Title of Course: Systems Analysis  
CIS 325  
Spring 2008  
Credits: 3

Course Description:
This course teaches the student how to analyze systems of programs and how to document these analyses. The student will learn CASE [Computer Assisted Systems Engineering] tools that are currently used in the field of systems analysis.

Students are required to complete a semester project to analyze a complex computer system. This project will require the use of CASE tools to document the input and output requirements, data dictionaries, database design and normalization, ERD [Entity Relationship Diagrams], DFD [Data Flow Diagrams], systems flowcharts, run charts, and PERT [Program Evaluation Review Technique] charts.

Prerequisites/Co-requisites: CSC 210 Programming II

Student Learning Outcomes:

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the System Development Life Cycle [SDLC]
- Write the systems requirements and objectives
- Design databases structures and Normalize databases [1NF, 2NF, 3NF]
- Perform data modeling using Data Flow Diagrams [DFD’s]
- Perform data modeling with Entity Relationship Diagrams [ERD’s]
- Design input forms and screens
- Design output reports and screens
- Use techniques for Graphical User Interface (GUI) design
- Perform interviews for systems analysis
- Manage and Coordinate projects using Gantt and PERT charts
- Create Object Relationship Diagrams using Unified Modeling Language (UML) including: use cases and activity diagrams.

Required Text & Readings:

Author: Shelly, Cashman & Rosenblatt  
Publisher: Course Technology  

Other Resources: [bundled with text] Visible Analyst Software V7.6 CD. 6 HD diskettes; Flash drives are recommended.

Use of Technology (if applicable):
Evaluation & Requirements of Students:

1. Exam #1 Concepts & Terms  15%
2. Exam #2 Data Flow Diagrams [DFD’s] 20%
3. Exam #3 DB Design & ERD’s 20%
4. Exam #4 PERT / Gantt Charts 10%
5. Term Project 15%
6. Final Exam 20%
100%

Outline of Topics:

1. Introduction to Systems Analysis & Design Ch 1
2. Preliminary Investigation Ch 2
3. Communication Tools TK 1
4. Requirement modeling Ch 3 Exam #1
5. Data & Process Modeling [DFD’s] Ch 4
6. Object Modeling Ch 5 Exam #2
7. User Interface, Input & Output design Ch 7
8. DB Design & Normalization Ch 8
9. Entity Relationship Diagrams Ch 8 Exam #3
10. PERT / Gantt Charts TK 3 Exam #4
11. Presentation of Course Project
12. Review Final Exam

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