CMSE 522 Specification and Verification of Software Systems

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Program Name: Software Engineering Program Code: 29

Course Code
CMSE 522Credits
3Year/Semester
2025-2026Fall

Prerequisite(s)

Graduate standing.

Specialization Categories (For the Ph.D. qualifying Exam)

B3 – INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Catalog Description

Mathematical foundations such as set theory, logic, and discrete mathematics, propositional logic, and first-order logic. Mathematical reasoning and proof techniques. Introduction to formal specification languages such as Z, VDM, and Alloy. Expressing software requirements using formal specifications. Model checking and its applications in software verification. Temporal logics such as LTL (Linear Temporal Logic) and CTL (Computation Tree Logic). Hoare logic and its use in verifying program correctness. Static analysis techniques for program verification. Abstract interpretation and data flow analysis. Verification of safety and security properties in software systems.

Course Web Page

https://staff.emu.edu.tr/zekibayram/en/teaching/cmse522

Textbook

Specification of Software Systems, V.S. Alagar and K. Periyasamy, Springer 2011

Reference books

None

Topics Covered

(3 hours of lectures per week)

Introduction to Specification and Verification

Abstraction

Formal Systems

Automata

Extended Finite State Machines

Propositional Logic

Predicate Logic

Temporal Logic

Set Theory and Relations

Algebraic Specification

The Z Notation

The Object-Z Specification Language

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, students are expected to have the following competencies:

(1) Specify system requirements formally and be able to prove various properties of the requirements

Assessment	Method	No	Percentage
	Midterm Exam(s)	1	45%
	Final Examination	1	45%
	Project	1	10%

Policy on makeups: For eligibility to take a makeup exam, the student should bring a doctor's report within 3 working days of the missed exam.

Policy on cheating and plagiarism: Any student caught cheating at the exams or assignments will automatically fail the course and may be sent to the disciplinary committee at the discretion of the instructor.

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