Miami Dade College

Course Description

CET2123C | Microprocessors | 4.00 credits

This course is intended for students majoring in Electronics or Computer Engineering Technology. Students will learn to apply digital principles to the understanding of microprocessor parameters and characteristics (addressing range and models, instruction set, architecture, input/output, interrupts, and programming). Students will build practical microprocessor and/ or microcontroller based systems to perform a variety of engineering applications. Prerequisite: CET1110C and COP2270.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the history of microprocessors and major recent computer developments by:

1. Outlining the history of computers. Explaining the role of computers in business, scientific usage, control systems, and the military
2. Defining and explaining microprocessors, floppy disc memories, large scale integration and microprogramming
3. Recognizing terminology used in technical literature and in industry

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental hardware circuitry and architecture of modern digital computers by:

1. Defining list components and peripherals of a typical personal computer
2. Defining assembly language and high-level language and explaining the advantages of an assembly language
3. over high-level languages
4. Explaining the function of each component: microprocessor, memory, and input/output (I/O) devices and their line of communication (buses)

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the data flow inside the microprocessor by:

1. Defining the address bus, the data bus, and the control bus and explaining their functions in reference to the 8085 microprocessors
2. Explaining the functions Reset, Interrupt, Wait, and Hold
3. Explaining memory organization and memory map, and explaining how memory addresses are assigned to a memory chip

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the microprocessor architecture, microcomputer systems, and memory interfacing by:

1. Recognizing the functions of various pins of the 8085 microprocessors
2. Listing the various internal units that make up the 8085 architectures, and explaining their functions in decoding and executing an instruction
3. Drawing the block diagram of an 8085-based microcomputer
4. Explaining the logic instructions, and recognizing the flags that are set or reset for given data conditions

Competency 5: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the basic software techniques including both machine and assembly languages by:

1. Explaining the functions of data transfer (copy) instructions and how the contents of the source register and the destination register are affected
2. Explaining the functions of the machine control instructions HLT and NOP
3. Writing a program in 8085 mnemonics to illustrate an application of data copy instructions, and translating those mnemonics manually in their Hex codes

Competency 6: The student will demonstrate a basic understanding of the fundamental principles of digital computers and computer circuitry by:

1. Identifying the basic components of digital computers, including, Input devices, Control element, Storage, Arithmetic element, Output devices
2. Explaining the central processing units (CPU) operation and processes
3. Demonstrating the use of software to examine the operation of the CPU
4. Analyzing BUS concepts
5. Identifying and analyzing addressing concepts
6. Writing, assembling, executing, and debugging assembly language instructions
7. Identifying the various types of RAM and ROM memories and explaining how they interface to the microprocessor
8. Interfacing input and output devices with the microprocessor

Competency 7: The student will demonstrate the ability to output drawings from AutoCAD by:
1. Defining and using the instruction word
2. Charting the flow of a basic program
3. Writing a program in machine language, in assembly language, and in compiler language
4. Using unconditional and conditional Jump instructions in programs

Competency 8: The student will demonstrate how to apply the basic rules of arithmetic for positional significance number systems to those systems normally used in the computer field by:
1. Defining the characteristics of a positional significance number system with any radix
2. Converting between binary, octal, decimal, and hexadecimal number systems
3. Performing simple arithmetic operations in the binary and hexadecimal number systems
4. Identifying the characteristics of common computer information codes

Competency 9: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the functions and inter-relationships of the elements that comprise a microprocessor-based computer by:
1. Drawing the block diagram and describing the basic architecture of a microcomputer
2. Identifying and giving functional descriptions of data, address, and control buses
3. Describing the internal architecture of the 8085 microprocessors
4. Explaining the function and operation of each register in the 8085 microprocessors
5. Describing the sequence of operations in the execution of a microprocessor instruction

Competency 10: The student will demonstrate how to use assembly language mnemonics to write programs and how to code assembly language instructions in binary by:
1. Writing data-handling and arithmetic instructions
2. Writing logic instructions Creating condition code testing and branching instructions
3. Programming registers and stacks operations
4. Programming communication between the computer and I/O devices

Learning Outcomes:
- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Use computer and emerging technologies effectively