

EE 6313 Advanced Microprocessor Systems
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2:30-3:50pm MW, 108 NH

Instructor:

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Office Hours are after 6:50pm MW outside 108NH or in 148NH.

E-mail is the quickest method of contacting me on non-class days.

Textbook:

Computer Organization and Architecture: Designing for Performance, 7th ed., William Stallings, Prentice Hall 2006, ISBN 0-13-185644-8.

Extensive references, datasheets, application notes, and class notes will be provided on the course web site at <http://omega.uta.edu/~jlosh/>.

Listserv:

Please sign up for the EE6313-L listserv to receive the latest updates (go to <http://listserv.uta.edu> for details)

Catalog Course Description:

6313. ADVANCED MICROPROCESSOR SYSTEMS (3-0). Study of the advanced microprocessor architectures including 32/64-bit RISC processors from leading manufacturers. The design concepts, performance and architectural limitations of RISC and CISC families of microprocessors will be compared based on detailed architectural analysis of the selected devices. Topics include: address/instruction pipelines, burst cycles, memory caching and cache coherency issues, register renaming, speculative instruction execution and other performance-oriented techniques. Prerequisite: EE 5313 or consent of instructor.

Course Topics:

- CPU Design: ALU, Registers, Control Unit
- Instruction Sets: Minimalism, Orthogonality, RISC/CISC
- Predication, Speculative Execution, and Out of Order Execution
- Protected Mode Operation
- Multitasking Operating Systems
- Pipelining: Design, Hazards, Stall/Forwarding Resolution
- Parallelism and Superscalar Architectures
- Cache Memory Design: Mapping, Miss/Hit, Replacement, Write-back Strategies
- Virtual Memory: Paging, Segmentation, Translation and Look-around
- High-speed I/O Design, Modern Protocols: PCIe, SATA

Important Dates:

First Class (Monday, 8/25), No Class (Monday, 9/1), Census Date (Wednesday, 9/10), Project 1 Defense (Wednesday, 10/22 at 2:30pm), Last Drop Date (Friday, 10/31), and Project 2 Defense (Wednesday, 12/3 @ 2:30pm)

Performance Assessment:

- Grade scale: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69), and F (0-59)
- Standard grade calculation: (Project 1 + Project 2) / 2
- The instructor reserves the right to make reasonable changes in performance evaluation as needed.

Graduate Teaching Assistant:

No teaching assistant is assigned to this class.

Projects:

- Project teams will consist of one or two team members. Teams of three or more members will not be permitted, without exception.
- 2 projects will be assigned.

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