

Module Details	
Module Title:	Computer Architecture and Systems Software
Module Code:	COS4001-B
Academic Year:	2019-20
Credit Rating:	20
School:	Department of Computer Science
Subject Area:	Computer Science
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 4
Pre-requisites:	
Co-requisites:	

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	24
Laboratory	20
Directed Study	156

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2 (Feb - May)

Module Aims
To gain a knowledge and understanding of the fundamental aspects of computer architecture and systems software with a focus on digital logic design, computer hardware systems and systems software.

Outline Syllabus
A simple overview of typical computer system hardware. Representation and coding of information in a computer. Computer arithmetic. Introduction to digital logic. Truth tables, Boolean algebra and the design of simple logic circuits. Sequential logic. Structure of a simple computer CPU and its connection to memory and input/output devices. The computer memory hierarchy. The construction and operation of common I/O devices. Introduction to instruction

sets and addressing modes. Introduction to assembly code and simple assembly language exercises. Definition of an operating system via its nature and functions. The process model of computer operation. Appreciation of the hardware interface between a computer and a network.

Learning Outcomes

1	represent and process information in binary form and logic circuits; describe the working principle of computer components and an operating system.
2	design and build simple logic circuits; explain communications between computer components and systems software
3	apply logical approaches to software system design and apply number systems.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Lectures will concentrate on concepts, principles and theories of the digital logic design, computer hardware systems and systems software. These will be supported by practical exercises undertaken during tutorials, labs and direct study. Oral feedback will be given during the tutorials and labs.

Practical understanding, skills and learning outcomes (1, 2, 3 above) will be tested through coursework (solutions to 3 mathematical questions), and a formal 2-hour examination. The supplementary assessment will be a 3-hour exam which will assess all learning outcomes.

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Referral	Examination - closed book	Supplementary Examination	2 hours	100%
Summative	Examination - closed book	Examination	2 hours	70%
Summative	Coursework	Individual Coursework:- solutions to 3 mathematical questions.		30%

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>.

Please note:

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