CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS  
COURSE MODIFICATION PROPOSAL  

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

PROGRAM AREA(S): COMPUTER SCIENCE  

Directions: All 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# 462  Title Embedded Systems  Units (3)  
3 hours lecture per week  

NEW  
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3 hours lecture per week  

☐ Prerequisites: Comp 362  
☐ Consent of Instructor Required for Enrollment  
☐ Corequisites:  

Catalog Description (Do not use any symbols):  
This course covers the design of embedded systems. This includes the analysis of small computer systems designed for robotic mechanisms and common appliances such as cell phones and other hand held devices. The course will cover the design, implementation and testing of software used in such systems with special attention paid to maximizing the use of limited computational resources and the need for event-driven real time system responses.  

☐ Gen Ed Categories  
☐ Lab Fee Requested  
☐ Repeatable for up to units  
☐ A - F  
☐ Multiple Enrollments in same semester  

Hegis Code(s)(Provided by the Dean)  

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

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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.

5. Learning Objectives. (List in numerical order)

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   Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:
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   - Sketch the key components of embedded systems hardware
Select the appropriate software architecture for an embedded system design
Produce software designs that use computer ports effectively
Produce working software used as “drivers” for embedded systems
Identify and sketch the key components of a real time embedded system
Identify and sketch the key components of a robotic controller
Produce working software that adds some elements of intelligence to a robot

6. Course Content in Outline Form. (Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary)

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* Principles of real-time systems
* Fundamental hardware concepts
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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]

An Embedded Software Primer, David E. Sloan, Addison-Wesley Professional 1999
Building Robots with Lego Mindstorms: The Ultimate Tool for Mindstorms Maniacs, Mario Ferrari, Giulio Ferrari, Ralph Hempel, Syngress, 2001
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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 background in both Operating Systems and Software Engineering to get the most out of 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 J. Wolfe 10/16/08

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

**Course:** Comp 462  
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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