**Department of Computer Science The Open University of Sri Lanka**

CSU5310-Computer Architecture

# Information Sheet – 2023/2024

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| **Study Material** | * Printed course material for this course can be collected from the dispatch units.
* The reference material of this course is “Computer Organization and Architecture Designing for Performance Tenth Edition” by William Stallings
* Presentations and E- book of the reference material will be shared on the E- Learn course.
* Videos and zoom lecture recording are also available with additional OERs in the E- Learn course
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| **Nature of study** | * Study material must be read before the dayschools. You will also need to watch the videos uploaded to the eLearn course after the 1st dayschool before attending to the dayschools.
* The material in the book will be discussed at the dayschools and you can clarify your doubts at the dayschool.
* During the second semester, the department will conduct Two Continuous Assessment Tests (CATs).
* The CAT examinations will be either paper based or online examinations.
* Other than the CATs random graded online activities will be assigned.
* Marks of the above tests will be used to calculate the OCAM
* For the ease of communication a WhatsApp group will be used.
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| **Day Schools, Workshops & Practical Sessions** | * The dayschools and workshops will be conducted online via Zoom. Zoom link will be sent to your OUSL email address a day before the dayschool.
* Participating in Day schools and Workshops are highly encouraged for good results.
* Practical experiments of the course are not compulsory.
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| **No Book Test and Online Test.** | **NBTs*** Test duration is one hour, and students are not allowed to use any kind of study material at either the online or physical tests.
* The NBT questions are set from the content covered in the day schools held before the NBT.
* Physical Tests are held in all Regional Centers.
* If you are sitting for NBT from other Regional Centre (not the one you have registered for) you have to inform before the exam.

**Home Assignment*** Home Assignment will be conducted for this course where the results will be considered for CAM calculation.
* The examination, model will be discussed in the day schools.
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| **Overall Continuous Assessment Mark(OCAM)** | * Students need to obtain minimum of **35%** to be eligible for the final examination.
* OCAM will be calculated based on NBTs as follow;

**OCAM = 40% x Best 1 (NBT1, NBT2) + 30% x Best 2 (NBT1, NBT2)****+ 30% x (HA, Online Assignments)** |

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| **Final Examination** | * Final Examination is held in **All regional Centers** and the Final examination duration is Two hours.
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| **Final Mark** | * Final mark will be calculated as follows:

**Final mark = Marks obtained at x 0.6 + OCAM x 0.4 the Final examination** |