

**San José State University  
Computer Science Department**

**CS149 Operating Systems – Sections 2 and 3**

**Spring 2021**

**Course and Contact Information**

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<b>Class Days/Time:</b>	Section 2: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30am-11:45am Section 3: Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00pm-1:15pm
<b>Classroom:</b>	Online via Zoom
<b>Office Hours:</b>	F 3:00-5:00 pm
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	CS 146 (Data Structures and Algorithms) or SE-146 with a grade of C- or better, or instructor's consent.

**Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging**

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on Canvas Learning Management System course login website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking with the Canvas messaging system to learn of any updates. You should modify the Canvas settings for notifications of announcements and discussion forum postings to be sent to you.

**Course Description**

Fundamentals: Contiguous and non-contiguous memory management; processor scheduling and interrupts; concurrent, mutually exclusive, synchronized and deadlocked processes; files. Substantial programming project required. Prerequisite: CS 146 or SE 146 (with a grade of "C-" or better). Computer Science, Applied and Computational Math or Software Engineering Majors only; or Instructor Consent.

**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- CLO 1 Understand the role that the operating system software plays in the management of the various hardware subsystems of the computer system.
- CLO 2 Understand locality of memory reference and how it is used to perform effective memory hierarchy management.
- CLO 3 Understand the various mapping, replacement, and dynamic allocation algorithms for cache and virtual memory management.

- CLO 4 Understand the alternative CPU scheduling schemes, their tradeoffs, and their applications to other queue processing situations.
- CLO 5 Appreciate the difficult tradeoffs faced when attempting to deal with the resource deadlock problem and distinguish between the different deadlock prevention and avoidance schemes and understand why and how deadlocks can still happen today.
- CLO 6 Understand software race conditions, their origin and the problems they can cause, along with knowing how to apply semaphores in software design to solve the race condition problem.
- CLO 7 Understand the various issues associated with the operating system's role in performing I/O and file management.

## Required Texts/Readings

### Textbooks

Remzi H. Arpaci-Dusseau, Andrea C. Arpaci-Dusseau.  
Operating Systems: Three Easy Pieces. (*OSTEP*)

This book is available online: <http://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~remzi/OSTEP/>

### Other Readings

- W. Richard Stevens, Stephen A. Rago. Advanced Programming in the UNIX Environment - 3rd Edition, 2013, Addison-Wesley. (APUE)
- Robert Love. Linux Kernel Development - 3rd Edition, 2010, Addison-Wesley. (LKD)
- A. Silberschatz, P. Galvin, and G. Gagne. Operating System Concepts - 9th Edition, 2012, Wiley. <http://www.os-book.com/>
- Handouts through Canvas.

## Other technology requirements / equipment / material

In this class we will use Virtual Box with Ubuntu as our programming environment for homework assignments – see Canvas for details to install it. We will use a C compiler for programming assignments. Unless otherwise stated, all homework assignments should compile and run using the class VM, which is explained on a Canvas page.

Integrated Development Environment for C - different students use different IDEs. You can choose from vi, nano, visual studio, eclipse, or cLion.

zyBooks – We will also use zyBooks for practicing C programming in-class. You can follow 3 steps to subscribe, as described on Canvas.

## Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on.

**Reading assignments:** Readings will regularly be assigned for the next class (see schedule). Slides will be posted under the Canvas modules before the next class.

**Worksheets:** There will be worksheets with problem solving. These will generally involve coding problems (in C or bash) from the reading assignment or similar to the homework. The worksheets are a tool for you to learn the material, prepare for exams and practice coding for your future job interviews. These can be done in an IDE of your choice and submitted on Canvas.

The worksheets are graded based on effort and get graded "complete" if a reasonable solution is proposed for each problem. It is understood that a worksheet solution might be imperfect or have a few errors.

Worksheet submissions are due one week after the class. The worksheet submission page closes after one week. Please submit what you have by the due date.

We will take time at the beginning of each class to discuss any difficulties students have in completing the worksheets from previous classes. We will also do code reviews.

**Homework assignments:** Programming assignments will be assigned.

More information will be given at the time of the first programming assignment. Penalty for late submission 5% for every 3 days up to 15 days; after 15 days no submission will be accepted and the submission page will be closed.

Students are encouraged to work in groups of two and discuss the worksheet or assignment solutions with a partner. If two students form a group, the pair of both group members will get the same grade for any worksheet/assignment they submit together. Only one group member should submit a worksheet/assignment (to avoid double grading). If you form a group, you should indicate both your group members' names in a spreadsheet that will be given. Students are free to leave a group, or work on their own if they prefer. Note it is optional to work with a partner.

While it is fine to discuss the worksheet/assignment solutions with your partner within your group, code solutions submitted on Canvas should reflect the students' own efforts in writing the code. *Do not write the code for anyone else. Never copy any code you find on another source, such as a website. Canvas automatically checks submissions for plagiarism from multiple online sources.* Oral examination might be requested.

All homework should be uploaded to Canvas under the proper submission page. If you send your homework via an email or message it will not be graded.

**iClicker participation during class:** The iClicker questions are in the form of multiple choice and true-false questions. All students are expected to participate with iClicker.

Credit is given for participation and it is not necessary to get the correct answer to get credit. Please install iClicker on your phone (app) or laptop (iclicker.com) following these instructions: <http://www.sjsu.edu/ecampus/teaching-tools/iclicker/>

**Midterm exams:** There will be two Midterm exams during the semester.

**Final exam:** One final cumulative exam.

The exams will contain multiple choice questions, true/false and short answer questions. Exams are closed book, closed notes, and comprehensive. They will require access to the internet, Canvas, Lockdown Browser (on Windows or macOS machine), and Respondus Monitor (web camera). The exams should be done individually. No make-up exams except in case of verifiable emergency circumstances.

### **Discussion Forum on Canvas**

We will be using the Discussion Forum on Canvas for class discussion. The system is highly catered to getting you help fast and efficiently from classmates, the TA, and myself. Rather than emailing questions to the teaching staff, I encourage you to post your questions on the Discussion Forum on Canvas.

### **Extra credit opportunity**

A student can volunteer to present his/her solution for an assignment or a worksheet in-class (via Zoom). These will take the form of code reviews, where the student walks us through his/her code solution for an assignment or a worksheet, we discuss the proposed solution and if there are better ways to solve the problem. A code review lasts for 15 minutes max. Extra credit of 1% for a student who reviews their code solution for an entire assignment or a worksheet. Students have to add their name to a code review worksheet to reserve a code review timeslot. An assignment or worksheet can only be reviewed once. A student may reserve one timeslot at a time. If, after presenting, there are other code review timeslots available, a student may reserve another timeslot.

### **Determination of Grades**

Final Grade is based on:

- 50% Assignments
- 20% Midterms (10% each)
- 20% Final
- 9% In-Class worksheets
- 1% iClicker participation

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>A plus</i>	<i>960 to 1000</i>	<i>96 to 100%</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>930 to 959</i>	<i>93 to 95%</i>
<i>A minus</i>	<i>900 to 929</i>	<i>90 to 92%</i>
<i>B plus</i>	<i>860 to 899</i>	<i>86 to 89 %</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>830 to 859</i>	<i>83 to 85%</i>
<i>B minus</i>	<i>800 to 829</i>	<i>80 to 82%</i>
<i>C plus</i>	<i>760 to 799</i>	<i>76 to 79%</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>730 to 759</i>	<i>73 to 75%</i>
<i>C minus</i>	<i>700 to 729</i>	<i>70 to 72%</i>

<i>D plus</i>	660 to 699	66 to 69%
<i>D</i>	630 to 659	63 to 65%
<i>D minus</i>	600 to 629	60 to 62%

## Communication with the instructor

Students should follow the correct channels for communication. Questions should preferably be done during the regular class meeting time via Zoom. For course-related electronic communication you may post to the Discussion Forum, use Canvas messaging, and visit office hours:

- 1) Students should post questions on the Canvas Discussion Forum, where the entire class can read and benefit from the responses. The discussion forum postings may also be discussed in class.
- 2) Students should use Canvas messaging rather than direct email, since this helps the instructor to organize all course-related electronic communication. The instructor will often re-post Canvas messages and responses to the discussion forum.
- 3) Students are invited to join the office hours on Friday from 3-4pm via Zoom.

Private messages sent to the instructor's other email addresses may be lost due to the very large volume of emails received.

The instructor does not write emails after normal business hours, on weekends or holidays.

Reviewing code for the homework and technical trouble-shooting should be done during the regular class meeting time or office hour via Zoom.

Never email your code to the instructor. The instructor will not fix the bugs in your code.

Announcements that concern everyone, such as reminders about due dates or class policy, will be posted under Announcements on Canvas.

## Graders/TAs

Siddartha Thentu ([siddartha.thentu@sjsu.edu](mailto:siddartha.thentu@sjsu.edu))

## Classroom Protocol

Attendance (via Zoom) is highly recommended. You are not allowed to publically share or upload material for this course such as exam questions, lecture notes, or solutions. Course material developed by the instructor is the intellectual property of the instructor and cannot be shared publicly without his/her approval. You may not publicly share or upload instructor generated material for this course such as exam questions, lecture notes, hands-on exercises or homework solutions without instructor consent.

## Regrading Procedure

Grades assigned are final, unless there was an error in the grading. In the event that a student wants to request a regrade of a homework or test, please follow the procedure described next. You should fill out the "Regrade request" form on Canvas. A request for a regrade is not a technique to drum up a few more points. If the course instructor thinks a component was scored too highly the first time, it may be lowered in a regrade. *The overall grade may increase, decrease, or stay the same after a regrade request.*

## University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9, university-wide policy information relevant to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, etc. will be available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' Syllabus Information [web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/>

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The schedule is subject to change with fair notice.

### Course Schedule

Classes	Topic
01/28	Introduction
02/02	Review C and the command line
02/04	Review C and the command line
02/09	Processes
02/11	Process API
02/16	Direct Execution
02/18	System calls with File I/O
02/23	Interprocess Communication, Sockets, Pipes
02/25	Signals

03/02	CPU Scheduling
03/04	Multilevel CPU Scheduling
03/09	<b>Midterm 1</b>
03/11	Hard Disks
03/16	Files and Directories
03/18	File System Implementations
03/23	Address Space
03/25	Memory API
03/29-04/02	Spring recess
04/06	Free-Space Management
04/08	Paging
04/13	Swapping Policies
04/15	<b>Midterm 2</b>
04/20	Thread API
04/22	Locks
04/27	Lock-based concurrent Data Structures

<b>04/29</b>	Condition Variables and Semaphores
<b>05/04</b>	Concurrency Bugs
<b>05/06</b>	Advanced Locks
<b>05/11</b>	TBD
<b>05/13</b>	Review, wrap-up
	<b>Final exam – Section 2: Wednesday, May 19, 09:45-12:00</b> <b>Section 3: Friday, May 21, 09:45-12:00</b>