

**Goals for Exam 1: ECE 656, Thursday, September 21, 2017**

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The exam will be conducted in class. You should bring a calculator. **Only the Texas Instruments TI-30X IIS scientific calculator is allowed.** A sheet of key equations will be provided.

The exam will consist of 3-4 questions about some of the following topics.

- 1) A general understanding of band structure, quantum confinement, and heterostructures.
- 2) An ability to work out sums and integrals and be familiar with Fermi-Dirac integrals.
- 3) An understanding of density-of-states (DOS) – how to compute a  $DOS(E)$  and how to interpret a given DOS.
- 4) A general understanding of topics in scattering: transition rates, Fermi's Golden Rule, characteristic times, scattering potentials and electron-phonon coupling, etc.
- 5) Knowledge of the general features of scattering in common semiconductors, bulk and quantum confined structures
- 6) An ability to perform basic scattering-related calculations – such as transition rates and characteristic times.