History of Computing
Summer 2008

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Text: A History of Modern Computing, 2nd edition, Paul Ceruzzi

General: This course is designed as an elective for computer science majors at the graduate and undergraduate level.

Course Content: The material includes text reading assignments, lectures, videos, research, student presentations, and class discussions. Students are responsible for all material regardless of attendance.

Course Grade:

Undergraduates
45%  4 quizzes
45%  4 essays/written assignments
10%  1 presentations

Graduates
40%  4 quizzes
40%  4 essays
20%  2 presentations

Exams: A quiz will be given on Friday of each week, except for the last which is on Monday. Material to be covered will be announced in class. Quizzes will be approximately 45 minutes in length.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken each class. Students are expected to attend all classes and to arrive on time. Excessive absences or tardiness will not be tolerated. After 2 absences, one point will be deducted from the final average for each absence.

Homework: A written assignment is due each Thursday. All written assignments MUST be completed on a word processor according to the specifications in the handouts. Late penalties will be assessed for all assignments turned in after midnight on the due date - 10 points per 24 hours late. All assignments must be emailed in as an attachment in Word. Put “History - assignment name” in the subject line.

Presentations: Presentations are due when scheduled (graduate) or when called upon (undergraduate) - see daily schedule for dates. Presentations are expected to be made in a professional manner, including Power Point slides. Grade penalties will be assessed if a student is not prepared when called upon - 5 point off final average for undergraduates and 10 points off for graduates.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is a serious offense and will not be tolerated. See handouts for more details. http://www.plagiarism.org/

All students should refer to the MSU Student Handbook and Activities Calendar for university policies related student responsibilities, rights and activities.