

TCSS 372A

Computer Architecture

Spring 2007

Class Times: TTH 4:30-6:45 PNK 131
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TCSS 372 Computer Architecture Catalog Description:

TCSS 372A covers the micro architecture level of machine design and advanced architecture features for performance enhancement. Subjects include I/O, bus, memory and CPU design, hardware support for operating systems, CISC/RISC architectures, embedded systems, and parallelism. Extends the understanding of systems programming. (5 credit hours)

Prerequisites: TCSS 371; TCSS 342.

References:

Introduction to Computing Systems, from bits & gates to C & beyond (2nd Edition), Yale N. Patt & Sanjay J. Patel, McGraw Hill, 2004

Computer Architecture, Fourth Edition: A Quantitative Approach, John L. Hennessy, David A. Patterson, Morgan Kaufmann, 2006 (or Third Edition)

Computer Organization and Design: The Hardware/Software Interface (3rd Edition), John L. Hennessy, David A. Patterson, Morgan Kaufmann, 2004

Digital Design: Principles and Practices Package (4th Edition), John F. Wakerly, Prentice hall, 2005

The Art of Electronics (2nd Edition), Paul Horowitz and Winfield Hill, Cambridge press, 1989

Grading:

Home Work (15%), Lab (15%), Midterms (40%), Final Exam (25%), Class Contribution (5%)

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Laboratory:

We will complete approximately three hands-on projects in our laboratory (CP 206D). You will have access to the lab anytime of your choosing. **See Laboratory Etiquette reference.**

Schedule (Subject to adjustment):

Week	Topics Covered	Preparations for Class (Chapters)	Homework/Projects
1: Mar 27 Mar 29	Introduction, Buses	Chap 3.3 – 3.7	3.8, 11, 12, 15, 19 (HW1 due 4-5)
2: Apr 3 Apr 5	Cache memory	Chap 4	4.1, 5, 11, 23 (HW2 due 4-12)
3: Apr 10 Apr 12	Int / Ext Memory	Chap 5	5.2 ,4, 7 ,8, 11, 12 (HW3 due 4-17)
4: Apr 17 Apr 19	External memory I/O	Chap 6 Chap 7	6.3, 4 (HW4 due 4-24)
5: Apr 24 Apr 26	I/O	Midterm 1 Chap 7	7.13, 18 (HW5 due 5-1) Lab Project 1 (due 4-26)
6: May 1 May 3	Operating System Support	Chap 8	8.8, 15, 17 (HW6 due 5-8)
7: May 8 May 10	Pipelining RISC Processors	Chap 12 Chap 13	12.4a, 12.7, 12.10 (HW7 due 5-15) 13.6, 13.7 (HW8 due 5-17)
8: May 15 May 17	Superscalar Processors	Chap 14 Midterm 2	Lab Project 2 (due 5-15)
9: May 22 May 24	IA-64 Processor	Chap 14 & 15	14.1, 14.5 (HW9 due 5-31)
10: May 29 May 31	Control units & Microprogramming	Chap 16 & 17 Reflection on course	Lab Project 3 (due 5-31)
11: Jun 7	Final Exam 4:30 – 6:45		

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