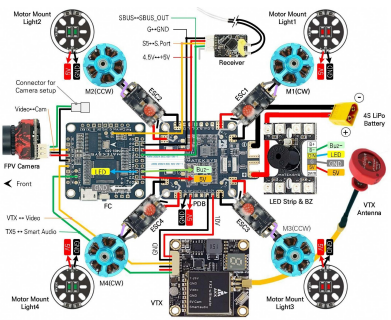

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What you will learn?

- Fundamental concepts of RTOS used in IoT systems
- Basic concepts of RTOS, task and threads
- Task scheduling, predictable scheduling algorithms and memory allocation
- Topics: uniprocessor scheduling, multicore scheduling, synchronization, parallel task scheduling, mixed criticality
- I designed this course to teach you the theoretical and hands-on skills necessary to design real world embedded systems.

By the end of the course, you will:

- Understand the fundamentals of RTOS from pseudo-kernels to OS and memory management.
- Be able to analyze and implement fundamental scheduling algorithms for IoT scheduling and synchronization
- Be able to determine requirements for a real-time embedded system problem and be able to choose the proper algorithm to solve the problem.
- Be able to develop an time-constrained IoT system from scratch

Expectations in you

- Prerequisites—you are expected to have the necessary background. Important topic will be revised very quickly but it is your responsibility to catch up.
- Time commitment—Expect to spend more time self-learning and code debugging
- Professionalism—You are adults and I will treat you as such
- Content —The course involves much more reading, deeper analysis, self-studies and research than undergraduate classes
- Evaluation —The quality of your work is expected to reflect a graduate level-course.
- Cheating—Anyone found cheating on an exam or any assignment will receive an automatic F on the evaluation and will be reported to the management of the University. Cheating/plagiarism detection software might be used at the sole discretion of the instructors.

What to expect in me

- I want you to succeed —both in this course but also, and most importantly, in life after you graduate
- I am prepared to help you understand the course material and help you pass your homework, quizzes and exams. My job is to help you, so let me know what I can do to help you succeed. If there is something that you would like me to do differently, please, let me know. I am happy to work with you to make class the best it can be.
- The Government of Rwanda is spending billions on your education and expect you to transform the future of this nation. I will make sure that such an investment does not go to waste.
- Fairness—I am a fair man. And fairness obliges me not to give preferential treatment to anyone.

Prerequisite knowledge

- General knowledge—Ability to read and understand electronic schematics, ability to read and understand unfamiliar topics, competency in C/C++
- Computer architecture —CPU Registers, memory addressing, data paths, memory allocation, page fault, DMA
- Algorithms& data structures—understanding of “Big O” notation and its mathematical definition, stacks, queues, and linked lists
- Mathematics—logic symbols, proof techniques (e.g., induction and contradiction), probability, recurrence relations, basic algebra
- Sound knowledge of C/C++—Computer programming will be integral part of this module. It is assumed that students have a sound knowledge of programming in C/C++ to successfully carry out laboratory exercises.
- Note: Due to time limitation, I will not attempt to teach any programming prerequisites. I will only review any hardware related topics if needed.

Evaluation

- There will be online quizzes over any material taught in the class to date.
- Exams —UR's policy will be applied
- Laboratory
  - There will be several programming assignments
  - Most lab will be conducted individually and shall be completed using the center's laboratory equipment.
  - Lab will be conducted in the afternoon. Please work with the lab technician if you need access to the lab outside this time.
  - They expect strong programming and problem solving skills.
  - ADVICE: Please try to work on this assignment early and ask questions if needed.
- Design project—Express your design in oral and written forms

NOTE If you do not complete your programming projects, odds are you will fail the exams and ultimately fail this class.

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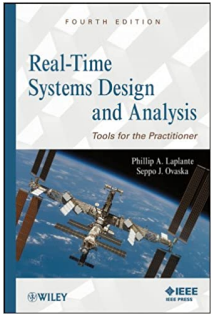

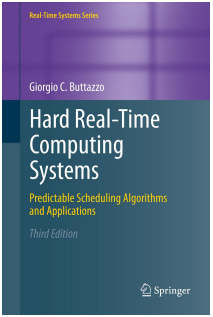

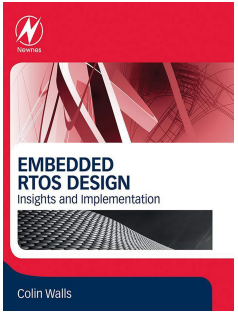

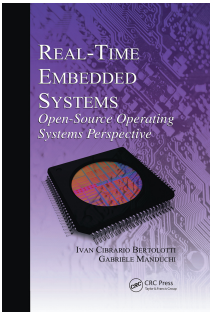

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TAB 1. Allocation of study & Teaching hours according to ACEIoT

DESCRIPTION	STUDENT HOURS	STAFF HOURS
LECTURES	24	48
SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS		
PRACTICAL CLASSES/ LABORATORY	18	36
STRUCTURED EXERCISES	6	12
SET READING ETC.		
SELF – DIRECTED STUDY	42	42
ASSIGNMENTS – PREPARATION & WRITING	60	30
EXAMINATION – REVISION & ATTENDANCE		44
OTHER: INVIGILATION END OF MODULE		4
TOTAL	150	216

Course organization

- Lecture—Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00AM-12PM
- Lab—Everyday from 2pm -5pm
- Quiz—TBD
- Independent study and review Tuesday, Friday 7:00AM-12PM
- Lab assignments Tuesday, Thursday 1:00PM-6:00PM
- NOTE—Unfortunately, I will not attend the lab session since I have other course to teach.
  - The lab technician shall guide you on how to use the equipment.
  - If you need special assistance, you can schedule an appointment or email me.

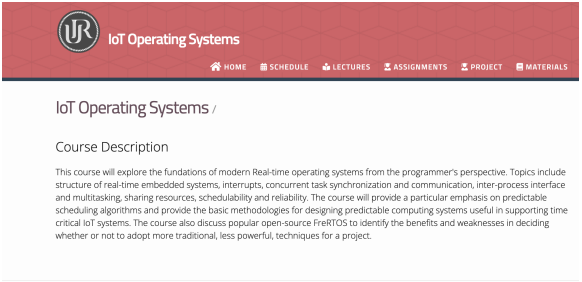
Course organization

- This is a graduate level course:
  - You're expected to do lots of independent learning
  - You're expected to produce graduate-level outcome (lab and exams)
  - No sloppy lab reports
- Submission of Course Work Policy
  - All work (Quiz, Labs and project design) will be submitted online
  - Submit you work on time. No exception to this rule
  - I will not accept any submission through email. No exception to this rule
  - Laboratory work is individual and you're expected to complete your work alone. Collaboration is encouraged. However, you are responsible for writing, debugging and writing your own lab report

Course website

The course has two websites where I host all the materials

- The UR e-learning platform
  - This is the official website. When in doubt, consult this first
  - Everyone must register here
  - All quizzes will be conducted on this platform
  - https://elearning.ur.ac.rw/
- Personal website
  - https://qiriro.com/ecs6264/
  - It should be used as a backup because the official web platform is often inaccessible —especially at peak time



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