

**IE 1083 – Simulation Modeling  
Syllabus  
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**Lectures**

Tuesday, 7:20 PM - 9:55 PM  
C106, Teaching Building 1

**Textbook** Banks, Carson II, Nelson, Nicol, *Discrete-Event System Simulation*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Pearson.

**Course Description**

This course is an introductory course which provides an overview of discrete-event simulation modeling. This course is designed for students who are majoring in industrial engineering. Specific topics include general principles, simulation software, statistical models, random number generation, input modeling, validation of simulation models, simulation of manufacturing system, materials handling system, and healthcare system.

**Course Objective**

1. Students will have knowledge of discrete-event system, technical skill to build a discrete-event system simulation model.
2. Students will have the ability to apply simulation to solve real-world problems in manufacturing, healthcare, logistics, etc.
3. Students will be able to use SIMUL8 software.

**Applicable ABET Outcomes:**

- (a) An ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering
- (b) An ability to analyze and interpret data
- (c) An ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems
- (d) An ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice

**Prerequisites** IE 1070, IE 1071

**Grading**

Mid-term Exam	20%
Final Exam	35%
Project	20%
Homework	15%
Quiz	10%

## Final grades:

Level	Letter Grade	Reported Numerical Score	Grade Points
Superior Performance	A	90 - 100	4.0
	A-	85 - 89	3.7
Meritorious Performance	B+	80 - 84	3.3
	B	76 - 79	3.0
	B-	73 - 75	2.7
Adequate Performance	C+	70 - 72	2.3
	C	66 - 69	2.0
	C-	63 - 65	1.7
Minimal Performance	D+	61 - 62	1.3
	D	60	1.0
Insufficient Performance (Failure)	F	< 60	0.0

## Course Policies:

- Students are expected to come prepared for each lecture by reading the appropriate material prior to class
- Questions concerning the grading of homework assignments, project-related materials, or exams must be presented to the instructor or the TA within one week (7 calendar days) after the materials have been made available for return to the student
- Late assignments will **NOT** be accepted, and all assignments, projects, and examinations must be **completed/taken at the scheduled time**. No exceptions will be made unless there are truly extenuating circumstances
- Cheating or academic dishonesty in any form will result in a grade of F for the course; there will be no exceptions to this policy.
- Professional classroom demeanor is required; in particular, all cell phones and personal electronic devices must remain off or silent during the lecture.
- Do not conduct side conversations during the lecture as it is distracting to the lecturer and other students.

**Email Policy** Email will be responded as promptly as possible. For detailed technical questions, please talk to the instructor during office hour.

**Project** The project is designed to apply discrete-event system simulation knowledge to solve real-world problems. Detail description of the project will be provided during class. Project will be team-based. Evaluation of the project will be based on both the presentation and the written report.

### **Audio-Video Recording**

To ensure the free and open discussion of ideas, students may not record classroom lectures, discussions, and activities without the advance written permission of the instructor, and any such recording properly approved in advance should be used solely for the student's private use.

### **Make-up exam Policy**

Make-up exam grading is only to replace your final exam grading. Students who pass the course after the make-up exam will receive only a passing grade as the final grade.

### **Special Accommodations**

If the student has a disability for which the student is or may be requesting an accommodation, the student is encouraged to contact the instructor.

### **Tentative Schedule**

Week 1: Introduction to simulation  
Week 2: Simulation software SIMUL8  
Week 3: Simulation software SIMUL8  
Week 4: General principles  
Week 5: Statistical models in simulation  
Week 6: Queueing models  
Week 7: Random number generator  
Week 8: Input modeling  
Week 9: Mid-term Exam (4/22)  
Week 10: Verification, calibration, and validation of simulation models  
Week 11: Arrivals of work items  
Week 12: Estimation of absolute performance  
Week 13: Simulation of healthcare system  
Week 14: Simulation of manufacturing and material handling systems  
Week 15: Simulation using other software tools  
Week 16: Project presentation  
Week 17: Final Exam (6/17)