
COURSE OUTLINECOURSE SYLLABUS

Fall 2025

Computer Architecture

COSC 3345.001

M-W-F 1:25 PM-2:20 PM

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Course Description: The course focuses on the function and design of various components necessary to process information digitally. Topics include: Digital logic and digital systems, machine level representation of data, assembly level machine organization, memory system and organization, multiprocessing, and alternative architectures.

Textbook: Linda Null and Julia Lobur (2015). *Computer Organization and Architecture*. (Fourth Edition) Jones and Bartlett, Sudbury, MA.

Topics and tentative time allotment are shown below.

	Topic	Hours
1	Introduction to Digital Concepts	3
2	Number Systems	1
3	Boolean Algebra and Digital logic	6
4	Combinational Logic circuits	3
5	Flip-flops, registers, counters, and state machines	9
6	MARIE a simple computer, Programming in Assembly Language	12
7	Memory	3
9	Alternative Architectures	3

		Evaluation
Test 1	Wednesday, October 1, 2025	70 %
Test 2	Wednesday, November 12, 2025	
Final	Monday, December 8, 2025 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	
Class Participation		5 %
Assignments		25%

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Academic Dishonesty: You are expected to do your own work. You may assist each other with general concepts, but direct assistance with an assignment or any attempts to gain an unfair academic advantage will not be tolerated. Cheating is considered a serious academic offense both by the department and the University. It may result in a failing grade from this course for all parties involved. The instructor reserves the right to ask you to explain any assignment that you turn in to judge if the work is yours.

Usage of AI tools: I expect all the work students submit for this course to be their own. I have carefully designed all assignments and class activities to support your learning. Doing your own work, without human or artificial intelligence assistance, is best for your efforts in mastering course learning objectives. For this course, I expressly forbid using ChatGPT or any other artificial intelligence (AI) tools for any stages of the work process, including brainstorming. Deviations from these guidelines will be considered a violation of UT Tyler's Honor Code and academic honesty values.

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