

**CSC 295 Computer Architecture and Organization**

**4 cr.**

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Section	Time	Room	Final Exam
nn	days and times	location	date and time

**Catalog description:**

This course examines the basic principles of computer systems and how these concepts relate to the design of such systems. Both hardware and software concepts and the interdependence between them are dealt with. The determination of basic trade-offs and the related decisions are discussed. Logic level designs, data representations, computer circuits, fundamental computer operations, program creation, I/O programming, processing elements, links and interfaces, memory hierarchy, and memory management are covered. Four lecture hours per week.

**Prerequisites:** CSC 115 and CSC 105.

**Goals:**

The goals of this course are to introduce students to the concepts of the organization and architecture of computer systems, from the physical and logic levels through the intermediate levels to the higher-level-language level, and the methodologies and problem-solving strategies used define and implement the necessary ingredients. Specific goals are to:

- CG01: present the concept of a computer system as a series of levels, each with its own properties and methodologies;
- CG02: introduce a series of problem-solving methodologies relating to the various system levels;
- CG03: discuss problem-solving techniques based on the presented methodologies.

**Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of the course, a student will have:

- CO01: demonstrated knowledge of the concepts of computer architecture and organization;
- CO02: demonstrated the ability to apply appropriate problem-solving strategies to solve a selection of typical problems in computer architecture and organization;
- CO03: gained hands-on experience designing an ALU based on a set of specified requirements;
- CO04: implemented a simple instruction set computer with a control unit and a data path;
- CO05: developed a good understanding of memory hierarchy in a computer system;
- CO06: developed an understanding of an I/O subsystem supporting processor programmed I/O, direct memory access and interrupt structures;
- CO07: developed an understanding of basic concepts of a multi-core processor design;
- CO08: participated in at least one group project that involves solution design, analysis and evaluation.

**Student Outcome vs. Course Objectives matrix**

Student Outcome (condensed form)	CO01	CO02	CO03	CO04	CO05	CO06	CO07	CO08
SO-1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
SO-2		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
SO-3								✓
SO-4							✓	
SO-5								✓
SO-6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

**Note:**

**SO-1** Analyze a complex computing problem and to apply principles of computing and other relevant disciplines to identify solutions.

**SO-2** Design, implement, and evaluate a computing-based solution to meet a given set of computing requirements in the context of the program's discipline.

**SO-3** Communicate effectively in a variety of professional contexts.

**SO-4** Recognize professional responsibilities and make informed judgements in computing practice based on legal and ethical principles.

**SO-5** Function effectively as a member or leader of a team engaged in activities appropriate to the program's discipline.

**SO-6** Apply computer science theory and software development fundamentals to produce computing-based solutions.

**Topics:**

- Introduction **AR1(0,2,0), AR3(0,1,0), SF5(2,0,0)**
  - Basic Concepts and Computer Evolution
  - Performance Issues
  
- The Computer System **AR4(0,3,0), AR5(0,1,0), SF1(1,0,0), SF7(0,2,0)**
  - A Top-Level View of Computer Function and Interconnection
  - Cache Memory
  - Internal Memory
  - External Memory
  - Input/Output
  - Operating System Support
  
- Arithmetic and Logic **AR1(0,3,0), AR2(0,2,0), SF1(6,0,0), SF3(6,0,0)**
  - Number Systems
  - Computer Arithmetic
  - Hardware as a computational paradigm
  - State and State Machines
  - Digital Logic: Combinational Logic
  - Digital Logic: Sequential Logic
  
- The Central Processing Unit **AR3(0,3,0), AR6(0,4,0), AR8(0,1,0), SF5(2,0,0)**
  - Instruction Sets
  - Processor Structure and Function
  - Reduced Instruction Set Computers
  - Basic Concept of Pipelining
  - Instruction-Level Parallelism and Superscalar Processors
  
- Parallel Organization **SF4(3,0,0)**
  - Parallel Processing
  - Multicore Computers
  
- The Control Unit **AR3(0,2,0), AR6(0,1,0)**
  - Control Unit Operation

**Microprogrammed Control**

This course provides an implementation-independent treatment of the subject, emphasizing general and widely applicable principles rather than focusing on implementation methods, which may be specific to a particular type or model of computer. To give students hands-on experiences, laboratory activities are used in the course. Among these laboratory activities, at least 2 require students to work in teams to accomplish larger-scale assignments.

The course grade will be determined using the following approximate weights: final examination - 25%, midterm examination - 25%, laboratory activities - 25%, other tests, quizzes, and written homework - 25%.

### Course Objective / Assessment Mechanism matrix

	Homework	Exams	Laboratory Activities
CO01	✓	✓	✓
CO02	✓	✓	✓
CO03	✓		✓
CO04			✓
CO05	✓	✓	✓
CO06	✓	✓	
CO07	✓	✓	
CO08			✓

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