CS 472/672: Software Product Design and Development I

Instructor:  
Contact Info:

Fall 2016
Time and Location: M-W 4:00 - 5:15 PM, Room TBE - B 174
Office Hours: M-W 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Public Calendar:

Catalog Description:
Current techniques in software design presented with emphasis on architecture first development. Introduction to the processes involved in development. Practice architectural design through a series of homework problems. Students work in teams to prepare the architecture for a software product.

Credits 3

Prerequisites
CS 326 and CS 370 and consent of instructor. Prerequisites must be completed with a grade of C or better. Department consent required.

Notes This course is crosslisted with CS 672. Credit at the 600-level requires additional work.

Required Textbook:
Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software, Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson, John Vlissides

Rationale:
The purpose of this course is to give students an introduction to developing software in a more realistic setting. In the first semester of the course (CS 472), students gather requirements; creating mockups and prototypes, while in the second (CS 473), they predominately implement and deploy their software. During both courses, students are required to choose and follow standard software engineering processes.
Student Learning Outcomes:

- Communication Skills
- Practice applying process models to creating software
- Software engineering applications and knowledge
- Application of prerequisite skills
- Practice interacting with clients

**Outcome B:** Apply design and development principles in the construction of software systems.

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**Outcome D:** Use current tools or techniques to implement and evaluate programs or computer-based systems.

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**Outcome E:** Function effectively on a team to accomplish a common goal.

One of the primary goals of this course is to gain experience functioning in a team environment on a software development project. Including the final presentation, the team portion of the project accounts for over one half of the available points.

**Outcome F:** Communicate effectively with a range of audiences.

At the end of the course, students are required to participate in a group presentation of their project and to make an individual presentation on a portion of the project. The audience consists of professors, industry representatives and other students. Students are assessed based on both their individual and team performance.

**Assessment (CS 472):**

While there are a number of assignments listed for this course, you will be graded by five primary criteria: 1) the resume, 2) the individual GIT assignment, 3) your team senior project portfolio, 4) your team final presentation, and 5) your individual exam grades. This document and the final presentation will be created and iteratively refined over the course of the semester.
Besides these rules, I reserve the right to raise an individual student's grade by up to one letter value (e.g., A to B, B to A), based on evidence of exceptional work completed for the final project. Similarly, students that do either do not participate, or participate only minimally in the team project, may have their grade lowered all the way to an F. In other words, students are required to participate in the team project. Students that do not will not pass the course.

Assignments:
- Resume - 50 points
- Git Assignment - 50 points
- Senior Design Portfolio I - 50 points
- Senior Design Portfolio II - 75 points
- Senior Design Portfolio III - 100 points
- Project Presentations - 50 points
- Midterm Exam - 50 points
- Final Exam - 100 points

No late exams or assignments will be accepted without prior approval or extraordinary circumstances.

Assessment (CS 672):
While there are a number of assignments listed for this course, you will be graded by four primary criteria: 1) a software management report where you report on your assigned undergraduate team, 2) an empirical study you conduct and run for the course, 3) your final presentation, and 4) your individual exam grades.

The Empirical Study on Software Engineering will include a comprehensive final report. You will receive feedback on this report throughout the course, but it will only be graded officially at the end. I expect publication quality documents from graduate students. As such, I highly advise you collaborate and get feedback from both me and the other graduate students on it before submitting. You may work freely and collaboratively with others on this report without it being considered cheating. With that said, each students' report is individual and will be graded as if it was created on its own.

Assignments:
- Software Management Report (I - IV) - 25 points each
- Empirical Study on Software Engineering - 200 points
- Project Presentations - 50 points
- Midterm Exam - 50 points
- Final Exam - 100 points
Potential topics for students:
Students may choose any software engineering relevant topic for the course. However, it must be approved by me. Graduate students are encouraged to collaborate with one another to find interesting and relevant research areas to explore.

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**Attendance:**
Your peers will be rating your participation throughout this course. While I will not directly track your attendance, if you do not attend class, your peer ratings may be affected and these ratings may influence your course grade.

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The UNLV Disability Resource Center (SSC-A 143, http://drc.unlv.edu/, 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. If you feel that you have a disability, please make an appointment with a Disabilities Specialist at the DRC to discuss what options may be available to you. If you are registered with the UNLV Disability Resource Center, bring your Academic Accommodation Plan from the DRC to the instructor during office hours so that you may work together to develop strategies for implementing the accommodations to meet both your needs
and the requirements of the course. Any information you provide is private and will be treated as such. If you desire to maintain the confidentiality of your request, please do not approach the instructor before or after class to discuss your accommodation needs.

Incomplete Grades

The grade of I - Incomplete - can be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed three-fourths of course work for that semester/session but for reason(s) beyond the student's control, and acceptable to the instructor and the Department, cannot complete the last part of the course, and the instructor believes that the student can nish the course without repeating it. The incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester. If course requirements are not completed within the time indicated, a grade of F will be recorded and the GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete do not register for the course but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the I grade.

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**Final Examinations**

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