



## INFO Agile Software Development

### Course Information

Course Title: Agile Software Development

Course Number: INFO 7245

Term and Year: Fall 2025

Credit Hour: 4

CRN: 35625

Course Format: Live webcast all campus locations (Boston, Seattle, SV). Thursday 430-8pm ET unless otherwise noted or communicated.

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Refer to course canvas homepage

### Course Prerequisites

Pre-reqs/program restrictions associated with the course.

### Course Description

Offers students an opportunity to achieve a high level of practical understanding of software development life cycle (SDLC) with emphasis on agile and adaptive incremental methodologies. Examines techniques for the management and evolution of software systems, including project planning from requirements gathering, analysis, estimation, and releasing using a hands-on approach to implement agile methodologies. Also covers maintainability, including software risk analysis, project retrospectives, and process models such as capability maturity model, configuration management, and their practical implementation.

### Standard Learning Outcomes

*Learning outcomes common to all College of Engineering Graduate programs:*

- 1. An ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems.*
  - 2. An ability to explain and apply engineering design principles, as appropriate to the program's educational objectives.*
  - 3. An ability to produce solutions that meet specified end-user needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.*
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*The Information Systems Program accepts students of different engineering backgrounds with minimum programming skills and produces first class Information Systems engineers that operate at the intersection of real-world complexity, software development, and IT management. Graduating students will be able to construct end-to-end advanced software applications that meet business needs.*

*Specific Learning Outcomes for the Information Systems program:*

1. *Create a strong technical foundation through diverse, high-level courses*
2. *Built crucial interpersonal skills needed to succeed in any industry*
3. *Foster a deep level of applied learning through project-based case studies*

### **Required Tools and Course Textbooks.**

*Agile! The Good, the Hype and the Ugly (required)*

Bertrand Meyer

This book provides a guide to learn Agile Project Management and Understanding Methodologies for Control Quality.

*Adaptive Project Framework: Managing Complexity in the Face of Uncertainty  
(Recommended / Optional)*

Robert K. Wysocki

This book provides a framework to address software development projects according to their complexity and uncertainty using not only Agile but indicating when it is still possible to use traditional waterfall models.

### **Course Schedule/Topics Covered**

#### **Grading Scale**

95-100% A	87-89.9% B+	77-79.9% C+	69.9% or below F
	84-86.9% B	74-76.9% C	
90-94.9% A-	80-83.9% B-	70-73.9% C-	

#### **Grade Breakdown:**

Category	Component	Percent
1	Class participation, discussion posts	16
2	Industry Trends presentation	7
3	Assignments (individual & group)	33
4	Mid-term Quiz (multiple choice format)	10
5	Final Exam (multiple choice format)	25
6	Agile Simulation	9
<b>Total</b>		100

**Readings:** There will be assigned readings (articles and cases) found on Canvas. These will provide the conceptual framework and background for each topic. Discussion questions will generally be based on the reading materials. For posts on Canvas, you should incorporate theories and frameworks to your responses to demonstrate your ability to apply the methodologies.

**Presentations and discussions:** To cover core principles and concepts to be applied toward current industry trends in APM.

**Individual and group practical assignments:**

**Case studies.** Students will have the ability to combine concepts and frameworks with real world use cases to better apply learnings.

**In-class and Online Case Discussions and Participation**

**Discussion posts 16% and in-class participation 9%**

- Good responses help further constructive discussion and learning. Please read initial posts diligently, think about your response to make sure it provides value and substance to the conversation
- Remember this is a respectful learning environment so all replies should be professional and not personal. You are encouraged to challenge each other but if you disagree with a statement, please use proper judgement
- Your Initial answer/solution to the discussion question/assignment before 11:59pm on Friday following the start date of each week. Initial posts should be between 150 and 200 words (average) and can contain references to the text, the course material and/or outside sources
- One response to one other student's initial post. Reply posts should be between 100 and 150 words (average)
- Agile simulation participation (5%)

**Individual and group assignments (40%)**

- Assignment 1: Case study (11%)
- Assignment 2: Vendor Assessment Project (11%)
- Assignment 3: Change Management (11%)
- Individual innovation presentation (7%)

**Multiple Choice Exams (35%)**

- Midterm open book online (10%)
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- **Final exam (25%)** All course material and cases may be covered in the exam. Closed book

## Attendance/Late Work Policy

### Attendance Policy

Students are expected to complete course readings, participate in class discussions or other learning activities during the unit, and complete written assignments for each unit during the time of that unit. It is understood that there might be one week when active participation in ongoing class conversations and learning activities might be delayed. Beyond one week's time, if there is an absence or lateness in participation (1) faculty must be notified in advance; (2) grades will be adjusted accordingly.

### Late Work Policy

Students must submit assignments by the deadline in the time zone noted in the syllabus. Students must communicate with the faculty prior to the deadline if they anticipate work will be submitted late. Work submitted late without prior communication with faculty will not be graded.

## Course Schedule

*[Note: This Topics Schedule is subject to change. Defer to Canvas Course Materials for the class content and requirements.]*

Week	Date	Topic	Reading/Assignments
1	Sep 4	<b>Getting Oriented:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Course Overview</li> <li>➤ Instructor &amp; student introductions</li> <li>➤ Review Syllabus, requirements, and expectations.</li> <li>➤ Presentations, Debate, Simulation, Case studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Review course syllabus</li> </ul>
2	Sep 11	<b>History &amp; Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Overview, History, Benefits and Tenets of APM(advantages, principles)</li> <li>➤ Break Out Rooms – Discuss the article and submit a smallsummary of the discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Reading Material 1</b> - Here's The Best Leadership Training Technique That You're Not Using</li> <li>➤ Prepare for individual innovation presentations</li> </ul>
3	Sep 18	<b>Individual Innovation Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><u>Individual innovation presentations due</u></b></li> <li>➤ <b>Reading Material 2</b> – The Next Frontier in Employee Experience</li> </ul>

Week	Date	Topic	Reading/Assignments
4	Sep 25	<b>APM Principles, Implementing Agile:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ “The Enemy: Big upfront Anything”</li> <li>➤ Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)</li> <li>➤ Implementing Agile: How to apply the APM method effectively</li> <li>➤ Case Study – Market Study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><u>Discussion post 1 Due</u></b></li> <li>➤</li> <li>➤ <b><u>Assignment 1 review:</u></b> Expansion Strategy</li> </ul>
5	Oct 2	Break Out Rooms – Discuss the article and submit a small summary of the discussion  <b>Agile Roles, Agile Tools:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Agile roles</li> <li>➤ Agile Principles</li> <li>➤ Tools and Methodologies for Quality Control in APM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><u>Reading Material 3:</u></b> If we are all so busy why aren’t you getting things</li> <li>➤ Three Collaborative Interactions - Decision Making, Creative Solutions &amp; Information Sharing – Report</li> </ul>
6	Oct 9	Break Out Rooms – Discuss the article and submit a small summary of the discussion  <b>Agile Practices:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Agile Practices Managerial</li> <li>➤ Agile Practices Technical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><u>Assignment 1 due</u></b></li> <li>➤ Select role for Agile simulation</li> <li>➤ <b><u>Assignment 2:</u></b> Vendor Assessment</li> <li>➤ Vendor Assessment</li> </ul>
7	Oct 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No live class, dedicated time to work on assignments and prepare for mid term</li> </ul>	
8	Oct 23	<b>Scaled Agile:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mid-term Quiz(in-class)</li> <li>➤ Scaling Agile Projects</li> <li>➤ Agile debate preparation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Mid- term quiz during class</b> (10 points,10%)</li> <li>➤ <b><u>Discussion post 2 Due</u></b></li> <li>➤ Agile Debate Instructions</li> </ul>
9	Oct 30	<b>How to Build the Agile Project Framework Cycle</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Agile artifacts</li> <li>➤ Agile methods</li> <li>➤ Agile simulation preparation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><u>Discussion post 4 due</u></b></li> <li>➤ <b><u>Review agile simulation</u></b></li> </ul>

Week	Date	Topic	Reading/Assignments
9	Nov 6	Agile Debate	➤ <b><u>Assignment 2 due</u></b>
11	Nov 13	➤ Agile Simulation(4 Sprints)	➤ <b><u>Discussion post 3 due</u></b> ➤ <b><u>Review Assignment 3</u></b> ➤ Agile simulation preparation
12	Nov 20	Break Out Rooms – Discuss the article and submit a smallsummary of the discussion. Agile Simulation Presentations	➤ <b><u>Reading Material 4:</u></b> 4 Keys to Protecting Your Team’s Productive Capacity ➤ Agile Simulation Presentation Due ➤ <b><u>Assignment 3:</u></b> Navigating the Agile Transition
	Nov 27	No class thanksgiving holiday	
13	Dec 4	Software development methodology trends and Dealing with Agile Teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Latest trends in software development methodologies, does it depend on industry and corporate culture?</li> <li>➤ Dealing with agile teams</li> </ul>	➤ We provide hypothetical organization to prepare an analysis ➤ <b><u>Assignment 3 due</u></b>
14	Dec 11 Final class	➤ Final exam	➤ <b>Final Exam will be given during class time</b>

## End-of-Course Evaluation Surveys

Your feedback regarding your educational experience in this class is particularly important to the College of Professional Studies. Your comments will make a difference in the future planning and presentation of our curriculum.

At the end of this course, please take the time to complete the evaluation survey at <https://neu.evaluationkit.com>. Your survey responses are **completely anonymous and confidential**. For courses 6 weeks in length or shorter, surveys will be open one week prior to the end of the courses; for courses greater than 6 weeks in length, surveys will be open for two weeks. An email will be sent to your Husky Mail account notifying you when surveys are available.

## Academic Integrity

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As members of the academic community, students must become familiar with their rights and responsibilities. In each course, they are responsible for knowing the requirements and restrictions regarding research and writing, examinations of whatever kind, collaborative work, the use of study aids, the appropriateness of assistance, and other issues. Students are responsible for learning the conventions of documentation and acknowledgment of sources in their fields. Northeastern University expects students to complete all examinations, tests, papers, creative projects, and assignments of any kind according to the highest ethical standards, as set forth either explicitly or implicitly in this Code or by the direction of instructors.

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## University Health and Counseling Services

As a student enrolled in this course, you are fully responsible for assignments, work, and course materials as outlined in this syllabus and in the classroom. Over the course of the semester if you experience any health issues, please contact UHCS.

For more information, visit <https://www.northeastern.edu/uahcs>

## Student Accommodations

Northeastern University and the Disability Resource Center (DRC) are committed to providing disability services that enable students who qualify under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) to participate fully in the activities of the university. To receive accommodations through the DRC, students must provide appropriate documentation that demonstrates a current substantially limiting disability.

For more information, visit <https://drc.sites.northeastern.edu>

## **Library Services**

The Northeastern University Library is at the hub of campus intellectual life. Resources include over 900,000 print volumes, 206,500 e-books, and 70,225 electronic journals.

For more information and for education specific resources, visit <https://library.northeastern.edu>

## **24/7 Canvas Technical Help**

For immediate technical support for Canvas, call 617-373-4357 or email [help@northeastern.edu](mailto:help@northeastern.edu)

Canvas Faculty Resources: <https://canvas.northeastern.edu/faculty-resources/>

Canvas Student Resources: <https://canvas.northeastern.edu/student-resources/>

For assistance with my Northeastern e-mail, and basic technical support:

Visit ITS at <https://its.northeastern.edu>

Email: [help@northeastern.edu](mailto:help@northeastern.edu)

ITS Customer Service Desk: 617-373-4357

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