optical networks
- Discussion of current trends in optical networking (like optical packet and burst switching, and optical access using passive networks)

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, in-class exercises and examples, and computer simulations

Assessment Methods:

Midterm exam, final exam, homework and a computer simulation project

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Biswanath Mukherjee	Optical WDM Networks	Springer	2006	0387290559

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Rajiv Ramaswami and Kumar N. Sivarajan	Optical Networks: a practical perspective	Morgan Kaufman	2002	1558606556
T. E. Stern, G. Ellinas and K. Bala	Multiwavelength Optical Networks: Architectures, Design, and Control	Cambridge University Press	2008	0521881390
Glen Kramer	Ethernet Passive Optical Networks	McGraw- Hill Professional	2005	0071445625