CSC340 – Requirements Engineering

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General Information

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Lectures: Tues 10am and Thurs 10am, WI1016

Tutorials: Fri 9am, one of: SS1072, SS1080, or SS2111

Office hours: Tuesdays 11am and Thursdays 2pm in BA5234 **Assignments:** Students work in teams of 4 for all assignments.

Recommended Texts

Textbook

• Easterbrook, S. M. and Nuseibeh, B. A. "Fundamentals of Requirements Engineering". Not yet published. Draft chapters will be available from time to time on the course website

Supplementary Texts

• Fowler, M., Scott K. "UML Distilled (third edition)" Addison-Wesley, 2003.

Course Prerequisites

To take this course, you must have completed CSC207 (Software Design), and either CSC236 (Intro to theory of computation) or CSC240 (enriched version of 236). Students who haven't completed the prerequisite should discuss their case with the instructor.

Attendance at Lectures and Tutorials

Attendance at lectures is mandatory. Much material and interpretation is covered during lectures that is not present in textbooks or notes. Experience has shown that your final exam grade is highly correlated with lecture attendance.

You will be working in teams of four for this course, and all members of a team must attend the same tutorial section. There will be no tutorial in week 1. **The first tutorial will be on Friday, September 22.** Your individual TA will be grading your assignments. Therefore, it is wise to attend tutorials as well, and seek help from your TA. The tutorial sections will be covering background material and going into greater depth with worked out examples. To understand what your particular TA expects to see in an assignment, you should attend the tutorials.

Communication & Email Policy

Please use lectures and tutorials as your main opportunity to ask questions about the course. Major announcements will also be posted on the course website.

NOTE: I will **not** normally respond to email questions, unless it is an emergency. You may send me questions by email between lectures, but I will rarely answer by email - I will provide answers or clarifications in the lectures instead. There is also a frequently asked questions (FAQ) list on the course website – from time to time I will add to this list as common questions arise. *Bear in mind that I run an aggressive spam filter, and email sent to me from non-UofT addresses probably won't reach me*.

Assessment

There are four practical assignment and two exams, as follows:

Task	%	Торіс	Due Date
Assignment1	10%	Project Selection and Risk Plan	October 6
Assignment2	15%	Feasibility Study	October 27
Midterm test	20%	First half of course (50 min)	November 9
Assignment3	10%	Requirements Models	November 24
Assignment4	10%	Requirements Specification	December 8
Final exam	35%	All course material (2 hrs)	TBD

The assignments are all team assignments. Each team will submit a single report for each assignment. All members of a team will receive the same grade for the assignment, except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the instructor. Detailed instruction on the content of each assignment will be handed out during the term.

Due dates for the assignments are firm. Assignments must be submitted in person, within ten minutes of the start of the tutorial on the specified date. There will be a 10% deduction for late assignments for each day of delay, to a maximum of 7 days; assignments will not be accepted beyond that point. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays count when calculating late days.

Please note that the TAs and the instructor will not answer any questions relating to assignments within the 24 hour period prior to the deadline. If you have questions about the grade your assignment received, please ask your TA. However, all requests for remarking must be made to the instructor.

The end of term exam constitutes 35% of the course grade. Each student must achieve a minimum mark of 30% on the exam in order to pass the course.

Teamworking

All assignments will be done in teams of four. If a team member drops the course, he or she should immediately notify his or her fellow team members, also the tutor or the instructor. Each student will have an account on the CDF machines.

Warnings

- Do not use another team's solution: to avoid problems, discuss with fellow students from other teams only general approaches to assignment solutions; do not take notes during such discussions. See the course website for advice on plagiarism and teamworking.
- Extensions to assignment deadlines will only be granted in the case of documented medical emergencies. See http://www.utoronto.ca/health/forms/forms.htm