

Computer Organization (CS 1410) Spring 2013

Time and Place: 8:00-9:15 Tuesday and Thursday in ITT 322

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Pre- or Corequisite: None (Corequisite of Intro. to Computing (CS 1510) or equivalent is advisable)

Goals: After this course, you should understand: (1) simple combinational and memory circuits used to build computer components, (2) how these circuits are organized to build a computer, (3) how data is represented and manipulated on the computer, (4) how to program in assembly language, (5) how high-level language programming languages are implemented with respect to the run-time stack and built-in data structures such as arrays and records, and (5) general concepts of hardware support necessary for an operating system.

Required Text: *Computer Organization and Architecture: Themes and Variations*, first edition, Alan Clements, 2014. ISBN: 978-1-111-98704-6. **(If I teach Computer Architecture in the Fall, I'll use this textbook for this course too!)**

Assignments: Assignments will be both "pencil-and-paper" exercises and assembly-language programming.

Pedagogic Approach: In class, I'll tend to break up the lecture with active and group learning exercises to aid learning. While this is not formally graded, part (5%) of your grade will be based on your participation in these in-class activities. Students benefit by (1) increased depth of understanding, (2) increased comfort and confidence, (3) increased motivation, and (4) being better prepared to work in groups on the job. This might sound great, but it will require you (and me) to work differently to prepare for class. Before the class, you must read the assigned reading, thought about what I've asked you to think about, etc.; otherwise you won't be able to effectively participate in your group during class.

Grading policy: There will be three tests (including the final). I'll announce tests at least one week in advance to allow you time to prepare. Tentative weighting of course components is:

In-class Work:	5 %
Assignments:	25 %
In-class Test 1:	23 % (about Feb. 21)
In-class Test 2:	23 % (about April 4)
Final:	24 % (Tuesday, May 7 from 8 - 9:50 AM in ITT 322)

Grades will be assigned based on straight percentages off the top student score. If the top student's score is 92%, then the grading scale will be, i.e., 100-82 A, 81.9-72 B, 71.9-62 C, 61.9-52 D, and below 52 F. Plus and minus grades will be assigned for students near cutoff points.

Scholastic Conduct: You are responsible for being familiar with the University's Academic Ethics Policies (<http://www.uni.edu/pres/policies/301.shtml>). Copying from other students is expressly forbidden. Doing so on exams or assignments will be penalized every time it is discovered. The penalty can vary from zero credit for the copied items (first offense) up to a failing grade for the course. If an assignment makes you realize you don't understand the material, ask questions designed to improve your understanding, *not* ones designed to discover how another student solved the assignment. The solutions to assignments should be **individual, original** work unless otherwise specified. Remember: discussing assignments is good. Copying code or test-question answers is cheating.

Any substantive contribution to your assignment solution by another person or taken from a publication (**or the web**) should be properly acknowledged in writing. Failure to do so is plagiarism and will necessitate disciplinary action. In addition to the activities we can all agree are cheating (plagiarism, bringing notes to a closed book exam, texting during an exam, etc.), assisting or collaborating on cheating is cheating. Cheating can result in failing the course and/or more severe disciplinary actions.

Special Notices:

- In compliance with the University of Northern Iowa policy and equal access laws, I am available to discuss appropriate academic accommodations that may be required for students with disabilities. Requests for academic accommodations are to be made during the first three weeks of the semester, except for unusual circumstances, so arrangements can be made. Students are encouraged to register with Student Disability Services, 103 Student Health Center, to verify their eligibility for appropriate accommodations.
- I encourage you to utilize the Academic Learning Center's assistance with writing, math, science, reading, and learning strategies. There is no charge for currently-enrolled UNI students. UNI's Academic Learning Center is located in 007/008 ITTC. Visit the website at <http://www.uni.edu/unialc/> or phone 319-273-2361 for more information.

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Lect #	Tuesday		Thursday	
1	1/15	Ch. 1: Intro. to Computer Architecture	1/17	Sections 2.1 - 2.3: Binary and Hexadecimal number systems; Unsigned Integer and Character representations
3	1/22	Sections 2.4 - 2.5: Signed Integers: two's complement; Multiplication by Booth's Algorithm	1/24	Section 2.6: IEEE 754 Floating Point: Representation, Range, Precision, and Accuracy
5	1/29	Section 2.7: Floating-Point Arithmetic	1/31	Section 2.9: Boolean Algebra; Logical Gates
7	2/5	Section 2.9: Common Combinational Circuits: decoder, Multiplexers, and adders	2/7	One-bit memories: SR(/RS)-latch, Clocked SR-latch, clocked D-latch
9	2/12	Master-Slave D Flip-Flop timing diagram; shift register; register file	2/14	Section 2.11: tristate buffers; simple CPU: registers, buses, ALU, IR
11	2/19	Review for Test 1	2/21	Test 1
13	2/26		2/28	
15	3/5		3/7	
17	3/12		3/14	
	3/19	Spring Break	3/21	Spring Break
19	3/26		3/28	
21	4/2	Review for Test 2	4/4	Test 2
23	4/9		4/11	
25	4/16		4/18	
27	4/23		4/25	
29	4/30		5/2	Review for Final
Final: Tuesday, May 7 from 8:00 to 9:50 AM in ITT 322				