

CSE 240A (Section Id: 995173)

Principles of Computer Architecture

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Course Policy

Logistics The course requires attendance at the lecture. The Teaching Assistant for the course is Mr. Mingqi Zhang (*miz082@ucsd.edu*). We will be providing a piazza 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.

Tests There will be three tests given in this course. All tests will take place in class on February 5 and 26 and on March 11. Each test will contribute **24%**. The first two tests will be non-cumulative while the final midterm will be held on the last day of classes and will be cumulative, giving you another chance to display your mastery of the course material. There will be no make-up tests given **for any reason**. To get credit for an exam, 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 January 22, and February 10 and 26; homeworks will be due at 1:00 PM on January 31, February 21, and March 10, 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 tests. 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 of problems 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 1:00 PM; you need to turn in your solutions electronically for grading by the deadline. Any homeworks turned in after the deadline will receive no credit. Solutions to the homework problems will be covered in the discussion sections. Your graded homeworks will contribute to an **18%** portion of your grade.

Project There will be a project component to the course. The project will contribute to a **10%** portion of your grade.

Homework & Project Teams You can work and submit your homeworks and project in groups of **two**, if you so desire. You can of course discuss and work together with your homework and project 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 or project 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.