

# CS 270 – System Software

Course Syllabus

Fall 2024

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**Texts:** *UNIX for Programmers and Users*,  
 Graham Glass & King Ables, Prentice-Hall, 2003  
 (recommended) *The C Programming Language*, Kernighan & Ritchie, Prentice-Hall, 1988

Week	Day	Topic	Text/Ref
1	August 19	M Introduction, orientation, history	Chap 1
		W History, C executable concepts, Quiz	Chap 1
		F C compilation process	Notes
2	26	F C Overview	Notes
		W C Overview, Quiz	Notes
		F C compilation	Notes
3	September 2	M <b>*** Labor Day - NO Classes***</b>	
	4	W Basic UNIX Commands, Quiz	Chap 2
	F Basic UNIX Commands	Chap 2	
4	9	M C compilation process	
		W The UNIX file system, Quiz	Chap 14, Notes
		F Advanced UNIX Commands	Chap 3
5	16	M Advanced UNIX Commands	Chap 3
		W UNIX Shells, Quiz	Chap 4
		F UNIX Shells	Chap 5, 6
6	23	M Binary File Formats	Chap 7, 8
		W Shell Programming, Quiz	Chap 7, 8
		F Shell Programming	Chap 7, 8
7	October 30	M C Programming Tools - make	Chap 12
	2	W C Programming Tools - make, Quiz	Chap 12
	F Scripting Languages - Python	Chap 3, Notes	
8	7	W Scripting Languages - Python	Chap 3, Notes
		W Scripting Languages - Python, Quiz	Chap 3, Notes
		F Scripting Languages - Python	
9	14	M Networking	Chap 9, Notes
		W Networking, Quiz	Chap 9, Notes
		F The Internet	Chap 11, Notes
10	21	M The Internet	Chap 11, Notes
		W The executable Environment, Quiz	Notes
		F The executable Environment	Notes
11	November 28	M C Programming Tools - ld	Chap 12
	1	W C Programming Tools - ld, Quiz	Chap 12
	F C Programming Tools - libraries	Chap 12	
12	4	M Systems - Pipes	Chap 13
		W Systems - Sockets, Quiz	Chap 13
		F Systems - Sockets	Chap 13
13	11	M Systems - Sockets	Chap 13
		W Systems - System Calls, Quiz	Chap 13
		F Systems - File Operations	Chap 13
14	18	M Systems - File Operations	Chap 13
	2	W Systems - Process management, Quiz	Chap 13
	F Systems - Signals	Chap 13	

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14	18	M Systems - File Operations	Chap 13
	2	W Systems - Process management, Quiz	Chap 13
		F Systems - Signals	Chap 13
15	November 25 - 29	<b>** Fall (Thanksgiving) Break – NO Classes **</b>	
16	December 2	M C Programming Tools - make	Chap 12
		W C Programming Tools - make	Chap 12
		F Final Exam Review	

**Final** Wednesday, December 11 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM – **To be confirmed**

### Grading

The letter grade you receive from the course will be determined as follows:

A	90%	-	100%
B	89.9%	-	80%
C	79.9%	-	70%
D	69.9%	-	60%
F	59.9%	-	0%

The instructor reserves the right to adjust these percentages lower if deemed necessary.

### Typical Point Distribution

Final Exam	100
Quizzes (10-13)	150
Homework/Programming Projects	120
Total	<u>370</u>

### Programs

All programming assignments must be submitted as specified. Class time will not be spent on homework. No late homework assignments will be accepted.

### Quizzes

Quizzes will normally be given most Wednesdays on the material covered since the last quiz. Knowledge of material in this class is cumulative. Your lowest quiz grade will be dropped. No makeup quizzes will be given.

### Final Exam

The final exams is cumulative. No makeup exams will be given.

### Center for Disability Access and Resources (CDAR) Reasonable Accommodations Statement

Reasonable accommodations are available for students who have documented temporary or permanent disabilities. All accommodations must be approved through the Center for Disability Access and Resources located in the Bruce M. Pitman Center, Suite 127 in order to notify your instructor(s) as soon as possible regarding accommodation(s) needed for the course.

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Refrain from attending class in-person if you are ill, if you are experiencing any of the known symptoms of coronavirus, or if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or been potentially exposed to someone with COVID-19.

If you display symptoms and/or test positive, you should quarantine following the CDC's recommendations. Do not return to class until you meet the CDC's requirements. If you have been exposed but are asymptomatic, you should stay home for 14 days from the last exposure if you remain asymptomatic, adhering to the CDC's requirements. Documentation (a doctor's note) for medical excuses is not required; instead, email me to make arrangements to submit any missed work and make plans to use Zoom and/or online course materials to stay current with the course schedule.

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