

Proposal for a New Academic Course

Notes: i) All fields, except the Preamble, are mandatory and must be completed with appropriate, complete responses. ii) The proposal should be submitted **both** in **hard copy** & in **electronic** (.pdf) form to

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Name of Academic Unit (Department /School/ Centre/ ID Group) : CSE

Preamble to the proposal (optional) :

Level : Undergraduate

Programme : B.Tech.

i	Title of the course	Kernel programming
ii	Credit Structure (L-T-P-C)	3-0-0-6
iii	Type of Course (Institute/ Departmental) + (Core/ Elective/ ...)	UG Elective
iv	Semester in which normally to be offered (Autumn/Spring)	Autumn
v	Whether Full or Half Semester Course	Full
vi	Pre-requisite(s) , if any (For the students) – <i>specify course number(s)</i>	CS347, CS377, CS213, CS296
vii	Course Content *	<p>List of topics to be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kernel compilation and modules - System calls and in-line assembly - Memory addressing and page tables - Process management and scheduling - Interrupts and interrupt handlers - Kernel timers and synchronization - The virtual file system interface - Kernel tracing, probing and profiling tools <p>The course structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - text book/paper reading and reviews - exercises and assignments - a kernel modifications based project
viii	Texts/References **	<p>Books:</p> <p>(i) Understanding the Linux Kernel, by Daniel P. Bovet, Marco Cesati, Third Edition, O'Reilly & Associates, 2006</p> <p>(ii) Linux Kernel Development, Robert Love, Third Edition, Pearson Education, 2010</p> <p>(iii) Kernel projects for Linux, Gary Nutt, Addison Wesley Longman Publishing Co., 2000</p>

ix	Name(s) of Instructor(s) ***	Purushottam Kulkarni
x	Name(s) of other Departments/ Academic Units to whom the course is relevant	EE
xi	Is/Are there any course(s) in the same/ other academic unit(s) which is/ are equivalent to this course? If so, please give details.	No equivalent course.
xii	Justification/ Need for introducing the course	<p>CS347+CS377 introduce several basics of Operating Systems. This elective is meant to be an advanced course as a follow up to CS347. Additionally, the course will be structured on a widely used operating system. The students will get a chance to reinforce concepts studied in the basic course, modify, test and evaluate modifications to a “real” operating system.</p> <p>A hands-on systems course is missing from the UG program and this course is aimed at filling that gap.</p> <p>The goal of this course is to offer an advanced version of the basic operating systems course in a hands-on manner. The course will primarily be structured around exercises and assignments. Each topic will be introduced before its corresponding hands-on component. The idea is to learn and explore a full-fledged operating system up-close and to use it for kernel-based modifications. Observing and manipulating a real operating system is a key feature of the course. The exercises, meant to get an inside view of the kernel, will lead up to a project that will have to be submitted as the final submission for the course.</p>

* The course content must **clearly** specify the topics/ components/ material normally intended to be taught/ discussed in the course. It would help, also, to separate essential and optional content, if applicable.

** **Complete details** of texts/ references should be specified, giving as much information as possible about the publisher(s) and/or sources, year of publication, edition, and so on.

*** Note that, there must be **at least** one instructor who is a **permanent** Faculty Member of IIT Bombay for all courses. For **core** courses there must be **at least two** such.

Note to forward an Academic Course Proposal to the Institute Level Academic Bodies from the Academic Unit

The proposal for the Academic Course titled ' _____ ' has been accepted by the local Academic Body/Bodies (Specify: DUGC/DPGC/IDPC and so on _____) of the following Academic Unit (Department/ Centre/ School/ ID Group) _____ for recommendation to the Institute level Academic Bodies (Specify UGPC/PGPC/Jointly to UGPC & PGPC and so on : _____) and is forwarded hereby, for consideration and necessary action by this Institute level Academic Body.

Additional Remarks, if any:

Signature with date:

**Convener of the Academic Body
in the Academic Unit/ Head of
Department/ Convener, Interdisciplinary**

Programme

Remarks and Signature of **Dean/Associate Dean, Academic Programmes:**
(Convener/Co-Convener of Institute level Academic Bodies)

Remarks of **Chairman, Senate :**