George Mason University Volgenau School of IT & Engineering SYST 520 System Design and Integration (3:3:0) Fall 2007.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

System design and integration methods are studied and practiced, including both structured analysis and object-oriented based techniques. The course includes the development process of functional, physical, and operational architectures for the allocation and derivation of component-level requirements for the purpose of specification production; examination of interfaces and development of interface architectures. Life cycle of systems is addressed; generation and analysis of life cycle requirements. Software tools are introduced and used for portions of the systems engineering cycle.

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Course Call numbers: SYST 520 001 72863

Fall 2007: Monday 4:30 – 7:10 pm Room IN 207 (Innovation Hall)

COURSE OUTLINE (subject to change)

Overview of Systems Engineering; Approaches to Design, WebCT; B1 & Notes
Systems Engineering Design Process; Structured Analysis; CORE; B2
Use cases, Process modeling: IDEF0, DFD: A5, B3 & B12.3
Data Modeling and Rule Modeling
Requirements and Design Definition; B6
Functional Architecture; B7
Physical Architecture and Design; B8 and B9
Behavioral Models and Executable Model of Design; B12
Interface Design and System Integration and Quantification; B10 & B11
Mid Term Exams Due
Alternative Structural and Architectural Representations; B12.
The Unified Modeling Language: Basic Concepts; A2
The Unified Modeling Language: Diagrams; A8, A9, A11, A12
Object oriented Design: A8, A9, A11, A12
The Systems Modeling Language (SySML)
Final Take Home Exams Due (No Class)

Textbooks for Course:

- (1) Dennis M. Buede, The Engineering Design of Systems, Wiley, 2000, NY.
- (2) Scott W. Ambler, The Object Primer, Cambridge University Press, 2004, NY.

In the Course Outline, Bx denotes chapter x in Buede; Ax chapter x in Ambler

A plethora of contemporary literature available on the Internet concerning systems design and integration and related issues in architecting will be of much use, and experience will be gained in the Internet as a research tool during the course. A course web site on WebCT will be operational and put to much use. We will gain experience in using the CORE software package for design and architecting. Other software will be briefly discussed. Detailed class notes (Overheads) by A. P. Sage and A. H. Levis will be provided.

Student Evaluation Criteria: Homework 40%; Midterm 30%; Final 30%, APS 16 July 2007