**Catalog Information**

Dept and Nbr: CS 12  
Title: ASSEMBLY LANG PROG  
Full Title: Assembly Language Programming/Computer Architecture  
Last Reviewed: 1/28/2019

**Catalog Description:**
Introductory computer architecture and techniques of assembly language programming as they apply to modern microprocessors such as I-86, ARM and/or PowerPC. Topics include theory and concepts of virtual memory, pipelines, caches, and multitasking, hardware architecture (bus, memory, stack, I/O, interrupts), design of structured assembly language code, use of software interrupts, survey arithmetic notations (binary, hexadecimal, floating-point, binary-coded decimal), input/output, and disk processing concepts.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**
Course Completion of CS 10B

**Recommended Preparation:**

**Limits on Enrollment:**

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Recommended:
Limits on Enrollment:
Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.
Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

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CID:
CID Descriptor: COMP 142 Computer Architecture and Organization
SRJC Equivalent Course(s): CS12

Certificate/Major Applicable:
Major Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:
At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:
1. Describe concepts of virtual memory, pipelines, caches, and multitasking, hardware
   architecture (bus, memory, stack, Input/Output (I/O), interrupts).
2. Apply structured assembly language code, use of software interrupts, survey arithmetic
   notations (binary, hexadecimal, floating-point, binary-coded decimal), input/output,
   and disk processing concepts.
3. Code, assemble, link, and debug Assembly Language programs, including an interrupt
   handler.
4. Demonstrate how fundamental high-level programming constructs are implemented at the
   machine-language level.

Objectives:
At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:
1. Distinguish and categorize the architectural components of a microcomputer.
2. Apply microcomputer design principles to identify architectural components of the Intel
   family of microprocessors and demonstrate ability to utilize microcomputer capabilities
   through assembly language programs.
3. Create a complete set of source modules using standard design tools.
4. Prepare executable assembly language programs which include at least one subroutine library
   module.
5. Create programs which carry out binary arithmetic operations, floating-point, and BCD
   (binary-coded decimal).
6. Demonstrate ability to convert numbers to and from decimal, binary, octal, and hexadecimal.
7. Use three BIOS (basic input-output system).
8. Write an interrupt handler.

**Topics and Scope:**

I. Assembly Language Environment  
   A. Software design process  
   B. Programming tools  
      1. editors  
      2. assemblers  
      3. debuggers  
      4. source modules  
   C. Hardware environment  
      1. networking  
      2. workstations  
      3. peripheral devices  
   D. Assembly language overview  
      1. general syntax notation  
      2. instruction categories  
      3. high-level language interface  
      4. sub-routine library modules  

II. Data Types and Number System  
   A. Numeric data  
      1. number system  
         a. binary, decimal, octal, hexadecimal  
         b. number system conversions  
      2. arithmetic notation  
         a. binary, signed and unsigned  
         b. floating point  
         c. two's complement  
         d. BCD (binary-coded decimal)  
   B. Character data  
   C. ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) character set  

III. Computer Architecture  
   A. Microprocessors  
   B. Data, control, address bus  
   C. Registers  
   D. Memory  
   E. Stack  
   F. Interrupts  
   G. Peripheral device I/O  
   H. Virtual memory  
   I. Pipelines and caches  
   J. CISC (complex instruction set computer) versus RISC (reduced instruction set computer)

IV. Instruction Set  
   A. Addressing modes  
   B. Data transfer instructions  
   C. Software interrupt structure  
   D. Arithmetic operations
E. Control structures
F. Stack operations
G. String operations
V. Peripheral Device Access
   A. Graphics displays
   B. Disk I/O
   C. Standard list device
VI. Von Neumann Machine

Assignment:

1. Read approximately 25 pages per week from textbook
2. Programming exercises:
   a. Hierarchy charts and structured flowcharts
   b. Code, assemble, link, and debug approximately 10 Assembly Language programs, including an interrupt handler
3. Write technical documentation to accompany programs
4. Two to four quizzes and exams

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

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**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

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Representative Textbooks and Materials:
x86-64 Assembly Language Programming with Ubuntu (1.1.14). Jorgensen, Ed. 2018
Introduction to Computer Organization: ARM Assembly Language Using the Raspberry Pi. Plantz, Robert. 2017