Course Syllabi

1. **Course number and name**
   COSC 4377 Compiler Techniques

2. **Credits and contact hours**
   3 Credit Hours

3. **Instructor’s or course coordinator’s name**
   Instructor: Leonard Brown

4. **Textbook, title, author, and year**

5. **Specific course information**
   a. A brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)
      Characteristics of the compiling process, syntax directed compiling, symbol table construction and searching, top-down and bottom-up methods, formal grammars, and a formalization of syntax
   b. Prerequisites or co-requisites
      COSC 2315 – Computer Organization and COSC 2336 – Data Structures & Algorithms
   c. Indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective course in the program
      Elective course for Computer Science

6. **Specific goals of the course**
   a. Specific outcomes of instruction, ex. The student will be able to explain the significance of current research about a particular topic.
      1. Compare and contrast compiled and interpreted execution models, outlining relative merits of each.
      2. Describe the phases of program translation from source code to executable code and the files produced by these phases.
      3. Explain the differences between machine-dependent and machine-independent translation and where these differences are evident in the translation process.
4. Describe the steps and algorithms used by language translators: lexical analysis; top-down parsing; bottom-up parsing; intermediate code generation; code optimization; and object code generation.

5. Recognize the underlying formal models such as finite state automata and their connection to language definition through regular expressions and grammars.

6. Discuss the effectiveness of optimization.

7. Explain the impact of a separate compilation facility and the existence of program libraries on the compilation process.

7. Brief list of topics to be covered
   - Introduction to Compilation
   - Lexical Analysis
   - Syntactic Analysis
   - Top-Down Parsing
   - Bottom-Up Parsing
   - Intermediate Code Generation
   - Code Optimization
   - Object Code Generation
   - Memory Use
General Information

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Exams: There will be three midterm exams and one final exam given for this class. All exams will be held in the class lecture room. The midterm exams will be during the regular class time. The tentative dates of the exams are:
- Exam I: March 3, 2021
- Exam II: April 7, 2021
- Final Exam: (See University Schedule)
You will be notified in advance of any change in the above dates.

Grading: There are several components to the course grade totaling 1000 points. The point distribution is as follows:
- Exam I: 150 points
- Exam II: 150 points
- Homework Assignments/Quizzes: 400 points
- Final Examination: 300 points

Course grades will be assigned based on the following scale.
- 900-1000: A
- 800-899: B
- 700-799: C
- 600-699: D
- 599 and below: F

Late Policies: All homework assignments are due at 11:59 p.m. on the date specified in the assignment. Assignments submitted after the due date (even if it is by one minute) are considered late. There is a 10% penalty for each day an assignment is late. Assignments will not be accepted after 5 days.
**Plagiarism:** Unless otherwise specified, all work submitted for a grade must be completed by yourself. You are not to submit another person’s work and claim it as your own. Plagiarism will result in disciplinary actions. To spare yourself accusations of plagiarism—

1. Do not show another student a copy of your work before it has been graded. The penalties for permitting your work to be copied are the same as the penalties for copying someone else’s work.
2. Do not leave printouts of your work where other students may pick them up.

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Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, or a higher than normal temperature will be excused from class and should stay at home and may join the class remotely. Students who have difficulty adhering to the Covid-19 safety policies for health reasons are also encouraged to join the class remotely. Students needing additional accommodations may contact the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources at University Center 3150, or call (903) 566-7079 or email saroffice@uttyler.edu.

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**Academic Calendar:** [https://www.uttyler.edu/schedule/files/academic-calendar-20-21.pdf](https://www.uttyler.edu/schedule/files/academic-calendar-20-21.pdf)

**Final Exam Schedule:** [https://www.uttyler.edu/schedule/files/final-exam-schedule.pdf?rand=1](https://www.uttyler.edu/schedule/files/final-exam-schedule.pdf?rand=1)