

Department of Information Systems  
IS 557 STANDARD COURSE OUTLINE

**I. General Information**

Course Number:	IS 557
Course Title:	Wireless Systems and Mobile Applications
Units:	3
Prerequisite:	Graduate standing, IS 540
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**II. Catalog Description**

Topics include technical and business aspects of wireless networking and mobile applications to support business operation and business management. Mobile application framework, mobile application design and development, human interface design, and current technology issues. Letter grade only (A-F)

**III. Curriculum Justification(s)**

This course is designed to teach student (1) quantitative and technical skills in the areas of wireless and mobile devices and applications; (2) team, leadership and interpersonal skills by team-based discussion and team-based course project using collaborative development tools; (3) critical thinking skills in business analysis and mobile application design.

**IV. Course Objectives**

The course covers many aspects of web application development:

- The concepts, trends and roles of mobile computing in business.
- The technical concepts behind mobile application development.
- The framework for constructing applications.
- The tools for developing and testing mobile applications.
- A deep knowledge in selected areas of the mobile development tools.
- Best practices to produce quality mobile applications.
- Design of mobile applications.
- Team-based mobile application development.
- Business analysis for mobile business applications

Upon the completion of this course students will be able to design and develop mobile applications for a business domain in a team environment.

## V. Outline of Subject Matter

- Basic programming concepts such as loop, conditional statements.
- Introduction to object-oriented application development
- Mobile application framework such as Android
- Mobile application development platform such as Eclipse SDK and Android SDK
- Mobile application user interface design and development
- Mobile application backend process design and development
- Network communication in mobile application
- Data storage or database access in mobile application
- Business analysis and application design
- Project management
- Team working skills

## VI. Methods of Instruction

The course will be taught primarily by formal lectures in a computer lab. Presentation slides, hands-on demonstrations and computer labs are used in a typical class session. Due to the technical contents and the complexity of mobile application development, students are required to read the course material before the class. Homework and course project should be assigned to students to give them plenty of practices in the technical topics covered by the class.

Each instructor can decide on the structure of their exams. Multiple choices, short essay questions, program assignments or a mixture of different forms can be used to measure student performance.

Due to the rapid changes of Web technology and the abundance of free online resources, each instructor can decide on the textbooks. A example of the textbooks is:

Title: The Busy Coder's Guide to Android Development and Android Programming Tutorials  
Author: Mark Murphy  
ISBN-13: 978-0-9816780-0-9  
Publisher: CommonsWare  
Format: Paper; 1772 pp  
Published: August 2012  
Edition: 4.1

## VII. Instructional Policies Requirements

This course follows the University policies on [Final Course Grades, Grading Procedures, and Final Assessments \(PS 05-07\)](#), [Attendance \(PS 01-01\)](#), [Course Syllabi \(PS 04-05\)](#), [Final Course Grades, Grading Procedures, and Final Assessments \(PS 05-07\)](#), and [Withdrawals \(PS 02-02 rev\)](#). Following are some special considerations for this course:

### *A. Assessment Criteria*

#### Homework

Students are encouraged to discuss their class work and homework assignments together. However, after the discussion, each of you should work on your own homework independently from scratch.

#### Quizzes and Exams

Students need to take the mid-term exam (required) and the final exam (required).

#### Projects

Instructors are strongly encouraged to assign comprehensive course project (individual or group) that requires problem solving skills, the understanding of the course materials and the use of development tools.

### *B. Required Statement*

In compliance with university policy: Final grades will be based on at least three, and preferably four or more, demonstrations of competence. In no case will the grade on any class tests count for more than one-third of the course grade.

### *C. Attendance, Withdrawal, Late Assignments*

Students are expected to attend courses and turn in assignments on time. Specific attendance and late assignment policies are up to each individual instructor's discretion.

### *D. Disabilities*

Students with disabilities are responsible for notifying their instructor as early as possible of their needs for an accommodation of a verified disability. A student with a disability is urged to consult with Disabled Student Services as soon as possible in order to identify possible accommodations to enhance academic success.