CSE 240A (Section Id: 756003)
Principles of Computer Architecture
MoWe 5:00 - 6:20 PM; WLH 2113

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Course Policy

Logistics The course requires attendance at the lecture. The Teaching Assistant for the course is Mr. Manoj Mardithaya (mmardith@cs.ucsd.edu). We will be providing a moodle discussion board for possible logistical questions you may have regarding this course as well. It is best to discuss technical issues at the office hours as communication can thus be speeded up.

Discussion Section Attendance at the discussion sessions scheduled on Fridays 1:00 – 1:50 PM at WLH 2208 and conducted by Mr. Mardithaya is mandatory. The discussion section will cover a) solutions to homework problems, b) solutions to the test problems, c) additional course material, and/or d) a brief review of the material covered during the week. Discussion sections will be used to deliver formal lectures as well as necessary. For example, the discussion sections on October 19, November 9, and November 16 will cover lecture material.

Tests There will be three tests given in this course. The first two tests will be given in class, the 29th of October and the 26th of November. The final will take place at the scheduled time, Thursday, December 13, 2012, 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Each midterm will contribute 20%. The final will contribute 40% to your final grade. The final exam will be cumulative and will test all the material covered during the course. Additionally, a number of unannounced quizzes will take place during lectures and discussion sections; your lowest score will be dropped with the remaining pop quizzes contributing equally to a 10% portion of your grade. There will be no make-up tests given for any reason. To get credit for an exam or quiz, attendance during the time period that it is given in is required. All tests will be conducted on a closed-books and closed-notes basis.

Assignments Homework problems will be assigned on October 15, and November 7 and 28; homeworks will be due on October 26, November 21, and December 7, respectively. Each homework will be comprised of two classes of problems. The first class of problems will be practice problems that will enable you to exercise your understanding of the course material. The second class of problems will be deeper and more challenging to help you prepare more thoroughly for the midterms and the finals. Only the second class of problems which will be so indicated in the homework handouts will be collected and graded. You will need to do of course all the problems assigned, as the first class will provide you with practice to enable you to think more deeply about the more challenging problems. Homeworks will be due on the day indicated at 11:00 AM; you need to turn in your solutions for the homeworks to be
graded electronically through moodle by the deadline. Any homeworks turned in after the
deadline will receive no credit. Your graded homeworks will contribute to a 10% portion of
your grade.

**Homework Teams** You can work and submit your homeworks in groups of two, if you so desire.
You can of course discuss and work together with your homework teammate. No other
collaborative work with any other student in the class is possible for any graded material.
It is our expectation that each group’s homework reflects the work of that group only and
nobody else’s; any indication to the contrary will constitute a violation of the UCSD Policy
on Integrity of Scholarship and will be seriously prosecuted.

**Regrade Policy** Sometimes you get a grade that you don’t like, either because we added up the
points wrong or because you think we evaluated you wrongly. If you believe that a regrade is
needed, please inform us immediately by providing a written description of the reason why
a regrade is necessary. In case of a regrade, your whole test will be regraded, possibly
resulting in a lower total score. If no regrade is requested within one week, the following
Statute of Limitations will apply:

> You have one week from the day any particular graded exam or homework is made
available to you to appeal the grade you received. After one week, we will assume
that you believe the grade that you got is the correct one. After one week, grades
are unchangeable, fixed and permanent.