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## CSYE 7230 Software Engineering Course Syllabus

### Course Information

Course Title: CSYE 7230 - Software Engineering

Term and Year: FALL 2023

Credit Hours: 4.0

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### Restrictions:

Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate

Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: College of Engineering

### Prerequisites:

Graduate level CSYE 6200 Minimum Grade of C-

### Course Description:

Looks at the software life cycle (requirements analysis and specification, software design, coding, testing, and maintenance). Offers verification, validation, and documentation at various stages of the life cycle. Covers the Unified Modeling Language as applied to the software life cycle. Covers applications of design patterns. Overviews user interface design, software metrics, and software development environments. Emphasis is on modular software construction and development of modular libraries. Requires a small software development project.

Prereq. CSYE 6200; engineering students only.

### Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs):

The main objective of this course is to introduce the students to the discipline of Software Engineering. In particular:

- Identify the problems that one should expect when developing large software systems.
- The methods that the software developer can use to deal with each of the problems.
- The tools that the software developer can use.
- The procedures that can be followed in developing software.

### Course Learning Outcomes

The goal of this course is to teach students advanced software design techniques, and expose them to some of the cutting-edge design and modeling tools. Students should gain an understanding of the modeling practices

of software engineers that ranges from model centric to code centric approaches. The students should have an understanding of model driven engineering concepts. Students will have some applied experience in developing sufficiently large systems using model driven methodology. The students will experience researching an advanced topic and write a short report paper.

Based on satisfactory completion of this course, a student should be able to:

CLO1: Understand the process and techniques of designing large software systems

CLO2: Appreciate the challenges involved in the design and development of large software systems

CLO3: Understand and apply class diagrams, state machines, and SysML modeling notations.

CLO4: Understand and practice the techniques of forward and reverse engineering.

CLO5: Understand and practice automated program generation

CLO6: Understand some of the current research topics in the area of model driven engineering

**Course Outline:**

| Topic | Name  | Description   |
|-------|---|---|
| A     | Overview of Software Development Processes        | Presentation of key software development processes with focus on agile methodologies.   |
| B     | UML Review & UML Extension Mechanisms             | Introduction of the different modeling notations of UML. An overview of UML profiles and UML extension mechanisms.  |
| C     | Advanced UML Modelling                            | Class and state machine modeling. Presentation of associations, multiplicities, simple and composite state machine models, and related code generation fundamentals, techniques, and tools.   |
| D     | OCL   | Introduction of the OCL constraints language.   |
| E     | SysML   | System modeling using SysML.  |
| F     | Code and Design Smells                            | Discussion of various coding styles, code smells, design smells, practices and tools for evaluating code quality and complexity.  |
| G     | Program Refactoring and Comprehension             | Introduction to refactoring and program comprehension techniques, software maintenance and analysis.  |
| H     | Technical Debt                                    | Introduction and discussion of Technical Debt concepts and implications, and quantification methods.  |
| I     | Software Configuration Management                 | Discussion of the fundamental practice of Software Configuration Management, best practices, tools, and techniques, defect and feature tracking, various types of code repositories, code promotion processes, change management, version management, and release management. |
| J     | Blockchain Fundamentals and Development Platforms | Introduction to Blockchain fundamentals. Overview of some key open source blockchain development platforms.   |
| K     | Software Testing Fundamentals                     | Introduction to software testing, test coverage, graph based coverage, logic coverage, syntax based testing, test methodologies, and performance and usability testing.   |
| L     | Selected Topic                                    | A coverage a contemporary topic of relevance to the course. This could include presentations by students.   |

**Policy on late work:** late submissions of course work will not be graded or considered without a documented and approved excuse.

**Grade Breakdown:**

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| Assignments (~ 6 assignments) | 35% |
| Term project Presentation     | 20% |
| Term Project Report           | 15% |
| Final Exam (comprehensive)    | 30% |
| Attendance required           | 0%  |

**Grading: Graduate Programs Final 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- |                |   |

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