INFS-515
Computer Organization
Administrative Overview

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Welcome/Introductions

About the Professor: J Masiyowski
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Teaching Assistant: TBD

Student Questionnaire (Reference Handout)
- Name and Term/Year Graduating
- List INFS courses previously taken
- INFS515 prerequisites
- Critical Thinking?
Welcome/Introductions (2)

Instructor Introduction

- Employment experience
- Academic degrees
- Teaching experience
- Consulting / training business
- ISE Department - Industrial Advisory Board
- Other activities
Administrative Items (1)


- Student companion (lecture slides) contain errors [no errata sheet for these]*
- Go to the Book Web Site and obtain the textbook errata sheets and MARIE and CAMERA, and JAVA programming environment and User’s Guides

 Optional Texts: Student Lecture Companion (Lecture Slides)

 Required Equipment: Computer with web, email access and JAVA SDK

 Course Web Site: Homework, schedule, and announcements (check regularly) will be posted on the INFS515 Section 1 web site. http://mason.gmu.edu/~jmasiyow/INFS515/index.htm

 Course Structure: Revised from Spring 2006

DANGER! We won’t always cover every overhead during the class
Administrative Items (2)

- **Syllabus is On-Line**
  - Course Web Site Always Has Current Version

- **Syllabus Review**
  - Course Prerequisites - Student must be in compliance with
    - Assembly Language programming knowledge recommended
  - Homework (graded for correctness)
  - Lecture Slides (Not Available)
  - Exams & Quizzes

SCHEDULE: SUBJECT TO REVISION AS COURSE PROGRESSES
Administrative Items (3)

- **Grades & Grading Scale**
  - Mid-Term Grades
  - No Curve

- **Course Meeting Cancellations**
  - Will notify in class in advance if possible
  - Post a note on the course web site home page as early as possible if able

- **Class Environment**: Turn off cell phones ringers (place in silent mode) and personal communication devices.
Administrative Items (4)

- **Non-textbook homework assignment #1**
  - Short Biography - submit separately from textbook assignment
    - omit sensitive personal information

- **Attendance**
  - Not taken for credit; will need to attend the class sessions
  - if daytime employment requires significant travel that a number of course sessions will be missed, re-consider course enrollment - defer to another semester

- If you want to just sit back and take notes, this is not a good course for you
  - learn by actively doing (homework & class participation)

- **Split class sessions**: Lectures/Q&A/In-Class Demonstrations/Exercises
Questions and Concerns

- Students will need to be able to write assembly language programs
- Q: Are the lecture slides enough to prepare for exams?
- A: Absolutely not. They are just a guide. You need to read the book and do the homework exercises.
Important Dates

- First day of classes: 28 August
- University Closed: 4 September (Labor Day)
- Last day to drop with no tuition liability: 12 September
- Last day to add classes: 12 September
- Last day to drop with 33% tuition liability: 19 September
- Mid-term grading period: 25 September – 20 October
- Last day to drop with 67% tuition liability: 29 September
- Last day to drop: 29 September
- Columbus Day Recess: 9 October (Monday Classes meet Tuesday)
- Thanksgiving Recess: 22-26 November
- Last Day of Classes: 9 December
- Reading Days: 11 December
- Exam Period: 12-19 December
- Submission of grades on Web: 11 December
Questions?
End of Overview

Next Topic

Introduction: General Organization and Architecture

Never stop thinking!