

C S5536-101_CLOUD COMPUTING (FALL 2022)

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Syllabus

Course catalog information

Semester: Fall 2022

Course name: Cloud Computing

Course ID: CS 5536

Section number: 101

Credit hours: 3

Modality: face-to-face

Meeting days: MWF

Meeting time: 10:00am - 10:50am

Meeting location: 311 Anne Belk Hall

Instructor information

Instructor name: Dr. Mark Hills

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Office hours: Monday 1:00pm - 3:00pm Tuesday 2:00pm - 4:00pm Wednesday 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Course objectives

In this course we will cover a number of topics relevant to cloud computing. This will include different cloud service models; cloud administration and security; cloud storage; software architectures related to, or enabled by, cloud; cloud application support; DevOps; and APIs. Upon completion of this course each student will be able to:

- Compare and contrast different service models for cloud computing, e.g., IaaS, PaaS, SaaS;
- configure and administer security, billing, networking, and logging for cloud services;
- select and configure appropriate storage solutions for cloud applications, including file-based, relational/SQL, and NoSQL storage alternatives;
- utilize cloud services to support typical application execution scenarios;
- configure and use DevOps build pipelines, including support for application build, automated test, containerization, and deployment;
- use and create RESTful APIs;
- use Infrastructure-as-Code solutions for automating the configuration of cloud services.

Required materials and resources

Any needed material from textbooks will be made available directly on AsULearn. There is no required book for this course.

We will be using the O'Reilly Learning Platform 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.

Grades

Students will be evaluated based on a midterm exam, a final exam, quizzes, homework assignments, labs, online discussions, and a term project.

Grading Scale

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

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

Weighting	
Homework	25%
Labs	5%
Quizzes	10%
Online Discussions	10%
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	15%
Term Project	20%

AsULearn rounds your grade and that rounding will be final.

Assignment details

Homework assignments and hands-on activities will be due throughout the semester. Quizzes will be posted at the end of most topics. Discussions will be posted periodically on AsULearn. More details about the homework, discussions, quizzes, and other activities will be made available during the course. Details about the term project are available 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. If you miss more than five lectures without an acceptable excuse (described below), you will lose 2 points on your course grade for each additional absence (e.g., if you have 7 absences, and a 92 in the course, you will lose $7 - 5 = 2 * 2 = 4$ points from your final grade, giving you an 88). It is your responsibility to make sure that you have been counted present for every day of class. You can check this using the Attendance link on the course AsULearn page. If you see a discrepancy, please email me with your name and the date and I will look into it. I will not be recording lecture sessions 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. Absences may be excused, but require a note from a physician, another professor, or coach. I allow excused absences for school related activities and being sick enough to go to the doctor. If you are affected by COVID-19, you must contact the dean of students for documentation of your case. Another reason an absence may be excused is if the absence is discussed with me before the absence is to occur. Other reasons could be anything deemed beneficial to student learning. Some form of proof will be required for any excused absence. Unexcused absences are not free days. Unexcused absences are emergency days to cover other things that may happen to you such as being in court, having no internet connection, having device issues, feeling sick (but not sick enough to go to the clinic), etc. If you abuse your unexcused absences by taking days off and then you are absent a sixth time, even with a legitimate reason like having device issues or connectivity problems, you will start to lose points. 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).

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 "Cloud Computing" 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 Cloud Computing 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/>)).

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.

Extreme Circumstances

Extreme circumstances include extended illness documented by a doctor's statement, death of a close relative, or other such problem. It does not include field trips, sporting events, other class work, oversleeping, bad hair days, problems with pets, working overtime, etc.

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 2022-2023 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 \(https://registrar.appstate.edu/sites/registrar.appstate.edu/files/2022-2023_academic_calendar.pdf\)](https://registrar.appstate.edu/sites/registrar.appstate.edu/files/2022-2023_academic_calendar.pdf) or a pdf link can be found on the course AsU Learn page. You can find the final exam schedule [here \(https://registrar.appstate.edu/sites/default/files/asu_fall_2022_exam_schedule_final.pdf\)](https://registrar.appstate.edu/sites/default/files/asu_fall_2022_exam_schedule_final.pdf) or a link can also be found on the course AsU Learn page.

Covid

Appalachian State University has returned to pre-pandemic operations. Please see here for more information: <https://www.appstate.edu/go/coronavirus/> (<https://www.appstate.edu/go/coronavirus/>). Masks are not required in classrooms, but you are welcome to wear a mask at your discretion.

Withdraw dates

Withdraw no academic penalty: Friday, August 26, 2022

Withdraw using a career drop: Wednesday, October 26, 2022

[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)

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

◀ [Attendance \(https://asulearn.appstate.edu/mod/attendance/view.php?id=2710821&forceview=1\)](https://asulearn.appstate.edu/mod/attendance/view.php?id=2710821&forceview=1)

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