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FACULTY OF COMPUTING AND ICT

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME

ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/ 2016

COURSE DESCRIPTION

BIT 222	Operating Systems	
Contact Hours	52	
Prerequisite	BIT 212 Computer Architecture and Organization	
Purpose/Aim	This course gives an overview of the main facilities provided by an operating system and also introduces the basic functions of two mainstream operating systems.	
Course Objective (Indicative Learning Outcomes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The learner can describe the interface between hardware and software • The learner can describe the main facilities underlying the operating environment of a computer • The learner demonstrates basic skills in a command-based operating system 	
Course Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating systems concepts and overview: Historical perspective, types of Operating Systems, Architecture – Components and Structure of Operating Systems. • Process Management [description and control]: Process model, Process scheduling - Scheduler, Scheduling algorithms; Processes and threads; Process Concurrency and Synchronization; Communication (mutual exclusion, Semaphores, monitors), Deadlocks. • Memory Management: Real Memory Management, Virtual Memory Management; Memory Partitioning, Paging, Segmentation, • File Organization and Access - Disk Scheduling, RAID, Disk cache, File Sharing, File Systems. • I/O Management – I/O devices, I/O Buffering • Protection and Security threats 	
Learning & Teaching Methodologies	Lectures, tutorials and computer laboratory exercises	
Instructional Materials/Equipment	Classroom with audio visual aids Computer laboratory UNIX and Windows Operating System	
Course Assessment	Type	Weighting (%)
	Examination	60
	Continuous Assessment	40



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	Total	100	
Recommended Reading	Title	Author	Publisher
	Modern Operating Systems	Andrew Tanenbaum	Prentice Hall (2001)
Additional Reading	Operating Systems: Internals and Design Principles	William Stallings	Prentice Hall (2000)
	Operating System Concepts	Abraham Silberschatz, Greg Gagne, Peter Baer Galvin	Wiley (2002)
Other Support Material	A variety of multimedia systems and electronic information resources as prescribed by the lecturer. Various application manuals, URL search and journals.		