



## Syllabus for CSE140-01: Computer Architecture

Spring 2017

Instructor: Chi Yan Leung

<b>Designation:</b>	Computer Architecture
<b>Catalog Description:</b>	This course covers basic concepts and recent developments of computer architecture, using the MIPS process as a primary example.
<b>Text Books and Other Required Materials:</b>	Computer Organization and Design, Fifth Edition: The Hardware/Software Interface by Patterson and Hennessy (ISBN-13: 978-0124077263)
<b>Course Objectives/ Student Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>Students will learn the arithmetics and components of a modern computer. Students will start from a basic single cycle CPU. Then move to pipelined instruction-level parallelism (ILP). How branch prediction and speculation are used to keep the pipeline full as basis for modern ideas. Then modern architectures features for parallelization at different levels: instruction, thread, process and task.</p> <p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Understand basics of computer architecture elements for in-order execution</li><li>Design different architecture features to improve performance for in-order computers</li><li>Understand out of order execution and speculative execution semantics</li><li>Differentiate RISC vs CISC architectures and tradeoffs</li><li>Understand modern architecture optimizations for parallelization</li></ul>
<b>Program Learning Outcomes:</b>	
<b>Prerequisites by Topic:</b>	CSE 31
<b>Course Policies:</b>	
<b>Academic Dishonesty Statement:</b>	<p>a. Each student in this course is expected to abide by the University of California, Merced's Academic Honesty Policy. Any work submitted by a student in this course for academic credit will be the student's own work.</p> <p>b. You are encouraged to study together and to discuss information and concepts covered in lecture and the sections with other students. You can give "consulting" help to or receive "consulting" help from such students. However, this permissible cooperation should never involve one student having possession of a copy of all or part of work done by someone else, in the form of an e mail, an e mail attachment file, a diskette, or a hard copy. Should copying occur, both the student who copied work from another student and the student who gave material to be copied will both automatically receive a zero for the assignment. Penalty for violation of this Policy can also be extended to include failure of the course and University disciplinary action.</p> <p>c. During examinations, you must do your own work. Talking or discussion is not permitted during the examinations, nor may you compare papers, copy from others, or collaborate in any way. Any collaborative behavior during the examinations will result in failure of the exam, and may lead to failure of the</p>

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**Topics:** Instruction set architecture  
MIPS Assembly language  
Computer arithmetic  
Performance  
Datapath and control Design  
Caches and virtual memory  
Peripherals : input/output  
Multiprocessors  
Graphics processing unit  
cloud computing

**Class/laboratory Schedule:** Lecture: MW: 10:30-11:45am COB2 110; Labs: Please see class schedule for time and locaton

**Midterm/Final Exam Schedule:** Midterm : Week of March 13  
Final : May6, 8:00-11:00am, COB2 110

**Course Calendar:**

**Professional Component:**

**Assessment/Grading Policy:** 20% Lab/HW  
20% Projects  
10% Participation  
20% Midterm  
30% Final

**Coordinator:** Chi Yan (Daniel) Leung

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I will try to answer your emails within 48 hours. However, I cannot answer email after 5:00 p.m. or on weekends. Please plan accordingly.

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R: 9:00-11:30am (AOA 126)  
or by appointment