

CSE 140: COMPONENTS and DESIGN TECHNIQUES for DIGITAL SYSTEMS

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Office Hours: Tuesdays 3:00 -- 4:00 PM and Wednesdays 2:00 -- 3:00 PM

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– Course Policy

- The course requires attendance at the lectures and the discussion sessions. Ms. Rao is the head TA for CSE 140. Ms. Rao's email is *wrao@cs.ucsd.edu*. Mr. Chen is also a TA for CSE140. Mr. Chen's email is *mjchen@cs.ucsd.edu*. All email enquiries regarding CSE140 should be addressed to Mr. Chen *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. Attendance at the discussion session scheduled as follows and conducted by Ms. Rao is mandatory.

Tuesdays 5:00 -- 5:50 PM, Centr 109

- 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.

- There will be three tests given in this course. The first two tests will be given in class, and will occur on Wednesdays, the 7th and 28th of February. The final will take place at the scheduled time, Monday, March 19, 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Either midterm will contribute **20%**. The final will contribute **30%** to your final grade. Additionally, a number of unannounced quizzes will take place during lectures and discussion sections; your lower 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.

- Most weeks 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 **20%** portion of your grade.

no extensions whatsoever for homework problems will be available. Homework solutions will be subsequently made available through Student Reserves and can be discussed in office hours, so that you can check your solutions.

- 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.
- 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.