**EE 524 Advanced Computer Architecture** Fall 2006

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**CptS 561 Computer Architecture Tuesday/Thursday 10:35-11:50AM**

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Objectives: *To provide a background on advanced computer architecture. The main focus of this course is advanced processor design and evaluation using case studies. A number of architectural alternatives are described and evaluated using quantitative approaches.*

Pre-requisite: *EE334, CptS 260, or knowledge of digital and microprocessor design*

**1. Fundamentals of Quantitative Design** *(Chapter 1)*

* 1. Performance, Power, Energy
  2. Principles of Computer Design
  3. Performance and Cost

**2. Memory Hierarchy Design** *(Chapter 2)*

2.1 Principle of locality

2.2 Memory hierarchy and cache memory

2.3 Cache performance optimizations

2.4 Virtual Memory

**3. Instruction-Level Parallelism and its Limitations** *(Chapter 3)*

3.1 Instruction-level parallelism (ILP)

3.2 Dynamic scheduling

3.3 Branch prediction and speculation

3.4 Multiple instruction issue

3.5 Case study: Intel Core i7

**4. Data-Level Parallelism** *(Chapter 4)*

4.1 Vector and SIMD architectures

4.2 Graphics Processing Units (GPU)

4.3 Loop level parallelism

4.4 Case study: NVIDIA and Intel Core i7

**5. Multiprocessors (Multi-core) and Thread Level Parallelism** *(Chapter 5)*

5.1 Centralized shared-memory architectures

5.2 Distributed shared memory

5.3 Coherence and synchronization

5.4 Memory consistency

5.5 Multicore processors

**Textbook:** J. L. Hennessy and D. A. Patterson, *Computer Architecture: A Quantitative Approach,* Fifth Edition. Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, 2012.

**Grade:** 2 Partial Exams (25% each) 50%

Project 10%

Homework 20%

Final Exam 20%

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