SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

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COURSE OUTLINE

Course Outline: INTRODUCTION TO OPERATING SYSTEMS
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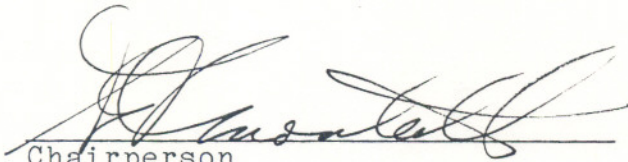Code No.: EDP 111
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INTRO TO OPERATING SYSTEMS	EDP 111
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TEXT:

Introduction to VAX/VMS, by Shannon; Professional Press

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

This course covers a number of topics related to the commands and utilities which are normally available to users in a modern multi-user operating system. In order to provide direct hands-on experience, the major focus will be the VAX/VMS operating system. At the start of the course a number of elementary VAX hardware features will be examined. Knowledge of these features will be useful when the features of VAX/VMS are examined later in the course.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to effectively utilize VAX/VMS in the following areas:

- utilize on-line and printed documentation to obtain information about VMS

- utilize necessary commands and utilities to create, compile, and run programs in both interactive and batch environment

- use logical names and symbols to modify your working environment

- create and manage disk files and libraries

- create and utilize command procedures

- communicate with other users and with the system operator

STUDENT EVALUATION:

Tests	60%		Tests	30%
Assignments/Quizzes	30%	OR	Assignments/Quizzes	30%
Attendance/Participation	10%		Final Test	30%
			Attendance/Part.	10%
	100%			100%

The final test will cover the entire semester and may be written to substitute for a failed or missed term test provided......

(1) minimum 75% class attendance

(2) term grade is greater tahn 45%

(3) all assignments have been completed in an acceptable manner

NOTE: Late assignments are subject to a 0 grade.

GRADING:

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A  =  80-100%
B  =  70- 79%
C  =  55- 69%
R  =   0-  5%
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MODULE 1 - UNDERSTANDING THE USER ENVIRONMENT:

Text
CH. 1

- Hardware sub-systems
- VMS software types - Command Language/Utilities
- Process concepts and characteristics
- Job concepts and characteristics
- Network concepts and characteristics

MODULE 2 - SIMPLE USAGE OF VMS INTERACTIVE FEATURES:

Text
CH. 2

- Log-in/Log-out - security
- DCL - simple jobs
- Error messages
- DCL - Command Line Editing - Function Keys
- VMS - Help and Documentation re VMS commands and error
messages
- System process and terminal information

MODULE 3 - UTILIZING THE EDT EDITOR:

CH. 6
CH. 7

- Creating and modifying text files
- EDT features
- File recovery
- Other VMS editors
- Formatting a file using Digital Standard Runoff

MODULE 4 - FILE MANAGEMENT IN VMS:

CH. 3

- File naming convention
- Managing files in your default directory
- Protecting files in your default directory
- Organizing files using directories
- Locating files and determine characteristics
- Protecting files in a directory hierarchy

CH. 4

- Specifying devices
- Device independence with logical names
- Manipulating files between directories and devices
- Disk and tape protection

MODULE 5 - IMPROVING THE USER ENVIRONMENT:

CH. 4

- Defining terminal keys
- Defining and using logical names
- Defining and using symbols

MODULE 6 - AIDS TO PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT:

APPENDIX   - VMS tools used in program development
  "A"   - Steps in program development
           - Utilizing object libraries

MODULE 7 - WRITING COMMAND PROCEDURES:

CH. 5   - Developing a command procedure
           - Creating your own LOGIN procedure
           - Controlling I/O in a command procedure
           - Creating and accessing sequential files
           - Using symbols in a command procedure
           - Using lexical functions in a command string or command procedure
           - Blanching, calling, delaying, etc.
           - Error handling
           - Applying programming standards to the development of command procedures

MODULE 8 - SUBMITTING BATCH AND PRINT JOBS:

           - Utilizing VMS features - to print a file
                                   - to submit a batch job
           - Handling print and batch jobs

MODULE 9 - VAX/VMS SECURITY FEATURES:

APPENDIX   - Importance of system security
  "B"   - Overview of security features

MODULE 10 - VMS UTILITIES AND FACILITIES:

CH. 8   - File organization and access methods
           - Understanding the Sort Utility
           - Sorting and Merging Files