

## Syllabus for CSE140-01: Computer Architecture

Spring 2018

Instructor: Chi Yan Leung

**Designation:** Computer Architecture

**Catalog Description:** This course covers basic concepts and recent developments of computer

architecture, using the MIPS process as a primary example.

**Text Books and Other Required Materials:** 

Computer Architecture, A Quantitative Approach, 5th Edition by Patterson and Hennessy (ISBN-13: 978-0123838728)

Course Objectives/ Student Learning

**Outcomes:** 

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.

Students will be able to:

Understand basics of computer architecture elements for in-order execution Design different architecture features to improve performance for in-order computers

Understand out of order execution and speculative execution semantics

Differentiate RISC vs CISC architectures and tradeoffs

Understand modern architecture optimizations for parallelization

**Program Learning** 

**Outcomes:** 

**Prerequisites by Topic:** CSE 31: Computer Organization

**Course Policies:** 

**Academic Dishonesty** 

**Statement:** 

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.

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.

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

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**Disability Statement:** Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The University of California

Merced is committed to ensuring equal academic opportunities and inclusion for students with disabilities based on the principles of independent living, accessible universal design and diversity. I am available to discuss appropriate academic accommodations that may be required for student with disabilities. Requests for academic accommodations are to be made during the first three weeks of the semester, except for unusual circumstances. Students are encouraged to register

with Disability Services Center to verify their eligibility for appropriate

accommodations.

**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 COB 116; Labs: Please see class schedule for time

and locaton

Midterm/Final Exam

Midterms: February 21, April 9 (in class)

Schedule:

Final: April 30, May 2 (in class)

**Course Calendar:** 

**Professional Component:** 

**Assessment/Grading** 20% Lab/HW

**Policy:** 30% Projects

5% Participation 20% Midterms 25% Final

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

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after 5:00 p.m. or on weekends. Please plan accordingly.

**Office Hours:** T: 1:00pm-3:30pm (AOA 126)

R: 9:30am-12:00pm (AOA 126)

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