

CSE 240A (Section Id: 711219)

Principles of Computer Architecture

TuTh 12:30 - 1:50 PM; WLH 2205

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Course Policy

Logistics The course requires attendance at the lecture. Mr. Lee is the TA for CSE 240A. Mr. Lee's email is *kwl002@cs.ucsd.edu*. All email enquiries regarding CSE240A should be addressed to Mr. Lee *only*. Questions of wide interest and their associated answers will be posted on the web. Email enquiries should be restricted to logistical issues only; all technical issues should be discussed at the office hours.

Tests There will be three tests given in this course. The first two tests will be given in class, the 26th of April and the 19th of May. The final will take place at the scheduled time, Monday, June 6, 11:30 AM to 2:30 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.

Review Sections Occasional discussion sections led by the TA, Mr. Kwangyoon Lee, will be held by converting his office hours to a review section. The review sections will be held to help prepare you for the exams, to go over homework problems, and to subsequently review the answers to the exam questions. Please make sure you can attend Mr. Lee's office hour times if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

Assignments Homework problems will be assigned on April 5, and May 3 and 24; homeworks will be due on April 25, May 18, and June 3, 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 3:00 PM; you need to turn in your solutions for the homeworks to be graded electronically through WebCt 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. 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.