EE 5374 --- Advanced Digital Systems Design

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Course Description: Design techniques for complex digital systems, with emphasis on computer hardware design and computer-aided techniques, including hardware description languages and hardware simulation packages. Algorithmic State Machine design is stressed for small systems. Emphasis on problem definition, design, and verification.

Prerequisite: Prerequisite by Topic:
(1) combinational and sequential digital design techniques
(2) basic computer or microprocessor architecture
(3) assembly language programming
(4) High-Level language programming

Corequisite: EE 5190 LAB, where design and verification of digital systems using simulation is carried out. Laboratory implementation using standard, integrated circuits and programmable logic devices.

Students completing EE 5374 will be able to:
1. Apply different design methods for digital circuitry from problem statement to physical implementation.
2. Use good design techniques, especially top-down design such as the ASM method.
3. Recognize and apply typical hardware constructs for processing units.
4. Recognize and apply typical hardware constructs for control units: hardwired and microprogrammed.
5. Write microcode using standard microcoding techniques.
6. Use processor peripheral support chips, such as MMUs, interrupt chips, etc.
7. Use computer aided tools to simulate and verify designs.
8. Find information on specific chips, and how to obtain application notes.
Topics Covered:
1. Review of combinational and sequential digital design techniques, HDL representation, memory components and PLDs
2. Algorithmic state machine design procedure
3. Datapath (CPU) operations and design; design of a control word
4. Sequencing and Control: hardwired and microprogrammed
5. Instruction set architecture
6. Additional, advanced topics, as time allows.

Course Grading:                                                                                       Scale:
 Homework and Quizzes ........... 20%                                 90% – 100% → A
 Exams (4 equally weighted)..... 75%                               80% – 89% → B
 Instructor assessment ............ 5%                               70% – 79% → C
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