



## **SYSM 6301 – Systems Engineering Architecture and Design**

### **SYSTEMS ENGINEERING ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN**

#### **Course Information:**

**Course:** SYSM 6301 / MECH 6337

**Term:** Fall 2016

**Classroom Building:** **JSOM**

**Section:** 001 / 001

**Classroom Number:** **2.901**

**Class Meeting Times:** Fridays from **4:00pm – 6:45pm**

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After class and by appointment, as needed.

#### **Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and Other Restrictions:**

**Pre- & Co-requisites:** None.

**Other Restrictions:** Problem-solving, analytical, and advanced mathematics skills.

#### **Course Description:**

SYSM 6301 (CS 6301 / MECH 6337) Systems Engineering, Architecture and Design (3 credit hours) Architecture and design of large-scale and decentralized systems from technical and management perspectives. Systems architectures, requirements analysis, design tradeoffs, and reliability, through case studies and mathematical techniques. International standardization bodies, engineering frameworks, processes, notations, and tool support from both theoretical and practical perspectives. (3-0) Y

#### **Course Structure:**

The course's "face time" will be conducted as a mix of lectures, group and seminar-style discussions, in-class projects, and group presentations. There will be weekly assigned readings and/ or webinars required to review. The content will be assigned from two required textbooks, the INCOSE Systems Engineering Handbook, INCOSE's website, and potentially other case studies. Deliverables will include pre- & post- course knowledge assessments, various homework assignments, quizzes (mini-exams), a group term project, and an individual term paper. As appropriate, guest presenters may be invited to present their unique perspectives.



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### Learning Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- Understand the established concepts and best practices in systems architecture and design, including model driven architecture and design.
- Understand the history of system architecture and design as a discipline.
- Understand the need for systems architecture and design for large-scale decentralized systems.
- Understand the stakeholders involved in systems architecture and design (roles, skills, responsibilities).
- Understand the role of product models in systems architecture and design; how to represent, analyze, and use the models.
- Understand the role of business process models in systems architecture and design; how to represent, analyze, tailor, and use the models.
- Understand the impact of quality-of-service attributes in systems architecture and design, including reliability and security capabilities.

### Topics the Course Will Cover:

- Introduction to Systems Engineering
- Systems Engineering Fundamentals (Core SysE Methods and Skills)
- Systems Engineering Analysis Techniques & Tools
- Systems Engineering Metrics
- Systems Engineering frameworks and processes
- Related international standards (engineering, management, education)
- Brief introduction to Requirements Engineering and Risk Management
- Application of SysE Fundamentals to System Architecture
- System Architecture Modeling Overview
- Verification Notations and Approaches
- Application of SysE Fundamentals to System Design

### Required Textbook and Materials:

1. Wasson, Charles S. *Systems Engineering Analysis, Design, and Development*. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2015. (ISBN: 9781118442265)
2. Maier, Mark W. *The Art of Systems Architecting*. Boca Raton: CRC Press, 2009. (ISBN: 9781420079135) **[ONLY A COUPLE CHAPTERS, NO NEED TO BUY]**
3. Walden, David D., Garry J. Roedler, Kevin J. Forsberg, R. Douglas Hamelin, and Thomas M. Shortell. *International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) Systems Engineering Handbook*. Version 4, July 2015. (ISBN: 9781118999400)
4. **NOTE:** Textbook #1 and the required textbook chapters of Textbook #2 will be available for **free** in electronic form for UT-Dallas students, via the UTD McDermott electronic Library.



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5. **NOTE:** The electronic version of “Textbook” #3 is available to students for free, as INCOSE “CAB” Members, via INCOSE’s website.
6. Others to be identified later, and posted to eLearning (Blackboard).

### **Required Software (NO SOFTWARE TO BUY!):**

1. Microsoft Office (**available free as a UTD student**)
2. Microsoft Visio (**available free via a Premium account of Dreamspark**)
3. **NOTE:** Your premium “Dreamspark” account will not be available until census day for the semester.

### **Great Reference Materials:**

#### **Textbooks and Handbooks:**

1. Dickerson, Charles, and Dimitri N. Mavris. *Architecture and Principles of Systems Engineering*. Boca Raton: CRC Press, 2009. (ISBN: 9781420072532)
2. Kossiakoff, Alexander, and William Sweet. *Systems Engineering Principles and Practice*. Hoboken: John Wiley and Sons, 2003. (ISBN: 0-471-23443-5)
3. Montgomery, Douglas C., and George C. Runger. *Applied Statistics and Probability for Engineers*. Hoboken: John Wiley and Sons, 2007. (ISBN: 9780471745891)
4. Stair, Ralph M. *Quantitative Analysis for Management*. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1999. (ISBN 0-13-021538-4)

#### **Standards and Frameworks:**

1. ISO/IEC 15288:2008 “Systems and Software Engineering – Systems Life Cycle Processes”.
2. ISO9000 / AS9100.

### **Grading Policy:**

Item	Total Weight
<b>Pre- &amp; Post- Course</b> Knowledge Assessments (50% each)	5.0%
“Homework” - Reflective Assignments	5.0%
“Homework” - Knowledge Application Assignments (3 to 5)	10.0%
Class Participation	10.0%
Term Group Project	30.0%
Individual Term Paper	15.0%
Quizzes (~5 to 10)	25.0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>



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### **Grading Policy (Continued):**

**NOTE:** Assignment due dates will be identified within eLearning (Blackboard), but typically by 7pm CT two days before the next class. The quizzes will be **random** throughout the semester. The individual term paper and term group project due dates will be identified during class and also in eLearning.

**NOTE:** Course quizzes (mini-exams) are NOT available for “make-up”. However, your **(one)** lowest score will be “dropped,” with the possibility of a second **(two)** depending on the total number of quizzes for the semester (~ >7).

**NOTE:** All assignments, including the quizzes shall be submitted via eLearning, unless otherwise specified by the professor. Email and / or hardcopy submission will not be accepted (unless otherwise approved by professor.)

### **Instructor & Other Course Policies:**

- Students are expected to attend all classes and participate. Student participation contributes to the overall learning experience.
- Late delivery of assignments will not be accepted unless receiving *prior* professor approval.
- Unless specifically discussed during class, no extra credit is planned or available.
- All written communication will be via eLearning, and sometimes via email, but only using your UTD email account. You may initiate email communication via a non-UTD email account (although discouraged), but email communication initiated by professor will never be to a non-UTD address.
- Professor reserves the right to modify syllabus, as needed. If changed, notification will be provided to students via eLearning syllabus link, eLearning Announcements, and during the following class period.

### **UT Dallas’ Policy on Sharing Confidential Information:**

Per UTD Administration direction, the following policy is explicitly included in the syllabus.

*“Students considering sharing personal information in email, in person, or within assignments or exams should be aware that faculty members and teaching/research assistants are required by UT Dallas policy to report information about sexual misconduct to the UT Dallas Title IX Coordinator. Per university policy, faculty have been informed that they must identify the student to the UT Dallas Title IX Coordinator. Students who wish to have confidential discussions of incidents related to sexual harassment or sexual misconduct should contact the Student Counseling Center (972-883-2527 or after hours 972-UTD-TALK or 972-883-8255), the Women's Center (972-883-8255), a health care provider in the Student Health Center (972-883-2747), the*



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*clergyperson (or other legally recognized religious advisor) of their choice, or an off-campus resource (i.e., rape crisis center, doctor, psychologist). Students who are sexually assaulted, harassed, or victims of sexual misconduct, domestic violence, or stalking, are encouraged to directly report these incidents to the UT Dallas Police Department at 972-883-2222 or to the Title IX Coordinator at 972-883-2218. Additional information and resources may be found at <http://www.utdallas.edu/oiec/title-ix/resources>.”*

### **[Additional] UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures:**

The information contained in the following link constitutes the University's additional policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus.

Please go to <http://provost.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies/> for these policies.



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### Planned Weekly Topic(s) and Relevant Textbook Chapter(s):

Week	Date	Lec #	Major Focus Area	Topic / Description	Wasson Chapter(s)	INCOSE SE HB (4E)	INCOSE Webinar	Other Articles from eLearning	
1	8/26	1	#0 - Overview of course content and its connections	Intro of Students					
1	8/26	2		Course Overview					
				Course Purpose & How All Topics Tie Together					
1	8/26	3							
2	9/2	4	#1 - Introduction to Systems Engineering (SysE)	What is SysE?	1	<div>"Twelve Systems Engineering Roles" by Sarah A. Sheard; In: "Course Materials/Reference Reading Materials/ SysE Overview/12-Roles"</div>			
2	9/2	5		Intro to Roles of SysE	3.3-3.5				
3	9/9	6		SysE LC Processes	3.8.1-3.8.7, 15				
3	9/9	7	#2 - SysE Fundamentals & Core Methods / Processes	Intro To SysE Modeling & Sim	33				
4	9/16	8		Overview of SysE Core Skills					2.10, 2.11
4	9/16	9		Core 4 - Planning	28.4				5.1

"Twelve Systems Engineering Roles" by Sarah A. Sheard; In: "Course Materials/Reference Reading Materials/ SysE Overview/12-Roles"



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5	9/23	10		Core 4 - Analysis	30.4, 32	10.2-10.7	<div>Webinar 29 -  <a href="https://connect.incose.org/Library/Webinars/Documents/Webinar%20Archives/Webinar%2029%20N%20Squared%20Diagram%20and%20Commercial%20SE%20Projects.wmv">https://connect.incose.org/Library/Webinars/Documents/Webinar%20Archives/Webinar%2029%20N%20Squared%20Diagram%20and%20Commercial%20SE%20Projects.wmv</a> </div>	
6	9/30	11		Core 4 - Synthesis	11			
6	9/30	12		Core 4 - Implementation	28.1-28.3, 28.7, 27.3-27.3.2.1.3, 13.3			
7	10/7	13		Core App to Requirements	6.4-6.5, 19.4-19.7			
8	10/14			Project - Part 2				
8	10/14	14		Core App to Risk	34.3.8-34.3.10			
9	10/21	15	#3 - Application of SysE Fundamentals to Architecture	Intro to SysE Arch			<div> <a href="https://www.zachman.com/resources/videos/video/25">https://www.zachman.com/resources/videos/video/25</a> </div>	Course Materials/ SysE Architecture/ For Other SysE Arch Material / Systems Architecting-An Emergent Discipline.pdf
10	10/28	16		SysE Arch ZF Views & Creation Technique				
11	11/4	17		SysE Arch - DFDs, ERDs, & UCs	8.1,8.2,8.4-8.6.3			Course Materials/ Reference Reading Materials/ SysE Architecture/ ERD, DFD, & Use Cases



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12	11/11	18	#4 - Application of SysE Fundamentals to Design	Intro to SysE Design	12.1 - 12.5	3.6, 4.5-4.6		
12	11/11	19		SysE Design Roles		9.4-9.5		
13	11/18	20		SysE DF-Reliability	34.3 - 34.3.3	10.8 - 10.8.2		
break	11/25			FALL BREAK				
14	12/2		#5 - TIATA & Course Wrap-Up	Project - Part 3				
14	12/2	21		TIATA ( <i>Start of</i> )				
14	12/2	21		TIATA ( <i>Finish of</i> )				
15	12/9	22		6301 Course Wrap-Up				