

CS 111: Operating System Principles

Syllabus

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Description. Lecture, four hours; laboratory, two hours; outside study, nine hours. Enforced requisites: courses 32, 33, 35L. Introduction to operating systems design and evaluation. Computer software systems performance, robustness, and functionality. Kernel structure, bootstrapping, input/output (I/O) devices and interrupts. Processes and threads; address spaces, memory management, and virtual memory. Scheduling, synchronization. File systems: layout, performance, robustness. Distributed systems: networking, remote procedure call (RPC), asynchronous RPC, distributed file systems, transactions. Protection and security. Exercises involving applications using, and internals of, real-world operating systems. Letter grading.

Schedule. Class starts March 30, 2021 and ends June 4, 2021. Lectures will take place on Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00–3:50 PM PST. There are 3 lab sections, all taking place on Fridays. Please check your schedule for your specific time. The midterm will take place during week 5. The final exam is tentatively set for June 8, 2021 from 8:00–11:00 AM PST.

Evaluation. This course contains 1 warm-up lab, 4 full labs, a midterm and final exam. The warm-up lab is worth 5% of your grade. Each following lab is worth 10% of your grade. The midterm is worth 24%, and the final exam is worth 30%. Finally, the class evaluation worth 1% and is done in the final week of classes. Your evaluation has impact on whether or not you get credit. You will need to evaluate myself and the TAs.

Lectures. I'll primarily present the course material during the lectures. The lecture format will be updated from previous offerings, following the same general format. Lectures may be reorganized at my discretion. The book “[Operating Systems: Three Easy Pieces](#)” by [Remzi Arpaci-Dusseau](#) and [Andrea Arpaci-Dusseau](#) will complement the lectures.

Labs. Submissions are done using Git. We will provide students with a Git repository, and you'll be required to push your code there for submission. Your submission time will be recorded, the state of your repository at the due date will be considered your submission. You will be given 4 late days to use due to unforeseen circumstances. There will be no penalty for using late days. If you use 5 late days, your lowest lab grade will be halved. Any additional late days will cause you to receive a 0 on your latest lab and you will recoup the late days. I will try to give you the option that results in the highest grade.

Discussion. This term we will be using Piazza for class discussion. I believe in and encourage public discussion. For any private matters please email the myself or a TA instead. Find our class signup link at: <https://piazza.com/ucla/spring2021/cs111>.

Academic Honesty. I expect you to follow the [Student Conduct Code](#) and the [Student Group Conduct Code](#). I will not tolerate any cheating. It only hurts your learning, and your fellow students. This includes posting your course Git repository to the public (e.g. on GitHub). Any cheating receives a grade of 0 and disciplinary action. Note that this policy applies outside of this quarter as well.