CS 4550: SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Semester Hours: 3.0  
Contact Hours: 3

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Text: Pattern-Oriented Software Architecture, A System of Patterns: Vol 1

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SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

Catalog Description:

Principles and concepts of analyzing and designing large software systems. Analysis of software systems. Designing software systems using design patterns and object-oriented techniques. Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in CS 3540. Credits cannot be received for both CS 4550 and CS 5550. Approved for distance learning.

Course type: ELECTIVE

SPECIFIC COURSE GOALS

- I can select and use appropriate design patterns.
- I can specify a software system's architecture using UML.
- I can understand separation of concerns and its impact on software design.
- I can architect a software system based on the given requirements.
- I can perform a design review on a software system.

LIST OF TOPICS COVERED

- Introduction and Importance of Design
- Software Architecture
  - Components and connectors
  - Constraints
  - Composition
- Unified Modeling Language
- Software Design
  - Design reviews
  - Inter-operability
  - Separation of concerns
- Object-oriented Design
  - Design patterns
  - Information hiding
  - Interfaces
  - Inheritance and polymorphism