CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS
COURSE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL

Courses must be submitted by November 3, 2008, to make the next catalog (2009-2010) production

DATE (CHANGE DATE EACH TIME REVISED): OCTOBER 1, 2008 REV 11.14.08
PROGRAM AREA(S): COMPUTER SCIENCE

Directions: All of sections of this form must be completed for course modifications. All documents are stand-alone sources of course information.

1. Course Information.
[Follow accepted catalog format.] (Add additional prefixes if cross-listed)

OLD
Prefix COMP Course# 421 Title Unix for Programmers Units (3)
3 hours lecture per week
hours blank per week

- Prerequisites: Comp 151, Comp362
- Consent of Instructor Required for Enrollment
- Corequisites:

Catalog Description (Do not use any symbols):
In this course students will become proficient in the use of Unix operating environment including command line Unix utilities, vi and emacs editors, regular expressions, text processors and Unix shells. Discover fundamental Perl and its application in programming CGI. Learn how to write in C utilities that control the operating environment through the use of system calls. Find out how to develop programs using Unix facilities.

NEW
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3 hours lecture per week
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- Prerequisites: Comp 350 and Comp 362
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- Corequisites:

Catalog Description (Do not use any symbols):
The use of Unix operating environment including command line Unix utilities, vi and emacs editors, regular expressions, text processors and Unix shells, fundamental Perl and its application in programming CGI. Writing in C utilities that control the operating environment through the use of system calls. Developing programs using Unix facilities.

2. Mode of Instruction (Hours per Unit are defaulted)

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Hegis Code(s)__________________________________
(Provided by the Dean)

CS No. (filled out by Dean)
3. Course Attributes:

- **General Education Categories:** All courses with GE category notations (including deletions) must be submitted to the GE website: http://summit.csuci.edu/geapproval. Upon completion, the GE Committee will forward your documents to the Curriculum Committee for further processing.
  
  A (English Language, Communication, Critical Thinking)
  - A-1 Oral Communication
  - A-2 English Writing
  - A-3 Critical Thinking

  B (Mathematics, Sciences & Technology)
  - B-1 Physical Sciences
  - B-2 Life Sciences – Biology
  - B-3 Mathematics – Mathematics and Applications
  - B-4 Computers and Information Technology

  C (Fine Arts, Literature, Languages & Cultures)
  - C-1 Art
  - C-2 Literature Courses
  - C-3a Language
  - C-3b Multicultural

  D (Social Perspectives)

  E (Human Psychological and Physiological Perspectives)
  - UDIGE/INTD Interdisciplinary
  - Meets University Writing Requirement
  - Meets University Language Requirement

- American Institutions, Title V Section 40404: Government US Constitution US History
  Refer to website, Exec Order 405, for more information: http://senate.csuci.edu/comm/curriculum/resources.htm

- Service Learning Course (Approval from the Center for Community Engagement must be received before you can request this course attribute).

4. Justification and Requirements for the Course. [Make a brief statement to justify the need for the course]

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- Requirement for the Major/Minor
- Elective for the Major/Minor

Submit Program Modification if this course changes your program.

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5. **Learning Objectives.** (List in numerical order)

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

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2. Control Unix using command line interface
3. Use regular expressions
4. Edit streams with sed and awk
5. Edit files with vi and emacs
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6. **Course Content in Outline Form.** (Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary)

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- What is Unix?
- Unix utilities for non-programmers
- Editing files with emacs and vi
- Unix utilities for power users
- regex: regular expressions
- awk
- sed
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- Introduction to Unix Shells
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- C programming Tools
- make: Unix file dependency system
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Does this course content overlap with a course offered in your academic program? ☐ Yes  ☒ No
If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap.

Does this course content overlap a course offered in another academic area? ☐ Yes  ☒ No
If YES, what course(s) and provide a justification of the overlap.

Overlapping courses require Chairs’ signatures.

7. **Cross-listed Courses (Please note each prefix in item No. 1)**

- A. List cross-listed courses (Signature of Academic Chair(s) of the other academic area(s) is required).
- B. List each cross-listed prefix for the course:
- C. Program responsible for staffing:

8. **References.** [Provide 3-5 references]

- Unix in a nutshell, Arnold Robbins, 3/E O'Reilly, 1999
- Programming Perl, Larry Wall, Tom Christiansen, Randal L. Schwartz, 3/E O'Reilly, 2000
- sed &awk, Dale Dougherty, Arnold Robbins, 2/E, O'Reilly, 1997
- Learning the bash Shell, Cameron Newham, 3/E, O'Reilly, 2005
9. Tenure Track Faculty qualified to teach this course.
   All Computer Science faculty

10. Requested Effective Date or First Semester offered: Fall 2009

11. New Resource Requested: ☐ Yes ☒ No
    If YES, list the resources needed.
    A. Computer Needs (data processing, audio visual, broadcasting, other equipment, etc.)
    B. Library Needs (streaming media, video hosting, databases, exhibit space, etc.)
    C. Facility/Space/Transportation Needs:
    D. Lab Fee Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No. Refer to the Dean’s Office for additional processing
    E. Other.

12. Indicate Changes and Justification for Each. [Check all that apply and follow with justification. Be as brief as possible but, use as much space as necessary.]
    ☐ Course title
    ☐ Prefix/suffix
    ☐ Course number
    ☐ Units
    ☐ Staffing formula and enrollment limits
    ☒ Prerequisites/Corequisites
    ☒ Catalog description
    ☐ Mode of Instruction

    Justification: Students need the background of both Software Engineering and Operating Systems in order to fully appreciate the topics covered in this course.

13. Will this course modification alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program? YES ☐ NO ☒
    If, YES attach a program update or program modification form for all programs affected.
    Priority deadline for New Minors and Programs: October 6, 2008 of preceding year.
    Priority deadline for Course Proposals and Modifications: November 3, 2008.
    Last day to submit forms to be considered during the current academic year: April 15th.

William Wolfe 10/2/08

Proposer(s) of Course Modification Date
Type in name. Signatures will be collected after Curriculum approval.
**Approval Sheet**

**Course:** Comp 421  
If your course has a General Education Component or involves Center affiliation, the Center will also sign off during the approval process.

Multiple Chair fields are available for cross-listed courses.

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