Syllabus Fall 2007

SYST 622 / ECE 675 / IT 850 / .SYST 850 System Integration and Architecture Evaluation (3.0:3) Prerequisite SYST 619 / ECE 672, Co-requisite: SYST 621 / ECE 674 or permission of instructor. Description: System integration issues, role of architectures in systems integration, integration in a system of systems and a federation of systems. Evaluation of architectures, measures of performance and effectiveness. Assessment of system capabilities. Analysis of alternatives.

This course is part of the degree track, concentration, and certificate in architecture based systems integration. There is much interest today in the engineering of systems that are comprised of other component systems, and where each of the component systems serves organizational and human purposes. These systems families are often categorized as systems-of-systems, or federations of systems. The design of architectures is a major ingredient in the design of systems families and provides the conceptual basis for achieving system integration. Towards this end, the Department of Defense has issued new regulations for acquisition of systems. These require an architecture-based approach and focus on how a proposed system will be integrated with other existing or planned systems. Studies in this area cover: formulation of the system integration problem, definition of architecture frameworks, use of structured analysis and object oriented methodologies for the design of architectures, modeling and simulation for evaluation of architectures and approaches to integration. Both defense and industrial applications are considered. This is the capstone course in the sequence. It addresses the system of systems integration problem using architectures as the basis for this and then addresses the evaluation of architectures in terms of the capabilities they provide.

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Course Call numbers: SYST 622 001 72873; SYST 622 617 NSWC CRN TBA; ECE 675 001 72897; IT 850 001 72891; SYST 850 001 76937; Fall 2007: Thursday 4:30 – 7:10 pm in Innovation Hall Room 131, also by VTC to NSWC at Dahlgren.

COURSE OUTLINE (subject to change)	
08/30/2007	Overview, System of Systems and System Families, Introduction to WebCT
09/06/2007	System of Systems Interoperability
09/13/2007	Capability Based System of Systems Planning, Networked Systems of Systems
09/20/2007	Enterprise Architecture Body of Knowledge I
09/27/2007	Enterprise Architecture Body of Knowledge II
10/04/2007	Maturity Models, and Integration and Architecting Development Models
10/11/2007	Systems of Systems Integration: The Lead Systems Integrator (and Architect)
10/18/2007	Issues in Architecture Evaluation; Mid Term Exam Due
10/25/2007	System Effectiveness Analysis
11/01/2007	Structural Methods, Relating Structure to Capability
11/08/2007	State Space Methods
11/15/2007	Organizational Architecture Design
11/29/2007	Adaptive Architecture Design
12/06/2007	Evaluation of Architectures; Term Paper Report Due
12/13/2007	Final Exam in Class

Course notes will be made available for downloading through WebCT. The first seven lectures of the course will be given by Dr. Sage; the remaining seven by Dr. Levis. Contemporary literature is available and is either on the Internet or will be made available on WebCT. These references concerning systems integration and related issues in architecting for systems integration and evaluation will be of much use, and experience will be gained in the Internet as a research tool during the course. Homework: The first part of the course will have a term paper assignment, including a written report.

Reference: Sage, A. P. and Rouse, W. B. (Eds.), Handbook of Systems Engineering and Management, John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1999.

Grading: 50% - examinations; 15% - term paper; 35% - homework assignments. One take home mid-term exam and an in-class final exam will be given. There will be a term paper assignment, including a written report. APS/AHL 24 July 2007