CS 470 - Operating Systems  
Spring 2009 - Syllabus

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Course Home Page  
Announcements regarding handouts will be made in class. However, most handouts will be available only at the course home page (http://csserver.evansville.edu/~hwang/s09-courses/cs470.html). It is your responsibility to consult the course home page on a regular basis. Grades will be posted to Blackboard (http://acebb.evansville.edu).

Catalog Data  
Components of operating systems. Tasking and processing; process coordination; scheduling; memory organization and management; device management; security; networks; distributed and real-time systems.

Objectives  
To develop an awareness of the components of an operating system. To become familiar with design and implementation issues concerning these components. To experience researching, reading, writing, and presenting technical material.

Recommended Co-requisite: CS 320

Required Textbook  

Daily and Weekly Requirements  
Assigned daily reading and weekly homework assignments generally given out on Wednesday and due the following Wednesday. Homework problems will be posted to the course webpage.

Programming Projects  
There will be 4 programming projects that will illustrate key concepts in operating system design and implementation. Each project will consist of a written functional description of the program (25%), an implementation of the program (50%), and a written analysis of a test plan or the results of the program (25%).

Case Study  
Each student will prepare a written report and presentation describing the features of a specific operating system that illustrates the concepts we discuss in class. See handout Guidelines for Operating Systems Case Study for more details.
Exams and Evaluation
There will be two in-class exams during the term. The comprehensive final exam is optional. It may be taken as a substitution for one of the in-class exams. Grades will be based on the following weighted distribution:

- 30% Two in-class exams (15% each)
- 15% Case study report
- 50% Programming projects (12.5% each)
- 5% Homework assignments

Final grades are based on the final weighted percentage with some adjustments depending on class distribution. Historically, the A/B line falls around 88% +/- 2% with subsequent grade levels every 10%.

Missed Exams, Late Homework, Late Projects
Homework and programming projects are due at the instructor's office and/or electronically as appropriate by 4:30pm on the date specified unless otherwise noted. Any assignments arriving after 4:30pm are considered late. The following automatic late penalties will be applied:

- 10% if handed in by 4:30pm, one day late
- 20% if handed in by 4:30pm, two days late
- 30% if handed in by 4:30pm, three days late

Unexcused late work will not be accepted for credit after three days after the due date without prior arrangements. For the purpose of counting days, Friday 4:30pm to Monday 4:30pm is considered one day. Please note that the purpose of the automatic late extension is to allow students leeway when needed. It is usually better to hand in something late and completed than on-time and incorrect. However, chronically handing in late submissions will lower your final grade.

Valid excuses for missing exams and handing assignments in late include illness, family emergencies, religious observances, official UE events such as varsity games and concerts, etc. They do not include (most) work conflicts, studying for other classes, leaving a day early or staying home an extra day over a weekend or holiday, etc. In general, an excused absence is one caused by circumstances beyond your control.

The instructor will rely on your integrity for getting work excused. If you have a valid excuse, put it in writing, sign your name to it, and give it to the instructor. For religious observances and official UE events, you must inform the instructor that you will be absent before the absence occurs, otherwise it will be considered an unexcused absence.

Excused work must be made up within one calendar week from the original due date for full credit. Late excused work will not be accepted. Exceptions will be made for serious or prolonged illness, or other serious problems. Please note: It is your responsibility to take care of missed or late work.

Attendance Policy
Attendance is important and expected. Attendance records will be maintained in accordance with Federal
Law, but will not be used in the determination of grades, except in borderline cases. However, the instructor reserves the right to reduce a final grade in this course for excessive absences. Students will be warned prior to such action. Students are responsible for all material covered in class. If you miss a class, find out what was covered from another student. You are responsible for checking the course home page for new assignments even if you miss class.

**Honor Code**

All students are expected to adhere to the University's Honor Code regarding receiving and giving assistance. Three specific guidelines are in force for this course.

- **The homework exercises are for you to gain experience and practice.** You may collaborate with your classmates, but each student should submit a solution in his/her own words that reflect his/her understanding of the solution. Ultimately you will be required to demonstrate your proficiency of the material on exams. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you attempt all homework problems on your own before finding a solution from another source. In particular, submissions that are substantial copies of solutions found in the publisher's instructor's manual or on-line will not receive credit.

- **Programming projects are to be your own work.** Asking another person for assistance on specific items in your own code is permitted, but you may not observe another person's code or solution for the purposes of studying or copying it, with or without that person's permission. This includes, but is not limited to, other students in the class, previous students in the class, and the Internet.

- Of course, exams are to be entirely your own work.

If there is any doubt as to whether assistance is acceptable, consult the instructor.

**Reading Schedule**

This is a tentative schedule. Adjustments will be made as needed.

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The optional final exam will be given during the regularly scheduled final exam period, Tuesday, May 5, at 2:45pm - 4:45pm.