

FSU COP 4610 Principles of Operating Systems

Course Syllabus (Version 1/14/2025)

Lecture: UPL 101 TuTh 11:35 am-12:50 pm

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Objectives

- Define, explain, and apply introductory operating systems concepts: process management, interprocess communication, memory management, I/O systems, file systems, and the like
- Use the UNIX operating system interface to implement a user-level shell in the C language
- Design and implement a correct concurrent program requiring synchronization
- Gain experience in implementing and debugging operating system components, including the kernel module, system call, synchronization primitives, and the file system

Prerequisites

- COP 4530, or an equivalent level of understanding of data structures
- CDA 3100 (co-requisite), or an equivalent level of maturity in understanding the principles of computer hardware design and implementation

Course Material

- Lecture notes (posted on the class Web site)
- Required textbooks: Silberschatz, Galvin, and Gagne, *Operating System Concepts*, 10th Edition (ISBN 978-1-119-32091-3)

Class Grading

The following coursework components contribute to your final grade, and to the degree shown:

Projects	40%
Homework Assignments	10%
Exam 1	10%
Exam 2	10%
Final Exam	30%

Assignments consist of short-answer questions, essays, or problems. The purpose of these assignments is to prepare you for exams.

There will be three to four increasingly challenging projects due during this course. You are expected to work in teams of two to three people. For both homework and projects, if you receive help from others, or if you find helpful information from various sources, please include appropriate acknowledgments.

On exams, 80% of the questions asked will be based on lecture materials, assignments, and projects; 20% of the questions will test your ability to apply various principles learned in the class.

The final exam will be comprehensive.

To receive a passing grade for the overall course, you must earn a passing grade on the final exam and a passing grade on the projects.

Computer Accounts

You will need a computer science account. If you don't have one, use the following link to obtain one: <https://system.cs.fsu.edu/newuser/cs-account-setup/>.

You will also need a fsu.edu account for receiving class emails and using the discussion board. If you want, you can forward your email to other accounts (see <http://its.fsu.edu/Email/EmailAccounts/Email-Account-Management-Information>).

Your Responsibilities

- Understand the lecture slides and reading assignments
- Attend office hours for extra help, as needed
- Uphold academic honesty in completing your assignments, projects, and exams
- Turn in your projects on time
- Check the class Web page and your email account regularly

Course Calendar (Tentative)

In recitation sessions, the TAs will present materials pertaining to the course projects.

Lecture	Week	Date	Lecture	
1	1	1/7	Course overview	
2		1/9	Introduction and history Concurrency: threads, address space, and processes	
3	2	1/14	Genesis: from raw hardware to processes, Project 1 release	HW1 due
4		1/16	CPU scheduling Cooperating threads, synchronization	HW1 debrief
5	3	1/21	Implementing mutual exclusion	
6		1/23	Semaphores and bounded buffer, more on semaphores	HW2 due
		1/27		HW2 debrief, HW3, HW4 due
7	4	1/28	Exam review	HW3, HW4 debrief
8		1/30	Exam 1 in class (please bring your ID)	
9	5	2/4	Project 2 release	
10		2/6	Exam 1 Debrief	
11	6	2/11	Monitors, condition variables, and readers-writers	
12		2/13	Deadlocks	
13	7	2/18	Memory protection, Address translation	HW5 due
14		2/20	Caching and TLBs	HW5 debrief
15	8	2/25	Project 2 office hours	HW6 due
16		2/27	Recitation	
17	9	3/4	Demand paged virtual memory	HW6 debrief
18		3/6	Device management	
		3/11	Spring break	
		3/13	Spring break	
	10	3/17		HW7 due
19		3/18	Exam review	HW7 debrief
20		3/20	Exam 2 in class (please bring your ID)	
21	11	3/25	Project 3 release	
22		3/27	Exam 2 debrief	
23	12	4/1	File systems and disk management, Naming and directories	
24		4/3	Transactions: reliability from unreliable components, Protection and security	
25	13	4/8	TrueErase	
26		4/10	Network protocols, Networks and distributed systems	HW8 due

27	14	4/15	Remote procedural call, Distributed file systems	HW8 debrief
28		4/17	Final review	HW9 due
29	15	4/22	Automated worm fingerprinting	
30		4/24	Finding bugs in persistent memory file systems	HW10 due

Course Policies

Attendance: Excused absences include documented illness, deaths in the family and other documented crises, call to active military duty or jury duty, religious holy days, and official University activities. These absences will be accommodated in a way that does not arbitrarily penalize students who have a valid excuse. Consideration will also be given to students whose dependent children experience serious illness.

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