

CIS 262: Computer Organization and Design

Laws of computer organization and design for RISC architectures. Interfaces between hardware and software are studied. Influence of instruction set on performance is presented. Design of a processor with pipelining is analyzed. Computer arithmetic is studied. Memory hierarchy and their influence on performance are documented. Elements of interfacing and I/O organization are included. The course has design, implementation, and analytical components. Prerequisite: CIS 261 or permission of the instructor. Three lecture hours and two lab hours per week. Instructional Support Fee applies. Gen. Ed. Competencies Met: Information Literacy.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- 1. Explain how a program written in a high level language such as C or Java is translated into the language of the hardware.
- 2. Explain how hardware executes programs that have been translated.
- 3. Determine the interface between hardware and software.
- 4. Describe how software instructs hardware to perform a certain task.
- 5. Understand how hardware design determines the performance of a program.

Credits: 4

Program: Computer Information Systems

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