Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award

Dr. Anastasios Chassiakos
Electrical Engineering/Computer Engineering and Computer Science

Dr. Anastasios Chassiakos believes a teacher can pave the road to student success by integrating teaching, research, and service. For more than 15 years, he has put that belief into practice at CSULB.

With a diverse background in math and engineering, Dr. Chassiakos, continually strives to enhance his teaching. He works to ensure students understand the fundamentals of the course, encourages students to use technology and software tools to produce rapid results and alternative solutions to basic and complex problems, and calls on them to put what they have learned into practice. He receives evaluation scores above the college average, and in many cases earns the perfect score of 5.

Dr. Chassiakos has introduced and developed 11 new courses. When he began teaching CECS 271 in 2008, he realized the designated textbook did not fit the objectives of the course. Unable to find an existing textbook that would cover the unique combination of topics that were included in the curriculum, he authored a complete textbook that is available in electronic form on BeachBoard at no cost to students.

Dr. Chassiakos has received funding from the National Science Foundation and other sources to develop modern instructional laboratories for students to obtain industry-level hands-on experience and mentoring. His published research has been cited more than 950 times in the Science Citation Index. He is ranked in the top 1% of all cited researchers in engineering worldwide and one of his journal publications is ranked in the top 0.01% of the most highly cited publications in engineering.

Dr. Chassiakos has received the university’s Outstanding Professor Award, the Distinguished Scholarly and Creative Achievement Award, and the Norman Medal from the American Society of Civil Engineers.