

## EE 334 COMPUTER ARCHITECTURE

Sloan 233

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M,W,F 9:10-10AM

Objectives: To provide a sound background in computer architecture. The main focus is processor design and evaluation with case studies. A number of architectural alternatives are described and evaluated using quantitative approaches. Pre-requisite: EE234

### 1. Computer Abstractions and Technology

(Chapter 1)

- 1.1 Programs
- 1.2 Integrated circuits
- 1.3 Microprocessors

### 2. Instruction Set Architecture

(Chapter 2)

- 2.1 Instruction types: Arithmetic, Logic, Branch, Memory
- 2.2 Operand storage, type and size
- 2.3 Examples of instruction sets (MIPS)

### 3. Computer Arithmetic

(Chapter 3)

- 3.1 Number representation
- 3.2 Addition/subtraction
- 3.3 ALU
- 3.4 Multiplication/division
- 3.5 Floating point

### 4. Processor Architecture

(Chapter 4)

- 4.1 Building a datapath
- 4.2 Pipelining principle
- 4.3 Pipelined datapath and control
- 4.4 Data hazards and forwarding
- 4.5 Control (branch) hazards
- 4.6 Instruction-level parallelism
- 4.7 AMD Opteron X4

### 5. Memory Hierarchy

(Chapter 5)

- 5.1 Principle of locality
- 5.2 Memory hierarchy
- 5.3 Cache memory
- 5.4 Virtual Memory

### 6. Multicore and Multiprocessor

(Chapter 7)

- 6.1 Parallel Processing
- 6.2 Share Memory Multiprocessors
- 6.3 Hardware Multithreading
- 6.4 Message passing multiprocessors

Textbook: D. A. Patterson and J. L. Hennessy, *Computer Organization and Design: The Hardware/Software Interface*, **Fourth Edition**. Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, 2009.

Grade:	2 Exams (30% each)	60%
	Homework	20%
	Final Exam	20%

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