

Fall 2023

ECE 451 - Advanced Computer Architecture

General information: 3 credit hours. M/W: 11:30 AM-12:50 PM. FMH 305

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Office Hours: M/W 2:30 PM-4:30 PM or by appointment.

Required Text: Lecture notes: primary references

References:

John L. Hennessy and David A. Patterson, *Computer Architecture: A Quantitative Approach*, ISBN: 012383872X.

Morris Mano, *Computer System Architecture*, ISBN: 0131755633

David A. Patterson and John L. Hennessy, *Computer Organization & Design, The Hardware/Software interface*, ISBN: 0123747503

Catalog Description:

This course focuses on advanced concepts in computer systems design, and the interaction between hardware and software components at various levels (i.e., hardware/software codesign). It introduces common performance measures and tradeoffs used by hardware and software designers to facilitate comparative analysis. The main topics are: Technology challenges, Pipelining, Multicore architecture, Advanced memory technologies, Introduction to parallel computing, Conventional architecture for AI acceleration, Analog neuromorphic computing architecture, and Digital in-memory computing.

Prerequisite:

Computer Organization and Architecture (ECE 353)

Course Syllabus:

- Lecture 0: Introduction
- Lecture 1: Technology Challenges
 - Power Wall
 - Memory Wall
- Lecture 2: Pipelining & Multi-core
 - Von-Neumann Model
 - Pipelining
 - Virtual Memory
 - Multi-Core

- Lecture 3: Advanced Memory Technologies
 - Volatile Main Memory
 - Main Memory in Multicore Systems
 - Non-volatile Magnetic Memories
- Lecture 4: Domain-Specific Architectures
 - Neural Networks
 - Acceleration in Von-Neumann Computing Architecture (ASIC, FPGA, GPU)
- Lecture 5: In-Memory Computing
 - Processing-in-non-Volatile Memory (Resistive Memory, e.g., spin-based memory)
 - Processing-in-Volatile Memory (DRAM)

Grading Criteria:	HomeWorks and Critical Reviews:	30%
	Research Project:	30% (15% Report +15% Presentation)
	Exams:	40% (20% Midterm + 20% Final)

Collaboration: You are allowed to collaborate with your classmates by discussing the materials and ideas on how to solve the homework. Such discussions should be done in speaking only. No written materials or code should be shared. The work you submit should be of your own making.

Homework: Homework will be assigned in the format of problem-solving or assigned reading. All homework must be completed on time and uploaded to NJIT Canvas.

Submission / Late Submission / Make-up Policies:

- All submissions must be uploaded to Canvas **prior** to the specified due date and time – no other form of submission can be accepted: please do not email your submissions.
- Late Work: useful to study but cannot be utilized for credit to be fair to all students.

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