

**Systems Design**  
ESI 6553 Section CAMP, OVER, 2FED, 1FE2  
**Class Periods:** M,W,F | Period 3 (9:35 AM - 10:25 AM)  
**Location:** CSE E118  
**Academic Term:** Fall 2022

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***Course Description (3 credits)***

This course serves as an introduction to systems engineering. It consists of the structured approaches needed to design complex systems. This course introduces basic mathematical techniques for dealing with systems design, and it emphasizes the formulation of systems problems and approaches to their solutions.

***Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites***

Calculus, linear algebra, basics of statistics, ESI 6314 (waived with instructor consent)

***Course Objectives***

This course will acquaint students with concepts of systems and the role systems engineering plays in their development. Students will obtain introductory knowledge of the system design process, including conceptual, preliminary, and detailed design requirements, and test and evaluation methods. Students will also develop knowledge of engineering methods for systems design and analysis, and systems safety engineering. The course will also provide introductory knowledge of data mining, sampling, classification, and cluster analysis for systems design decision-making. As this is a project-oriented course, a final project is required.

***Materials and Supply Fees***

Not applicable

***Recommended Textbooks and Software***

- Systems Engineering and Analysis, 5th Edition
- Benjamin S. Blanchard, Wolter J. Fabrycky
- Pearson, 2010, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition
- ISBN-13: 978-0132217354
  
- How To Do Systems Analysis: Primer and Casebook
- John E. Gibson, William T. Scherer, William F. Gibson, Michael C. Smith
- John Wiley & Sons, 2017, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition
- ISBN-13: 978-1119179573

***Recommended Materials***

- Lecture slides will be prepared and distributed by the instructor in advance of discussion sessions
- Supplemental reading materials will be provided by the instructor according to the course schedule.
- An analytical software of your choice: Excel, MatLab, R Studio, etc.

## Course Schedule\*

\*This is a tentative outline. The instructor reserves the right to make changes as she sees necessary.

Week	Date	Topic	Activity
1	8/24/2022	Introduction – syllabus, schedule, assignments, exam, etc.	Self-Introduction
	8/26/2022	Module 1 Part 1 – System definition, elements, classification, etc.	
2	8/29/2022	Module 1 Part 2 – System engineering terminology, life cycle, engineering process.	
	8/31/2022	Module 1 Part 3 – System models, evaluation, implementation, outcomes.	
	9/2/2022	Module 1 discussion	
3	9/5/2022	Module 2 Part 1 – Conceptual design, requirements planning, performance measures, function allocation and analysis, system specs.	HW1
	9/7/2022	Module 2 Part 1 (cont.) – & Part 2 – Preliminary design, subsystem function allocation and analysis.	
	9/9/2022	Personal introductions	
4	9/12/2022	Module 2 Part 2 (cont.) & Part 3 – Detailed design and development, systems integration.	
	9/14/2022	Module 2 Part 3 (cont.)	
	9/16/2022	Module 2 discussion	
5	9/19/2022	Module 3 Part 1 – Test and evaluation: Categories and planning.	Quiz 1
	9/21/2022	Module 3 Part 2 – Goal development: generalizing questions, descriptive vs. normative scenarios, objective trees.	
	9/23/2022	Module 3 discussion & HW1 discussion - Systems design and analysis application.	
6	9/26/2022	Module 4 Part 1 – System design analysis methods.	
	9/28/2022	Module 4 Part 2 – System complexity: Measures, management and decision making.	
	9/30/2022	Module 4 discussion & Quiz 2 discussion	
7	10/3/2022	Midterm Exam review discussion	Midterm
	10/5/2022	<b>Midterm Exam</b>	
	10/7/2022	<i>Holiday - Homecoming</i>	
8	10/10/2022	Module 5 Part 1 – Intro to systems safety: Definition, process, risk assessment methods, hierarchy of controls, cost of risks.	HW2
	10/12/2022	Module 5 Part 2 - Part 2 - Systems safety: Hazard analysis and control throughout lifecycle.	
	10/14/2022	Exam review & HW2 overview – Systems safety application.	
9	10/17/2022	Module 6 Part 1 – Intro to data mining for systems design: Motivations, definitions, tasks, example applications, challenges.	
	10/19/2022	Module 6 Part 1 (cont.)	
	10/21/2022	Module 5 discussion & HW2 discussion	
10	10/24/2022	Module 6 Part 2 – Data mining: Defining data, attributes, properties, types of sets, quality characteristics, preprocessing.	Quiz 2
	10/26/2022	Module 6 Part 2 (cont.)	
	10/28/2022	Midterm discussion & term project overview	
11	10/31/2022	Module 6 Part 3 – Data sampling: Motivation, types, size, dimensionality, feature selection, discretization, outliers, similarity, distances, correlation, density.	HW3
	11/2/2022	Module 6 Part 3 (cont.)	
	11/4/2022	Module 6 discussion & HW3 overview – Data sampling/preprocessing application.	
12	11/7/2022	Module 7 Part 1 – Focus on classification task: examples and specific techniques. Focus on decision trees, examples, splitting, algorithms, measures of entropy.	
	11/9/2022	Module 7 Part 1 (cont.)	
	11/11/2022	<i>Holiday - Veterans Day</i>	

13	11/14/2022	Module 7 Part 2 – Characteristics and issues in decision tree analysis: Search strategies, data fragmentation, decision boundaries, under/overfitting, classification model evaluation, neural networks.	HW4
	11/16/2022	Module 7 Part 2 (cont.)	
	11/18/2022	Module 7 discussion & HW4 overview – Classification task/decision analysis application.	
14	11/21/2022	Module 8 Part 1 – Cluster analysis: applications, types, examples, K-means, hierarchical, pros and cons.	
	11/23/2022	<i>Holiday - Thanksgiving</i>	
	11/25/2022	<i>Holiday - Thanksgiving</i>	
15	11/28/2022	Module 8 Part 1 (cont.)	Term Project
	11/30/2022	Module 8 Part 2 – Golden rules of systems design	
	12/2/2022	HW4 discussion & term project discussion	
16	12/5/2022	Module 8 discussion & Quiz 2 discussion	<b>Final Exam</b> <b>12/15/2022 @</b> <b>7:30 - 9:30 AM</b>
	12/7/2022	Exam review discussion	

### ***Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy***

This course is offered through the UF EDGE program. All lectures will be pre-recorded and made available to all students (EDGE and on-campus). It is expected that students will watch the course lectures in advance of online discussion sessions (at the regularly scheduled class times). Attendance of discussion sessions is not required, but available students are encouraged to attend.

Attendance is required exams online via Canvas Honorlock online proctoring services. Make-up exams will only be arranged in cases of documented family or medical emergencies (Please contact the instructor prior to the exam to discuss any circumstances). Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in the Graduate Catalog (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/graduate/regulations>) and require appropriate documentation. Additional information can be found here: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>

Late Assignment Policy: The assignments are to be submitted on or before the posted due date. Students are responsible for all material presented in each session. Late submission penalty of 25% per day (4 days maximum allowance) will be applied to late submissions. If the grades have been released/assignments have been evaluated, your assignment is excessively late, a zero will be given. **It is your responsibility to visit the course website regularly, read the posted announcements and be aware of assignment submission deadlines and procedures.**

### ***Evaluation of Grades***

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Percentage of Final Grade</b>
Homework Sets (4)	25 each	24% (6% each)
Quizzes (2)	10 each	6% (3% each)
Midterm Exam	100	20%
Final Exam	100	25%
Project	100	25%
TOTAL		100%

### ***Grading Policy***

<b>Percent</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Grade Points</b>
93.0 - 100.0	A	4.00
90.0 - 92.9	A-	3.67
87.0 - 89.9	B+	3.33
83.0 - 86.9	B	3.00

80.0 – 82.9	B-	2.67
77.0 - 79.9	C+	2.33
73.0 – 76.9	C	2.00
70.0 - 72.9	C-	1.67
67.0 - 69.9	D+	1.33
63.0 - 66.9	D	1.00
60.0 - 62.9	D-	0.67
0 - 59.9	E	0.00

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#grades>

### ***Students Requiring Accommodations***

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

### ***Course Evaluation***

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

### ***In-Class Recording***

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

### ***Online Course Recording***

Our class sessions may be audio visually recorded for students in the class to refer back and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image

recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials is prohibited.

### ***University Honesty Policy***

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Conduct Code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

### ***Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment***

The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering values broad diversity within our community and is committed to individual and group empowerment, inclusion, and the elimination of discrimination. It is expected that every person in this class will treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of gender, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, and culture.

If you feel like your performance in class is being impacted by discrimination or harassment of any kind, please contact your instructor or any of the following:

- Your academic advisor or Graduate Program Coordinator
- Jennifer Nappo, Director of Human Resources, 352-392-0904, [jpennacc@ufl.edu](mailto:jpennacc@ufl.edu)
- Curtis Taylor, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 352-392-2177, [taylor@eng.ufl.edu](mailto:taylor@eng.ufl.edu)
- Toshikazu Nishida, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, 352-392-0943, [nishida@eng.ufl.edu](mailto:nishida@eng.ufl.edu)

### ***Software Use***

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

### ***Student Privacy***

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: <https://registrar.ufl.edu/ferpa.html>

### ***Campus Resources:***

#### *Health and Wellness*

##### **U Matter, We Care:**

Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

**Counseling and Wellness Center:** <https://counseling.ufl.edu>, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

### **Sexual Discrimination, Harassment, Assault, or Violence**

If you or a friend has been subjected to sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or violence contact the **Office of Title IX Compliance**, located at Yon Hall Room 427, 1908 Stadium Road, (352) 273-1094, [title-ix@ufl.edu](mailto:title-ix@ufl.edu)

### **Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)**

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

**University Police Department** at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>.

### **COVID-19**

- You are expected to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings even if you are vaccinated.
- If you are sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email [covid@shcc.ufl.edu](mailto:covid@shcc.ufl.edu)) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus.
- If you are withheld from campus by the Department of Health through Screen, Test & Protect, you are not permitted to use any on campus facilities. Students attempting to attend campus activities when withheld from campus will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.
- UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or have tested positive yourself. Visit the [UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website](#) for more information.
- Please continue to follow healthy habits, including best practices like frequent hand washing. Following these practices is our responsibility as Gators.

### Academic Resources

**E-learning technical support**, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to [Learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:Learning-support@ufl.edu).  
<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

**Career Resource Center**, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling; <https://career.ufl.edu>.

**Library Support**, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

**Teaching Center**, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.  
<https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>.

**Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall**, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.  
<https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>.

**Student Complaints Campus:** <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>; <https://care.dso.ufl.edu>.

**On-Line Students Complaints:** <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>.