**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, PILANI**

**FIRST SEMESTER 2021 - 2022**

**COURSE HANDOUT (PART II)**

Date: 07/ 08 / 2021

In addition to Part I (General Handout for all courses appended to the timetable) this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

*Course No* : **MEL G624**

*Course Title* : **Advanced VLSI Architecture**

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**1. Scope and Objective:**

Study of advanced processor architectures and their implementation techniques that leverage data-level parallelism and task level parallelism. This includes study of Vector, SIMD and GPU architectures and implementations; study of architectures and implementations that exploit thread-level parallelism and task level parallelism via multi-processing; study of memory hierarchy design for all the above processors, and application domain specific processor architectures and their implementations.

**2. Expected Learning Outcomes:**

Gaining understanding of how (beyond instruction-level parallelism) data-level parallelism, thread-level parallelism and task level parallelism can be exploited to architect and implement:

a. Vector Processors

b. SIMD processors and Multi-media processors

c. Graphical Processing Units (GPU) and General Purpose Graphical Processing Units (GPGPU)

d. Multi-core processors

e. Memory hierarchy organization for the above processors

**3. Text Book:**

1. *Computer Architecture: A Quantitative Approach,* by J.L. Hennessy & D.A. Patterson,

Morgan Kaufmann., 6th, 2019.

**4. Reference Books:**

R1. Modern Processor Design: Fundamentals of Superscalar Processors, John Paul Shen & Mikko.H.Lipasti , Tata McGraw Hill,2011.

R2. DSP Processor Fundamentals, Phil Lapesly , Jeff Bier, Amit Shoham, Edward.A.Lee, Wiley India Edition,2011.

R3 Journals & Conference Proceedings

**4. Course Plan:**

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| **Lect No.** | Learning Objective | Topics to be covered | **Reference** |
| 01-03 | Classification of computers from architectural point of view, Quantitative principles performance measurement. | Fundamentals of Quantitative Design and Analysis | T1- Ch-1 & Appendix-A |
| 04-10 | Memory hierarchy design for high performance. | Memory Hierarchy Design | T1- Ch-2 and Appendix-B |
| 11-13 | Review of pipelining concepts. | Pipeline architectures | T1- Appendix-C |
| 14-15 | Basics of super scalar architecture. | Superscalar Architectures | Ch-3 - Appendix-C |
| 16-17 | Different DSP architectures | Different DSP architectures and their units | Class Notes |
| 18-19 | Basics of VLIW architecture | Introduction to VLIW architectures | Chapter-3 |
| 20-23 | Instruction-level parallelism in high performance processors | Introduction to Parallel Processing, ILP | Chapter-3 |
| 24-30 | Vector architectures and implementations. Multimedia architectures and implementations.. | Data-Level Parallelism in Vector, SIMD | Chapter-4 |
| 31-36 | Graphical Processing Unit Architectures | GPU Architectures | Chapter-4 |
| 37 | Processing of  single set of code by several processors. | Multithreading | Chapter-3 |
| 38-39 | Small multicore processors | Small multiprocessors | Ch-5 |
| 40 | Interconnection network to connect multiple processors | Multiprocessor interconnects | Class Notes |
| 41-42 | Large multicore processors | Large multiprocessors | Ch-5 |

The material in the text will be supplemented with papers from Journals. Class Notes will include journal papers, e-material

**5. Evaluation Scheme:**

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| **EC No.** | **Evaluation Component** | Duration **(min)** | Marks (Weightage %) | Date and Time | Nature of Component |
| 1 | Mid-Semester Exam | 90 Min | 30% | To be announced | Open Book |
| 2 | Assignments, Design Problems | NA | 30% | To be announced | Open Book |
| 3 | Comprehensive Exam | 120 Min | 40% | As announced in the Time Table | Open Book/Closed Book |

\* Details of the assignments will be announced later.

**6. Chamber Consultation Hours:** *To be Announced*

**7. Make-up Policy:**

Make Up for any component will be given only in genuine cases. In all cases prior intimation must be given to IC.

**9. Notices:** Notices regarding the course will be displayed on Google classroom/CMS.

Instructor - in - charge