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1. Course Number and Course Title:

CMP 310 – Operating Systems

2. Credits hours

3-1-3

3. Prerequisites and/or co-requisites

Prerequisites: CMP 305 (Data Structures and Algorithms), and COE 251 (Introduction to

Computer Systems) or COE 241 (Microcontrollers: Programming and Interfacing)

Prerequisite/concurrent: N/A

Co-requisites: N/A

4. Name and Contact Information of Instructor:

Dr. Gerassimos Barlas

5. Course Description

Introduces operating systems, process management, process scheduling, interprocess communications, memory management techniques, virtual memory, I/O management, deadlock avoidance, file system design and security issues. Employs examples of commonly used operating systems (e.g., Windows and UNIX).

6. Textbook, title, author, and year

Textbook:

• Abraham Silberschatz, Peter B. Galvin and Greg Gagne, "Operating System Concepts", 9e, 2013, ISBN 13: 9781118093757, Wiley

Other supplemental material:

• None

7. Course Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- 1. Describe objectives and characteristics of modern operating systems.
- 2. Identify problems related with process management and programming of concurrent processes
- 3. Apply various techniques to enforce mutual exclusion and avoid deadlock in concurrent processes
- 4. Describe and analyze memory management concepts, including fetching, replacement and resident set management.
- 5. Identify the different types of processor scheduling algorithms, and evaluate major short term scheduling algorithms.
- 6. Explain the organization of I/O system, I/O buffering, and disk scheduling
- 7. Evaluate techniques for file organization and file access.

8. Teaching and Learning Methodologies:

Methods include lectures, lab, homework, quizzes, exams and class discussions.

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9. Course Topics and Schedule:

Topics/Activity	Weeks
Introduction	Week 1
O.S Structure	Week 2
Processes and Process Management	Week 3
Threads	Week 4
Concurrency: semaphores	Week 5
Concurrency: semaphores	Week 6
Concurrency: monitors	Week 7
Concurrency: monitors	Week 8
Scheduling, Real-time scheduling	Week 9
Deadlocks: avoiding & detecting. Starvation	Week 10
Memory management, partitioning, paging, segmentation	Week 11
Virtual Memory	Week 12
Disk Scheduling & RAID	Week 13
File systems	Week 14
Protection and security	Week 15
Final Exam	Week 16