

## MEMORANDUM

To: Distance Learning Students in ECE639, Spring, 2002  
From: Dr. Nirwan Ansari, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Date: January 16, 2002  
Subject: Welcome

Welcome to ECE639, Principles of Broadband ISDN and ATM. This course consists of video/audio streamed lectures burnt into two CDs. The CDs are available through Have Inc. <http://www.haveinc.com/mall/store1/>. There are many references in the market, but none will address all the issues lectured in this course. For your benefits, each lecture provides a list of references from which the lecture is based. The adopted text by Leon-Garcia and Widjaja provides a rather good overview, but many other books may do as well. Since this course covers the cutting edge technologies on Broadband ISDN and ATM, students are expected to keep updated by reading journal and magazine articles. We will follow the regular NJIT class calendar where classes begin during the week of January 22, 2002.

Let me emphasize, particularly for those of you who are new to distance learning, that it requires a considerable degree of discipline and self control to keep up to date with the lectures, readings, and assignments. In order to help you to stay on schedule, homework assignments will be issued and are due by fax on a regular basis. All updated information such as assignments, tests, due dates, grading, course outline, etc., is conveyed through my web page, <http://web.njit.edu/~ang>. Please ignore such information, if any, on the CDs.

I am available for consultation on any matter relating to the course. You may contact me by any of the following means:

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If I am not in my office when you call, I will return your call as soon as possible. You may drop by my office during my office hours.

All students MUST have an email account for communication. Please inform me of your email address by January 29, 2001 so that I can set up an email system to contact all of you quickly. The passwords to access various parts of my web page such as assignments will be conveyed to you through emails.

I strongly encourage you to get in touch with me early in the course if you are experiencing problems or if you have questions. You may arrange to meet with me in person at the Newark campus of NJIT at any mutually convenient time. I am looking forward to working with you this semester to make this a beneficial as well as enjoyable learning experience.