

COURSE INFORMATION

1.	Name of Course		Operating Systems												
2.	Course Code		TSN2101												
3.	Type of Course (e.g. : Core, major, elective etc.)		Core												
4.	Synopsis		This subject is to provide a theoretical background of the operating system with a focus on the design considerations in its implementation.												
5.	Version (State the date of the Senate's approval - previous and the current approval date)		Current: January 2018 Previous: June 2016												
6.	Name(s) of Academic Staff		Tan Saw Chin, Timothy, Ng Hu												
7.	Semester and Year Offered		Trimester 1 (Gamma)												
8.	Credit Value		4 Credit hour												
9.	Pre-Requisite		None												
10.	Objective of the course in the programme: To provide a theoretical background of the operating system with a focus on the design considerations in its implementation														
11.	Justification for including the course in the programme: This course prepares students to be familiar with the design and architecture of operating systems so as to allow them to develop systems or applications that may require basic understanding of these principles.														
12.	Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)		Domain	Level											
	CLO1: Identify the components and concepts of operating systems.		Cognitive	1											
	CLO2: Describe the structure and design decisions in the implementation of an operating system		Cognitive	2											
	CLO3: Compare the algorithms and operational principles considered in the design of operating systems.		Cognitive	4											
	CLO4: Analyze specific problems likely to occur in a component of an operating system		Cognitive	4											
13.	Mapping of the Course Learning Outcomes to the Programme Learning Outcomes, Teaching Methods and Assessment:														
	Course Learning Outcomes (CLO) (Must tally with CLOs in item 12)	Programme Learning Outcomes (PLO)												Teaching Methods	Assessment Method
		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		
		O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
		CLO1		✓											
	CLO2		✓	✓	✓									Lecture/Practical	Test/Assignment/Final Exam
	CLO3		✓	✓	✓									Lecture/Practical	Quiz/Test/Assignment/Final Exam
	CLO4		✓	✓	✓									Lecture/Practical	Test/Final Exam
	Total		4	3	3									Indicate the relevancy between the CLO and PLO by ticking "✓" the appropriate relevant box (This description must be read together with standards 2.1.2, 2.2.1, and 2.2.2 in Area 2 – pages 16 & 18 of COPPA 2.0)	
14.	Transferable Skills: Critical Thinking and research.														
15.	Distribution of Student Learning Time (SLT)														
	Course Content Outline	**CLO	Teaching and Learning Activities				Guided Learning (NF2F)*	Independent Learning (NF2F)*	Total SLT						
			Guided Learning (F2F)*												
			*L	*T	*P	*O									
1	Introduction to Operating Systems Operating system roles and functions, Operating system operations, Introduction to single processor, multiprocessor, networked and distributed operating systems	1	2		2			4	8						
2	Operating System Structures System services, interface and system calls, Kernel organization, Virtualization	1	2		2			4	8						
3	Processes and Threads Concept of processes, Operations on processes, Inter-process communication, Multithreading models, Threading issues.	2	3		3			6	12						
4	Process Scheduling Scheduling criteria, Scheduling algorithms, Thread scheduling, Multiprocessor scheduling	2	3		3			6	12						
5	Process Synchronization Race conditions, Critical sections and mutual exclusion, Locks and semaphores, Classical problems of synchronization	2	2		2			4	8						

6	Deadlocks Deadlock characterization, Deadlock prevention, deadlock avoidance and deadlock detection, Recovery from deadlock	3	2		2			4	8
7	Memory Management Concept of swapping, Contiguous memory allocation, Paging, Segmentation	3	3		3			6	12
8	Virtual Memory Demand paging, Copy-on-write, Page replacement. Allocation of frames, Concept of thrashing	3	3		3			6	12
9	File Systems Concept of files, Access methods, Directory structure, File protection	3	2		2			4	8
10	File System Implementation File system structure, Directory implementation, Allocation methods, Free space management	4	2		2			4	8
11	Secondary Storage Management Disk structure and layout, Disk scheduling, Disk management and performance, RAID	4	2		2			4	8
12	Operating System Case Studies Linux, Windows, Mobile OS	4	2		2			4	8
Total SLT								112	
SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT									
1. Continuous Assessment			Percentage %				Total SLT		
Quiz			10%				3		
Test			20%				10		
Assignment			10%				13		
Total SLT for Continuous Assessment							26		
2. Final Assessment			Percentage %				Total SLT		
Final Exam			60%				F2F	ILT	
							2	20	
Total SLT for Final Assessment (F2F + NF2F)							22		
Grand Total			100%				160		
**Indicate the CLO based on the CLO's numbering in Item 12. *L= Lecture, *T= Tutorial, *P= Practical, *O= Others, F2F= Face to Face, NF2F= Non Face to Face									
16	Identify Special Requirement to Deliver the Course (e.g., software, nursery, computer lab, simulation room): UNIX Command, Virtual Box								
17	Main References: Silberschatz, A. et al., "Operating Systems Concepts", 9th Edition International Student Version, John Wiley, 2016								
18	Additional References: Stallings, W., "Operating Systems: Internals and Design Principles", 8th Edition, Pearson, 2016								

Note:

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