George Mason University

Volgenau School of IT & Engineering

SYST 520 System Design and Integration (3:3:0) Fall 2007.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

System design and integration methods are studied and practiced, including both structured analysis and object-oriented based techniques. The course includes the development process of functional, physical, and operational architectures for the allocation and derivation of component-level requirements for the purpose of specification production; examination of interfaces and development of interface architectures. Life cycle of systems is addressed; generation and analysis of life cycle requirements. Software tools are introduced and used for portions of the systems engineering cycle.

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Course Call numbers: SYST 520 001 72863

Fall 2007: Monday 4:30 – 7:10 pm Room IN 207 (Innovation Hall)

COURSE OUTLINE (subject to change)

- 27 Aug 07 Overview of Systems Engineering; Approaches to Design, WebCT; B1 & Notes
- 10 Sep 07 Systems Engineering Design Process; Structured Analysis; CORE; B2
- 17 Sep 07 Use cases, Process modeling: IDEF0, DFD: A5, B3 & B12.3
- 24 Sep 07 Data Modeling and Rule Modeling
- 01 Oct 07 Requirements and Design Definition; B6
- 09 Oct 07 Functional Architecture; B7
- 15 Oct 07 Physical Architecture and Design; B8 and B9
- 22 Oct 07 Behavioral Models and Executable Model of Design; B12
- 29 Oct 07 Interface Design and System Integration and Quantification; B10 & B11
- 05 Nov 07 Mid Term Exams Due
- 05 Nov 07 Alternative Structural and Architectural Representations; B12.
- 12 Nov 07 The Unified Modeling Language: Basic Concepts; A2
- 19 Nov 07 The Unified Modeling Language: Diagrams; A8, A9, A11, A12
- 26 Nov 07 Object oriented Design: A8, A9, A11, A12
- 03 Dec 07 The Systems Modeling Language (SySML)
- 17 Dec 07 Final Take Home Exams Due (No Class)

Textbooks for Course:

- (1) Dennis M. Buede, The Engineering Design of Systems, Wiley, 2000, NY.
- (2) Scott W. Ambler, The Object Primer, Cambridge University Press, 2004, NY.

In the Course Outline, Bx denotes chapter x in Buede; Ax chapter x in Ambler

A plethora of contemporary literature available on the Internet concerning systems design and integration and related issues in architecting will be of much use, and experience will be gained in the Internet as a research tool during the course. A course web site on WebCT will be operational and put to much use. We will gain experience in using the CORE software package for design and architecting. Other software will be briefly discussed. Detailed class notes (Overheads) by A. P. Sage and A. H. Levis will be provided.

Student Evaluation Criteria: Homework 40%; Midterm 30%; Final 30%, APS 16 July 2007