Purpose:
A student completing this course should understand general simulation terminology, techniques, and the SIMAN/Arena simulation language. An industrial project approved by the instructor is due on the last day of class. An interim report is due on Thursday, October 18.

Prerequisites:
Students should have a working knowledge of probability, statistics (including univariate and multivariate probability distributions, which is required for input modeling and simulation output analysis), and programming.

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Grades:
Course grades will be determined by these weights:

- Homework 30%
- Project 25%
- Midterm exam 20%
- Final exam 25%

The grading scale for the course will be:

- 90 - 100 % A
- 80 - 90 % B
- 70 - 80 % C

Plus and minus grades may be assigned within each range.

Homework:
A homework set will be assigned every week. The homework set is typically due at the beginning of the Thursday class period. The “empty hands” applies to collaboration on homework. You may have one 24-hour extension to this deadline per semester. No other late homework assignments will be accepted.

Course outline:
1. Introduction to modeling
2. Beginning the study
3. Basic modeling concepts
4. Model verification and validation
5. Interpreting simulation output
6. Station submodels and entity transfers
7. Animating the simulation
8. Additional discrete modeling concepts
9. Advanced manufacturing features
10. Continuous and combined models
11. Variance reduction techniques
12. Discrete-event models in SIMAN
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