

# COURSE OUTLINE

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## SENG 426 – Software Quality Engineering

Term –SUMMER 2020 (202005)

### Instructor

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### Office Hours

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### Course Objectives

- Introduce fundamental notions of software quality and the techniques used to build and check quality in software systems.
- Introduce the notion of enterprise computing and industrial software, and their quality constraints
- Quantitative assessment of software quality through quality attributes and metrics
- Advanced quality control techniques through in-depth coverage of critical software attributes, including functional testing, reliability testing, security testing, and performance testing
- Apply the principles of modern software engineering practices, such as DevOps and Site Reliability Engineering (SRE)

### Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students should have a good grasp of:

- software quality metrics and models
- functional software testing techniques
- software reliability analysis models and techniques
- software performance testing techniques
- software security testing techniques
- DevOps and SRE practices, with an emphasis on automation, continuous delivery and deployment

### Syllabus

The following syllabus is subject to the time available and may change during the term. Some of the topics may not be covered.

#### *Chapter 1. Outline of Software Quality Engineering*

Discuss the characteristics of industrial and mission-critical software systems. Define the notion of software quality, and emphasize the importance of building quality software systems. Give an overview of quality attributes and related quality control techniques.

#### *Chapter 2: Introduction to DevOps*

Discussion of the limits of the traditional approach to service management. Definition and rationale for DevOps. Overview of practice and tools for DevOps. Core tenets and practices of DevOps.

### *Chapter 3. Automated Acceptance Testing*

Discuss DevOps deployment pipeline and test stages. Introduce user stories, user acceptance testing (UAT) based on user stories, and acceptance test automation process and tools. Present common functional test case generation strategies.

### *Chapter 4: Software Quality Metrics*

Presentation of quality management models. Use of quality models and data for in-process quality management and to guide software testing. Service level definition and measurement. Availability metrics.

### *Chapter 5. Software Performance Testing*

Present software performance criteria and metrics. Performance test planning and targets. Software performance testing process, approach, and tools.

### *Chapter 6. Software Security Bugs*

Review of top software security weaknesses and vulnerabilities through concrete examples. Understanding and use of software security defect repositories: common weakness enumeration (CWE) and common vulnerability enumeration (CVE).

### *Chapter 7. Software Security Testing*

Notions and practice of threat modeling. Notions of security verification. Security code review. Software security testing processes, methods and tools.

### *Chapter 8: Software Reliability Engineering*

Notions of software reliability and reliability growth. Overview of software reliability growth models (SGRM). Software Reliability modeling and metrics. Application of reliability & availability concepts and models in the context of large scale enterprise software systems. Present Reliability block diagrams; concurrent systems (series/parallel) reliability.

### *Chapter 9: Software Performance Modeling*

Present advanced software performance engineering techniques, models, and tactics.

A-Section(s): A01 / CRN 30774

A02 / CRN 30775

Days: Monday, Thursday

Time: 10:00-11:20am

**Location/Platform/link:**

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B01 Mon 4:30-6:20 pm

B02 Thu 11:30am – 1:20 pm

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#### **Required Text**

Title: Course Pack SENG 426

(available on Course Space)

Author:

#### **Optional Text**

Title:

Author:

Publisher:  
Year:

Publisher:  
Year:

### Online Course Delivery:

As this course will be conducted online during this term, students will need to complete assignments/labs/exams online. The students will require access to a computer which has the following software installed: web browser.

### References:

1. Software Quality Engineering, Jeff Tian, Wiley, 2005
2. "Software Reliability Engineering: More Reliable Software Faster and Cheaper", John D. Musa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, McGraw-Hill 1998, ISBN: 0-70-913271-5
3. Secure Programming with Static Analysis, by Brian Chess, Jacob West, Addison-Wesley, 2007
4. Foundations of Software and System Performance Engineering: Process, Performance Modeling, Requirements, Testing, Scalability, and Practice, by André B. Bondi, Addison-Wesley, 2014
5. Testing Object-Oriented Systems: Models, Patterns, and Tools, by Robert V. Binder, ISBN-13: 978-0321700674
6. Software Testing and Quality Assurance, Kshirasagar Naik and Priyadarshi Tripathy, Wiley, 2008
7. **Lectures Notes/Slides: on Course Space**

### Assessment:

Attendance/Class participation: 4%

Project: 46% (Part I: 5%; Part II: 5%; Part III: 12%; Part IV: 12%; Part V: 12%)

Mid-term Exam #1: 35%                      Date: June 25, 2020

Mid-term Exam #2: 15%                     Date: July 27, 2020

Final: N/A

### **Important: All deadlines and schedules for this course will reference Pacific Daylight Time.**

### **Note:**

The final grade obtained from the above marking scheme for the purpose of GPA calculation will be based on the percentage-to-grade point conversion table as listed in the current Undergraduate Calendar.

<https://www.uvic.ca/calendar2020-05/undergrad/index.php#/policy/S1AagoGuV?bc=true&bcCurrent=14%20-%20Grading&bcltemType=policies>

**There will be no supplemental examination for this course.**

### **Note to students:**

Students who have issues with the conduct of the course should discuss them with the instructor first. If these discussions do not resolve the issue, then students should feel free to contact the Chair of the Department by email or the Chair's Assistant to set up an appointment.

### **Course Withdrawal Deadlines:**

- May 16, 2020: Withdrawal with 100% reduction of tuition fees

- June 6, 2020: Withdrawal with 50% reduction of tuition fees
- July 1, 2020: Last day for withdrawal (no fees returned)

**Accommodation of Religious Observance:**

<https://www.uvic.ca/calendar2020-05/undergrad/index.php#/policy/r1q0gofdN?bc=true&bcCurrent=10%20-%20Accommodation%20of%20Religious%20Observance&bcltemType=policies>

**Policy on Inclusivity and Diversity:**

Engineering: <https://www.uvic.ca/engineering/about/equity/index.php>

Academic Calendar: <https://www.uvic.ca/calendar2020-05/undergrad/index.php#/policy/HkQ0pzdAN>

**Standards of Professional Behaviour:**

You are advised to read the Faculty of Engineering document Standards for Professional Behaviour, which contains important information regarding conduct in courses, labs, and in the general use of facilities.

<https://www.uvic.ca/engineering/assets/docs/professional-behaviour.pdf>

**Academic Integrity**

Cheating, plagiarism and other forms of academic fraud are taken very seriously by both the University and the Department. You should consult the entry in the current Undergraduate Calendar for the UVic policy on academic integrity.

[https://www.uvic.ca/calendar2020-05/undergrad/index.php#/policy/Sk\\_0xsM\\_V?bc=true&bcCurrent=08%20-%20Policy%20on%20Academic%20Integrity&bcltemType=policies](https://www.uvic.ca/calendar2020-05/undergrad/index.php#/policy/Sk_0xsM_V?bc=true&bcCurrent=08%20-%20Policy%20on%20Academic%20Integrity&bcltemType=policies)

**Equality:**

This course aims to provide equal opportunities and access for all students to enjoy the benefits and privileges of the class and its curriculum, and to meet the syllabus requirements. Reasonable and appropriate accommodation will be made available to students with documented disabilities (physical, mental, learning) in order to give them the opportunity to successfully meet the essential requirements of the course. The accommodation will not alter academic standards or learning outcomes, although the student may be allowed to demonstrate knowledge and skills in a different way. It is not necessary for you to reveal your disability and/or confidential medical information to the course instructor. If you believe that you may require accommodation, the course instructor can provide you with information about confidential resources on campus that can assist you in arranging an appropriate accommodation. Alternatively, you may want to contact the Centre for Accessible Learning located in the Campus Services Building. <https://www.uvic.ca/services/cal/>. The University of Victoria is committed to promoting, providing, and protecting a positive, supportive, and safe learning and working environment for all its members.

**Course Lecture Notes:**

Unless otherwise noted, all course materials supplied to students in this course have been prepared by the instructor and are intended for use in this course only. These materials are NOT to be re-circulated digitally, whether by email or by uploading or copying to websites, or to others not enrolled in this course. Violation of this policy may in some cases constitute a breach of academic integrity as defined in the UVic Calendar.

**Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response at Uvic:**

UVic takes sexualized violence seriously, and has raised the bar for what is considered acceptable behaviour. We encourage students to learn more about how the university defines sexualized violence and its overall approach by visiting [www.uvic.ca/svp](http://www.uvic.ca/svp). If you or someone you know has been impacted by sexualized violence and needs information, advice, and/or support please contact the sexualized violence resource office in Equity and Human Rights (EQHR). Whether or not you have been directly impacted, if you want to take part in the important prevention work taking place on campus, you can also reach out:

**Where:** Sexualized violence resource office in EQHR; Sedgewick C119

**Phone:** 250.721.8021

**Email:** [svpcoordinator@uvic.ca](mailto:svpcoordinator@uvic.ca)

**Web:** [www.uvic.ca/svp](http://www.uvic.ca/svp)

**Office of the Ombudsperson:**

The [Office of the Ombudsperson](https://uvicombudsperson.ca/) is an independent and impartial resource to assist with the fair resolution of student issues. A confidential consultation can help you understand your rights and responsibilities. The Ombudsperson can also clarify information, help navigate procedures, assist with problem-solving, facilitate communication, provide feedback on an appeal, investigate and make recommendations. Phone: 250-721-8357; Email: [ombuddy@uvic.ca](mailto:ombuddy@uvic.ca); Web: <https://uvicombudsperson.ca/>