

**COLLEGE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**COURSE SYLLABUS/ SPECIFICATION**

**Course Code & Title: ITCS 327 – Software Engineering II**

**Weight: (3-0-3)**

**Prerequisite: ITCS 313**

**NQF Level Allocated: 7**

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| **NQF Notional Hours / Credits:**  **120 notional hours/ 12 NQF credit** |

**Description:** The aim of this course is to hone skills in developing and testing of code, executing a program, and improving software’s performance or locating certain types of faults. Students actively participate in the main software development activities that straddle the production of an initial implementation and the delivery of the complete system. The following topics are covered: software implementation, software testing in the broader context of software engineering, Software Quality that testing aims to achieve, Control flow testing, and Data flow testing.

**Objective:**

1. To critically understand the definitions of software implementation, testing and software qualities.

2. To demonstrate the types of various software testing techniques.

3. To understand the importance of considering static techniques for the assessment of software work product.

4. To apply the principal approaches to software testing, together with their associated techniques.

5. To critically understand implementation patterns, coding style and standard to produce quality code.

**Semester:**

**Instructor (s):**

**Office Telephone: EXT: Email (s):**

**Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):**

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| 1. **Knowledge and Understanding** | | | | **NQF Descriptor/ Level** | |
| **A1** | **Concepts and Theories:** Demonstrate advanced knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts and specialist theories relating to the implementation, testing, and software quality. | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Knowledge: theoretical understanding  [Level 7] | | | |
| **A2** | **Contemporary Trends, Problems and Research: N/A** | | | **N/A** | |
| **A3** | **Professional Responsibility: N/A** | | | **N/A** | |
| 1. **Subject-specific Skills** | | | | **NQF Descriptor/ Level** | |
| **B1** | | **Problem Solving:** Solve the problems of software implementation, installation, and quality using advanced specialized techniques. | | Knowledge: Practical  Application  [Level 7]  Skills: Communication, ICT  & Numeracy  [Level 7] | |
| **B2** | | **Modeling and Design:** Design test cases for testing software quality characteristics, such as effectiveness, reliability and accuracy. | | Knowledge: Practical  Application  [Level 7] | |
| **B3** | | **Application of Methods and Tools: N/A** | | **N/A** | |
| 1. **Critical-Thinking Skills** | | | | **NQF Descriptor/ Level** | |
| **C1** | | **Analytic skills:** Critically analyze software problems, identify what to test and choose the test conditions using test cases. | | Generic Problem Solving & Analytical skills [Level 7] | |
| **C2** | | **Synthetic: N/A** | | **N/A** | |
| **C3** | | **Creative:** Demonstrate creativity in the development of effective software testing cases for producing reliable, accurate and compatible software. | | Generic Problem Solving & Analytical skills [Level 7] | |
| 1. **General and Transferable Skills (other skills relevant to employability and personal development)** | | | | | **NQF Descriptor/ Level** | |
| **D1** | | | **Communication:** Show the ability to communicate clearly to convey complex information and ideas in appropriate oral and written forms. | | Communication, ICT and  Numeracy Skills  [Level 7] | |
| **D2** | | | **Teamwork and Leadership: N/A** | | **N/A** | |
| **D3** | | | **Organizational and Developmental Skills:** Demonstrate the ability to organize ideas and effectively allocate time in given assignment. | | Competence: Autonomy, Responsibility and Context [Level 7] | |
| **D4** | | | **Ethical and Social Responsibility:** Demonstrate an understanding and adhere to the ethical, legal and professional issues and significant responsibilities pertaining to software testing. | | Competence: Autonomy, Responsibility and Context [Level 7] | |

**Course Structure (Outline)**

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| **Week** | **Hours** | | **ILOs** | **Unit/Module or Topic Title** | **Teaching**  **Method** | **Assessment**  **Method** |
| **Lec.** | **Lab** |
| 1 | 3 |  | A1 | **Introduction to Software**  **Engineering II** | Lecture/ Class  Discussion |  |
| 2 | 3 |  | A1, B1 | **Software Implementation and Installation** | Lecture/ Class  Discussion | Case Study |
| 3 | 3 |  | A1 | **Software Testing:**  Basic Concepts  A Software Testing Lifecycle. | Lecture/ Class  Discussion | Quiz1 |
| 4 | 3 |  | A1, B1 | **Testing throughout the software life cycle:**  V-Model. | Lecture/ In-  Class Supervised Work | In-Class  Exercises |
| 5 | 3 |  | A1, B1 | **Static Techniques:** Review Process Inspection. | Lecture/ In-  Class Supervised Work | In-Class  Exercises |
| 6 | 3 |  | A1, B1, B2, C1 | **Control Flow Testing:**  Statement Coverage. | Lecture/ In-  Class Supervised Work | In-Class  Exercises |
| 7 | 3 |  | B1, B2, C1, C3, D1, D3 | **Control Flow Graphs:**  Branch Coverage. | Lecture/ In-  Class Supervised Work | Assignment 1 |
| 8 | 3 |  | A1, B1, B2, C1 | **Control Flow Coverage**: Path Coverage. | Lecture/ In-  Class Supervised Work | Quiz 2 |
| 9 | 3 |  | B1, B2, C1 | **Data-Flow Testing:**  Data-Flow Graph. | Lecture/ In-  Class Supervised Work | In-Class  Exercises |
| 10 | 3 |  | B1, B2, C1 | **Data-Flow Testing:**  Data Flow Coverage | Lecture/ In-  Class Supervised Work | Major Test |
| 11 | 3 |  | B1, B2, C1 | **Mutation Testing** | Lecture/ In-  Class Supervised Work | In-Class  Exercises |
| 12 | 3 |  | A1, C1 | **Unit Testing:**  Static Unit Testing, | Lecture/ In- Class | In-Class  Exercises |
|  |  |  |  | Dynamic Unit Testing. | Supervised  Work |  |
| 13 | 3 |  | A1, B1, B2, C1, D4 | **Integration Testing**: System Testing. | Lecture/ In-  Class Supervised Work | Quiz 3 |
| 14 | 3 |  | A1, B1, B2,  C1, D1, D3, D4 | **Acceptance Testing:**  Types of Acceptance Testing. | Lecture/  Independent  Learning | Assignment 2 |
| 15 | 3 |  | A1, B1, C1 | **Software Quality:**  Software Quality Standard. | Lecture/ In-  Class Supervised Work | Case Study |
| 16 | 2 |  | A1, B1, C1 | **All Topics** |  | Final Exam |

**Teaching Materials:**

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| **Textbook(s):** | 1. Graham D., Veenandaal E. V., Evans I. and Black R. (2012) *Foundations of Software Testing,* 3rd Edition. ISTQB certification compliant. 2. Spillner A., Linz T. and Schaefer H. (2014) Software Testing Foundations, 4th Edition, ISTQB certification Compliant. |
| **Handout(s):** | Available on Moodle i.e. <http://www.ahlia.edu.bh/moodle> |
| **Reference(s):** | 1. Aditya M.P. (2014) *Foundations of Software Testing*, 2nd Edition, Addison- Wesley.  2. Tagarden D.P. (2015) *Systems Analysis and design with UML*,5th Edition International Student Version, Wiley.  3. SommervilleI. (2015) *Software engineering*, 10th Edition, Addison Wesley.  4. Ammann P. and Offutt J. (2017) *Introduction to Software Testing*, 2nd Ed. Cambridge University Press.  5. Naik K. and Tripathy P. (2011) *Software Testing and Quality Assurance: Theory and Practice,* John Wiley & Sons.  6. Mili A. and Tchier F. (2015) Software *Testing: Concepts and Operations*, John Wiley & Sons.  7. Hoffer J. A., George J. and Valacich J. A. (2016) *Modern Systems Analysis and Design,* 8th Edition, Pearson. |

**Assessment**

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| **Method of Assessment** | **Description** | **Learning Outcomes** | **Weighting** |
| Assignments | The assignment consists of essay, problem-solving and research based theoretical questions regarding topics in software testing. The purpose of the assignment is to assess students where they have to demonstrate their extensive and detailed knowledge and critical understanding of key concepts of software testing. Students will be given two assignments (each worth 10%). | B1, B2,  C1, C3, D1, D3, D4 | 20% |
| Major Test | The test will be an in-class 90 minutes exam that will consist of short-answer, essay, and problem solving questions and cover the topics studied in the first 8 weeks. | A1, B1, B2, C1 | 30% |
| Quizzes | The quizzes will consist of MCQs, and short-answer questions. The purpose of the quiz is to assess the students’ knowledge and understanding of key concepts, principles and theories of software testing. Students will be given three quizzes and best two will be considered. | A1 | 10% |
| Final Exam | The final exam is comprehensive and will be of two hours duration. It will consist of short-answer, essay and problem- solving questions. | A1, B1, B2, C1, D4 | 40% |
| Case Studies | Different software project cases are analyzed and studied. | C1, D4 | Formative |
| In-Class  Exercises | In-class exercises consisting mainly of problem solving questions. | B1, B2 | Formative |
| **Overall:** | | | **100 %** |

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| **Admissions** | |
| **Minimum number of students** | **5** |
| **Maximum number of students** | **25** |

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