

# ECE 3445: Computer Architecture

Fundamentals of instruction sets and their efficient execution - e.g., pipelines, caches, out-of-order execution, and branch prediction mechanisms. Performance analysis, superscalar, VLIW, multithreading, and multiprocessing are among the topics studied. Trace-driven simulators are used in practicums to explore concepts learned in class. Three lecture hours with a two-hour practicum each week.

**Credits:** 4.0

**Prerequisites:**

ECE 2043

ECE 2044

ECE 2045

ECE 2043 and ECE 2044 and ECE 2045

**Program:** [Electrical and Computer Engineering](#)