

CPE 619

Modeling and Analysis of Computer and Communication Systems

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- Time and Place:** Lecture: MW 12:45–2:05 PM, EB 239
- Course Web Page:** <http://www.ece.uah.edu/~milenka/cpe619-08S>
- Office Hours:** MW: 2:15-3:15 PM or by appointment
- Textbook:** Raj Jain, The Art of Computer Systems Performance Analysis: Techniques, Experimental Design, Measurement, Simulation and Modeling, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, NY, 1991. ISBN: 0-471-50336-3.
- Prerequisites:** MA 585 or EE 500
- Course Description:** The course introduces basic concepts of performance evaluation and analytical modeling of modern computer systems and networks. The topics include: measurement techniques, monitoring tools, statistical analysis, simulation, analytic models, Queuing theory, benchmarks, and performance evaluation problems. By the end of this course students are well-prepared with theoretical and practical knowledge for experimental design, measurement, simulation, and modeling of modern computer systems.
- Tentative Schedule:**
1. Overview of Performance Evaluation
Introduction, Common Mistakes, Selection of Techniques and Metrics
 2. Measurement Techniques and Tools
Workloads: Selection and Evaluation
Monitors
 3. Probability and Statistics
Summarizing Measured Data
Comparing Systems
Simple Linear Regression Models
 4. Experimental Design and Analysis
 5. Simulation
 6. Queuing Models
- Grading Policy:**
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| 1. Homeworks | 20% |
| 2. Midterm | 25% |
| 3. Project | 25% |
| 4. Final Exam | 25% |
| 5. Discretion | 5% |
- Preliminary Project Info:** Students will undertake a major computing system measurement, simulation, or analysis project of their own choosing with the approval of the instructor. The projects will be done in groups of 2 students.
- Tentative Schedule of Important Class Dates**
- Midterm Exam – February 25, 2008 (Monday) @ 12:45 – 2:05
Project Proposals – February 27, 2008 (Wednesday) @ 12:45
Mid Project Review – March 24, 2008 (Wednesday) @ 12:45
Final Project Due – April 25, 2008 (Friday) @ 3 PM
Final Exam – April 25, 2008 (Friday) @ (11:30 AM – 2:00 PM)

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