

CSE 140 (Section Id: 655933)
Components and Design Techniques for Digital Systems
TuTh 5:00 – 7:50 PM; EBU3B 2154

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Course Policy

Logistics The course requires attendance at the lecture. Ms. Yang is the TA for CSE 140. Ms. Yang's email is *c5yang@cs.ucsd.edu*. All email enquiries regarding CSE140 should be addressed to Ms. Yang *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.

Discussion Section Attendance at the discussion sessions scheduled on **Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:50 PM** at *EBU3B 2154* and conducted by Ms. Yang is **mandatory**. The discussion section will cover a) solutions to homework problems, b) solutions to the test problems, c) additional course material, d) workshop problems and/or e) 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 **July 6** and **July 8** will cover lecture material.

Tests There will be two tests given in this course. The midterm will be given in class, and will occur on July 21, 2009, at 5:00 – 7:50 PM. The final will take place at the scheduled time, Saturday, August 1, 7:00 to 10:00 PM. The midterm will contribute **40%** of your grade, while the final will contribute **45%** to your final grade. You will not be specifically tested on the final on material covered in the midterm, even though you may (and most probably will) need to understand all the material covered before the midterm in order to adequately address all the questions on the final. 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.

Homeworks On July 2, 9, and 21, a homework set will be assigned, composed 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. Your graded homeworks will contribute equally to a **15%** portion of your grade.

Homework Due Dates Homeworks will be due at 3:00 PM on July 13, 20, and 31. No late homeworks will be accepted. Any late homeworks will not be graded and will receive a grade of zero. Homework solutions will be subsequently made available through Student Reserves and can be discussed in office hours, so that you can check your solutions.

Homework Teams You can work and submit your homeworks in groups of two. 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.