

# Syllabus

## Course catalog information

**Semester:** Spring 2024

**Course name:** Software Engineering

**Course ID:** CS 3667

**Section number:** 101,102

**Credit hours:** 3

**Modality:** face-to-face

**Meeting days:** MWF

**Meeting time:** 9am-9:50am,10am-10:50am

**Meeting location:** ABH 309

**Course description:** This course covers the design and implementation of software systems. Topics include requirements analysis, object design, system design, frameworks and patterns, and implementation and testing issues.

**Course prerequisites/co-requisites:** CS 2440 with a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher.

## Instructor information



**Instructor name:** Dr. Mark Hills

**Instructor office:** 312-L Anne Belk Hall

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**Office hours:** Monday 2pm - 4pm Wednesday 3pm - 4pm Thursday: 10am - 11am Friday: 11am - 12pm

## Course objectives

This course provides practical and theoretical knowledge of software engineering. Students will learn the processes, methodologies, and tools used during the complete life cycle of professional software projects. Students are required to complete a team project over the course of the semester.

Upon completion of this course each student will be able to:

- Understand the nature, objectives, and methods of software engineering practice
- Evaluate and choose process models for the development of software systems
- Use appropriate project scheduling and management techniques to create project management plans and documents

- Use appropriate requirements elicitation, analysis, and modeling techniques to establish and document software requirements
- Design software systems using object-oriented techniques and visual modeling tools
- Use appropriate software testing techniques to create test cases, perform tests, and create test documentation
- Use version control systems to manage software configurations and collaborate effectively on software development

## Required materials and resources

Our main text for the course will be *Engineering Software Products: An Introduction to Modern Software Engineering*, by Ian Sommerville, Pearson, 2020. You can access this text using the My Materials link under the General topic on AsULearn.

We will be using the O'Reilly Learning Platform (OLP) to access material from relevant books. You can find out more about this here: <https://library.appstate.edu/find-resources/databases/oreilly-ebooks-safari-books-online> (<https://library.appstate.edu/find-resources/databases/oreilly-ebooks-safari-books-online>). You do not need to create an O'Reilly account to use this service, but it can be useful if you wish to use their mobile app. You do not need to sign up for a trial account. If you find yourself trying to do this, you did not access the OLP through the library link. Links to the appropriate chapters of books hosted on the OLP will be provided in the relevant topics on AsULearn.

We will be keeping track of projects on GitHub: <https://github.com> (<https://github.com>). You will need to create an account there if you have not done so already.

## Grades

Students will be evaluated based on two exams during the semester, a final exam during our final exam period, quizzes, homework assignments, in-class labs, and in-class discussions of readings.

### Grading Scale

Letter	Percentage Required
A	93
A-	90
B+	87
B	83
B-	80
C+	77
C	73
C-	70
D+	67
D	63
D-	60
F	< 60

This grade is based on the following relative weights of the various activities:

Weighting	
Homework, In-Class Discussions, and In-Class Labs	15%
Quizzes	15%
Group Project	30%
Exam 1	10%
Exam 2	10%
Final Exam	20%

Note: AsULearn rounds your grade and that rounding will be final.

## Assignment details

Homework assignments, in-class labs, and in-class discussions will be due throughout the semester. Quizzes will be posted over most readings, due when we are going to start discussing the readings. More details about all assignments will be posted on AsULearn.

## General course policies

### Office Hours

I will hold office hours in-person. If I am with another student, please be patient and respectful to the other student by waiting your turn. There may be times throughout the semester when I must cancel or reschedule my office hours due to last minute meetings or appointments. I will make sure to announce these changes. If you cannot attend my scheduled office hours, you may email me for an appointment. You are always welcome to ask questions over email. Please be patient with me because it may take me more than 60 minutes to respond. I may not immediately answer emails sent after 5pm on weekdays or sent at any time on weekends.

### Public Labs

Anne Belk Hall, Rooms 309 and 311, are available to all Computer Science majors outside of scheduled class times and during normal building hours.

### Attendance Policy

It is the policy of Appalachian State University that class attendance is an important part of a student's educational experience. Students are expected to attend every meeting of their classes. However, I do understand that life happens. Attendance will be taken every lecture period by means of each student writing their name on an attendance sheet before leaving class. If you do not write your name on the attendance sheet, then you will be marked absent. **You can miss up to 6 class meetings with an unexcused absence (see information on excused absences below) without penalty. Each unexcused absence after 6 will result in a 3 point deduction to your final grade in the class. If we are doing an activity in class, and you are absent without a valid excuse, you will not receive credit for that activity.** I will not be recording our classes, and materials will not necessarily be posted to the course page. It is up to you to attend lecture and take notes. If you are absent, I suggest asking a friend for their notes or attending my office hours.

For information about excused absences, see the University policies on attendance [here](https://academicaffairs.appstate.edu/sites/academicaffairs.appstate.edu/files/printable_pdf_of_the_attendance_policy.pdf) ([https://academicaffairs.appstate.edu/sites/academicaffairs.appstate.edu/files/printable\\_pdf\\_of\\_the\\_attendance\\_policy.pdf](https://academicaffairs.appstate.edu/sites/academicaffairs.appstate.edu/files/printable_pdf_of_the_attendance_policy.pdf)). Beyond the situations mentioned there, I allow excused absences for school related activities (e.g., you may have to be gone because you are traveling for a school club) and being sick enough to go to the doctor (if in doubt, contact me and stay home). Another reason an absence may be excused is if the absence is discussed with me before the absence is to occur and the absence is something deemed beneficial to student learning (e.g., attending a workshop related to research you are doing with a faculty member). Again, please be proactive and contact me in advance to determine if the absence would be excused.

**Attention and Participation**

You must be an agent in your learning experience by attending lecture and paying attention. Lecture materials will not necessarily be posted to the course AsULearn page, and we will be doing many different activities (such as labs) in class. You will also need to keep up with the reading and other activities, which are important to learning the material well. Please be sure to attend lecture.

**Email and Communications**

I assume that students check their ASU email several times daily. If you check a different email address more frequently than your ASU address, then set your AppalNet account so that your email gets forwarded. I will hold you responsible for all information conveyed to you through email from me. Any updates will be posted to the AsULearn Announcements forum. When an announcement is posted on AsULearn, you should also receive an email. Again, I expect you to check your official campus email with some regularity. However, if I inform you in class that an assignment will be posted, I expect you to check for that assignment online even without an email. Assignments will appear on the calendar on the course AsULearn page as well as being listed in the week it was assigned. I will announce assignments in lecture as well. Please check the Announcements regularly in the event that you are not receiving emails sent from the course AsULearn page. Please use proper email etiquette when emailing me (or any professor). Use your official AppState email and include your course number or the name of the course (just "SE" or "Software Engineering" is fine) in the subject line. As I am getting to know everyone in the beginning of the semester, I ask that you are sure to introduce yourself in every email. Please be respectful in your emails. I will not respond to emails that I feel are rude or lack proper etiquette. If you are unsure of how to write an email to a professor please use the template below.

*Hello Professor Hills,*

*My name is {first name last name} and I am in your Software Engineering course. {insert question or comment here}*

*Thank you,*

*{first name last name}*

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (quoted from Vice Provost)**

Appalachian State University is committed to providing an inclusive experience, accessible learning environments and equal opportunity to individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Individuals needing reasonable accommodations should contact the Office of Disability Resources (828.262.3056 or [odr.appstate.edu \(https://odr.appstate.edu/\)](https://odr.appstate.edu)).

**Religious Observance Policy**

Students must be allowed a minimum of two excused absences each academic year for religious observances. Students are responsible for requesting excused absences for religious observances required by the faith of a student. Except in extraordinary circumstances, student requests for excused absences for religious observances must be submitted to instructors in writing no later than three weeks after the first class day of the term. For the purposes of this policy, ASU defines the term religious observance to include religious holidays, holy days, or similar observances associated with a student's faith that require absence from class.

**Student Engagement**

In its mission statement, Appalachian State University aims at providing undergraduate students a rigorous liberal education that emphasizes transferable skills and preparation for professional careers as well as maintaining a faculty whose members serve as excellent teachers and scholarly mentors for their students. Such rigor means that the foremost activity of Appalachian students is an intense engagement with their courses. In practical terms, students should expect to spend two to three hours of studying for every hour of class time. Hence, a fifteen-hour academic load might reasonably require between 30 and 45 hours per week of out-of-class work.

**Academic Integrity Code (quoted from Vice Provost)**Introduction

Appalachian State University's Academic Integrity Code is designed to create an atmosphere of trust, respect, fairness, honesty, and responsibility. The Academic Integrity Code outlines "user-friendly" procedures and mechanisms for resolving alleged violations of academic integrity. The Academic Integrity Code is the result of cooperation among Appalachian's faculty, students and administrators, and promotes a campus dialogue about academic integrity. All members of the Appalachian State University community are responsible for promoting an ethical learning environment.

The Academic Integrity Code

Students attending Appalachian State University agree to abide by the following Code:

- Students will not lie, cheat, or steal to gain academic advantage.
- Students will oppose every instance of academic dishonesty.

Students shall agree to abide by the Academic Integrity Code when submitting the admission application.

### Academic Integrity Violations

Violations of the academic integrity policy can result in various sanctions. You can learn more about the policy on the university [Academic Integrity page \(https://academicintegrity.appstate.edu/\)](https://academicintegrity.appstate.edu/). If you are not sure if something you are doing would violate the policy (e.g., incorporating code from StackOverflow into your team's codebase, using code provided by tools such as GitHub Copilot or ChatGPT), please ask.

### Class Cancellations

The university will send out an email should classes be cancelled for adverse weather. If I need to cancel class for any reason, I will notify you via email.

### Special Days

Please reference the registrar's official 2023-2024 academic calendar for special days for the semester. Be aware of Add/Drop days and final exam periods. You can find the academic calendar [here \(https://registrar.appstate.edu/sites/default/files/2023-2024\\_academic\\_calendar\\_updated\\_08.01.23.pdf\)](https://registrar.appstate.edu/sites/default/files/2023-2024_academic_calendar_updated_08.01.23.pdf). You can find the final exam schedule [here \(https://registrar.appstate.edu/sites/default/files/app\\_state\\_fall\\_2023\\_exam\\_schedule\\_final.pdf\)](https://registrar.appstate.edu/sites/default/files/app_state_fall_2023_exam_schedule_final.pdf).

## Withdraw dates

**Withdraw no academic penalty:** Monday, January 22, 2024

**Withdraw using a career drop:** Monday, March 25, 2024

[Learn more about how to withdraw in the Withdrawal Policy \(https://registrar.appstate.edu/resources/policies/academic-policies/withdrawal-policy\)](https://registrar.appstate.edu/resources/policies/academic-policies/withdrawal-policy).

[Syllabi Policy and Statement Information \(https://academicaffairs.appstate.edu/resources-forms/syllabi-policy-and-statement-information\)](https://academicaffairs.appstate.edu/resources-forms/syllabi-policy-and-statement-information)

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