



Course Specifications

Course Title:	Operating Systems
Course Code:	CSI 412
Program:	Computer Science and Information
Department:	Computer Science and Information
College:	College of Science at Az Zulfi
Institution:	Majmaah University

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A. Course Identification

1. Credit hours: (3) (2 Lec + 2 lab)
2. Course type
a. University <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Department <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Level/year at which this course is offered: 7 th Level – 4 rd year
4. Pre-requisites for this course (if any): Computer Organization - CSI 313
5. Co-requisites for this course (if any): N/A

6. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply)

No	Mode of Instruction	Contact Hours	Percentage
1	Traditional classroom	48	80%
2	Blended	6	10%
3	E-learning	0	0%
4	Distance learning	0	0%
5	Other	6	10%

7. Contact Hours (based on academic semester)

No	Activity	Contact Hours
1	Lecture	30
2	Laboratory/Studio	15
3	Tutorial	15
4	Others (specify)	-
	Total	60

B. Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

<p>1. Course Description</p> <p>Operating Systems course is the study of the importance of the operating systems and their function. And it includes these topics : operating systems services and structure, Processes and Threads, Processes Synchronization, CPU scheduling, Deadlock, Memory management, File System management.</p>
<p>2. Course Main Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the services provided by and the design of an operating system. To understand the structure and organization of the file system. To understand what a process is and how processes are synchronized and scheduled. To understand different approaches to memory management. Students should be able to use system calls for managing processes, memory and the file system.

To understand the data structures and algorithms used to implement an OS. To understand the basics of storage and input-output devices and their interfacing to the processor and memory.

3. Course Learning Outcomes

CLOs		Aligned PLOs
1	Knowledge and Understanding	
1.1	Describe the functions of a contemporary operating system with respect to convenience, efficiency, and the ability to evolve	k1
1.2	Describe reasons for using interrupts, dispatching, and context switching to support concurrency in an operating system.	k1
1.3	Describe the difference between processes and threads.	k1
1.4	Discuss the types of processor scheduling such as short-term, medium-term, long-term, and I/O.	k1
1.5	Discuss the need for preemption and deadline scheduling.	k1
1.6	Summarize the principles of virtual memory as applied to caching and paging.	k1
2	Skills :	
2.1	Choose the appropriate technologies, algorithms, and approaches for the related issues.	s2
2.2		
2.3		
2...		
3	Values:	
3.1	Present a short report in a written form and orally using appropriate scientific language.	c3
3.2		
3.3		
3...		

C. Course Content

No	List of Topics	Contact Hours
1	Operating systems services and structure	8
2	Processes and Threads	8
3	Processes Synchronization	4
4	CPU scheduling	8
5	Deadlock	8
6	Main memory management	8
7	Virtual memory management	4
8	File System management	8
...		
Total		



D. Teaching and Assessment

1. Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes with Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

Code	Course Learning Outcomes	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Methods
1.0	Knowledge and Understanding		
1.1	Describe the functions of a contemporary operating system with respect to convenience, efficiency, and the ability to evolve	Lectures Lab demonstrations Case studies Individual presentations	Written Exam Homework assignments Class & Lab Activities Quizzes
1.2	Describe reasons for using interrupts, dispatching, and context switching to support concurrency in an operating system.		
1.3	Describe the difference between processes and threads.		
1.4	Discuss the types of processor scheduling such as short-term, medium-term, long-term, and I/O.		
1.5	Discuss the need for preemption and deadline scheduling.		
1.6	Summarize the principles of virtual memory as applied to caching and paging.		
2.0	Skills		
2.1	Choose the appropriate technologies, algorithms, and approaches for the related issues.	Lectures Lab demonstrations Case studies Individual presentations Brainstorming	Written Exam assignments Lab Activities Quizzes
2.2			
2.3			
3.0	Values		
3.1	Present a short report in a written form and orally using appropriate scientific language.	Small group discussion Whole group discussion Brainstorming Presentation	Written Exam Homework assignments Lab assignments Class Activities Quizzes
3.2			
3.3			

2. Assessment Tasks for Students

#	Assessment task*	Week Due	Percentage of Total Assessment Score
1	First written mid-term exam	6	15%
2	Second written mid-term exam	12	15%
3	Class activities, group discussions, Presentation	Every 2 weeks	10%
4	Homework + Assignments	After Every chapter	10%
5	Electronic exam	14	10%
6	Lab activities	15	40%
7	Final written exam	16	15%

#	Assessment task*	Week Due	Percentage of Total Assessment Score
8			

*Assessment task (i.e., written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.)

E. Student Academic Counseling and Support

Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice :

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- 6-office hours per week in the lecturer schedule.
- The contact with students by e-mail, mobile, office telephone, website and BlackBoard.

F. Learning Resources and Facilities

1. Learning Resources

Required Textbooks	Abraham Silberschatz, Peter Baer Galvin, Greg Gagne, Operating System Concepts, John Wiley & Sons, 2012.
Essential References Materials	Andrew S. Tanenbaum, Modern Operating Systems, Pearson India, 2016
Electronic Materials	https://www.coursera.org/
Other Learning Materials	Videos and presentations made available on BlackBoard e-Learning platform.

2. Facilities Required

Item	Resources
Accommodation (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc.)	Classrooms with required digital aids and to support traditional method of teaching using blackboard. Classrooms with proper lighting and air conditioning system integrated with the sound System /audio system. Classroom with smart board interface, display screen and a computer to aid the sessions
Technology Resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.)	Smart Board with supporting software / computers with updated versions of software as required to understand the subject concepts.
Other Resources (Specify, e.g. if specific laboratory equipment is required, list requirements or attach a list)	N/A

G. Course Quality Evaluation

Evaluation Areas/Issues	Evaluators	Evaluation Methods
Strategies for Obtaining Student Feedback on Effectiveness of Teaching	Instructor	<p>Analysis of students' results. Observation during class work. Students' evaluations. Colleagues' evaluations. Evaluation questionnaire filled by the students. Interview a sample of students enrolled in the course to solicit their opinions</p>
Other Strategies for Evaluation of Teaching	the Department	<p>Self-assessment. External evaluation. Periodic review of course (the Commission of study plans).</p>
Processes for Improvement of Teaching	the Department	<p>Taking into account the recommendations yielded from the internal review of the course. Guidelines about teaching the course provided by the study plans commission. Department guidelines pertaining the faculty member's performance acquired using direct observation. Training and development. Workshops to improve the educational process</p>
Processes for Verifying Standards of Student Achievement	Instructor	<p>check marking by an independent member teaching staff of a sample of student work, periodic exchange and remarking of tests or a sample of assignments with staff at another institution. Instructors of the course working together with Head of Department to adopt a unique process of the evaluation.</p>
Describe the planning arrangements for periodically reviewing course effectiveness and planning for improvement.	Instructor	<p>Comparison of the course to its counterparts offered in similar departments. Periodic revision of course description by faculty member. Periodic revision of course description by the study plans and schedules Commission. Update learning resources related to the course to ensure that the course is up-to-date with the developments in the field. Make use of statistical analysis of course evaluation carried out by the students to improve and develop the course. Provide an opportunity to the students to express their opinions about what is taught and receive suggestions and evaluate their effectiveness.</p>

Evaluation areas (e.g., Effectiveness of teaching and assessment, Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes, Quality of learning resources, etc.)

Evaluators (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify))

Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)



H. Specification Approval Data

Council / Committee	
Reference No.	
Date	