The University of Jordan

School of Engineering

Computer Engineering Department

Spring Term 2023/2024

Course	Computer Architecture and Organization (2) – 0917432 (3 Cr. – Core Course)
Catalog Description	Exploiting instruction level parallelism, hardware and software approaches. Pipelined, Super scalar, and VLIW processors. Predication, Branch Prediction, and Control and Data Speculation. Case Studies of Modern Processors. Hierarchical Memory Design. Virtual memory. Input/Output Interfacing and System Integration.
Prerequisites by Course	Computer Architecture and Organization (1) – (0917335)
Prerequisites by Topic	Students are assumed to have had sufficient knowledge pertaining to digital logic design, RISC-V instruction set architecture, computer arithmetic, processor datapath and control design, single-cycle, multi-cycle, and pipelined implementations of processors.
Textbook	Patterson and Hennessy. Computer Organization & Design RISC-V Edition: The Hardware/Software Interface, Second ed., Morgan Kaufmann, Elsevier Inc., 2021.
References	1. Hennessy and Patterson, Computer Architecture: A Quantitative Approach, 6th ed., Morgan Kaufmann, Elsevier Inc., 2017. 2. J. P. Shen and M. H. Lipasti. Modern Processor Design: Fundamentals of Superscalar Processors, Mc Graw Hill, 2005. 3. D. Culler and J.P. Singh with A. Gupta. Parallel Computer Architecture: A Hardware/Software Approach, Morgan Kaufmann, 1998. 4. J. Hayes. Computer Architecture and Organization, 3rd ed., McGraw-Hill, 1998.
Course Website	https://www.abandah.com/gheith/?page_id=3176
Microsoft Teams	Link
Schedule & Duration	15 Weeks, 43 lectures, 50 minutes each Or 31 lectures, 75 minutes each
Student Material	Textbook, class handouts, some instructor keynotes, and any additional reading assigned by the instructor.
College Facilities	Classroom with whiteboard and projection display facilities, library, and computer laboratory.
Course Objectives	The objectives of this course are: 1. Introduce students to the technological changes in designing and building processors and computers. 2. Introduce students to the advanced techniques used in modern processors including pipelining, branch prediction, dynamic and speculative execution, multiple issue, and software optimizations. 3. Introduce the students to the basic concepts and technologies used in designing memory and storage systems including cache, main memory, virtual memory, and secondary memory.

Course Outcomes and Relation to ABET Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, a student should be able to:

1. Understand and analyze the performance of single-processor architectures [1].
2. Understand and analyze the performance of memory hierarchy levels [1].
3. Understand the technological improvements and the effect of these improvements on modern computers [4].
4. Survey research papers that describe contemporary issues in computer design [4, 7].

Course Topics

1. Introduction
2. Computer Technology and Performance (Sections 1.2, 1.5, 1.7–1.11)
3. Processor: Instruction-Level Parallelism (Sections 4.6–4.12, 4.15–4.16)
4. Selected Topics from Parallel Processors (Sections 6.3 and 6.4)
5. Memory Hierarchy (Sections 5.1–5.11, 5.13, 5.16–5.17)

Computer Usage

Practical aspects of the course are covered in Computer Design Lab 0907439.

Important Dates

Date	Event
Mon 26/2/2024	First Lecture
Wed 13/3/2024	Announcement of the Research Topic
Sun 21/4 – Thu 2/5/2024	Midterm Exam Period
Wed 29/5/2024	Last Lecture
Thu 30/5/2024	Last Date to Withdraw
Sun 2/6 – Thu 13/6/2024	Final Exam Period

Policies

- Attendance is required.
- Be ready to participate in solving class problems.
- All submitted work must be yours.
- Cheating will not be tolerated.
- Open-book exams
- Check department announcements at: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Computer-Engineering-Department/369639656466107 for general department announcements.

Assessments

Reports, participation, and exams

Grading policy

Two Quizzes	10%
Technology Trends Research Assessment *This assessment will be with Quiz 2*	10%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	50%

Instructors

Prof. Gheith Abandah, abandah@ju.edu.jo
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Office Hours: Sun through Thu: 13:00 – 14:00

Class Time and Location

Section 1: Mon and Wed: 8:30–10:00, CPE 001, Microsoft Teams

Section 2: Mon and Wed: 11:30–13:00, xxx, Microsoft Teams

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Program Outcomes (PO)

1	an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics
2	an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors
3	an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences
4	an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts
5	an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives
6	an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions
7	an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.