Overview:
The course is an introduction to operating systems. Undergraduates register for 596, while graduates register for 688.

Prerequisites:
You should know how to program to the level of Math 220/317, and have a hardware background similar to EEN 304. System level programming is not required, although helpful.

Text:
The three texts for undergraduates are:

2. *The Design and Implementation of the 4.3BSD Unix Operating System*, Leffler, McKusick, Karels and Quarterman.

Graduates are encouraged to replace items two and three of this list by the following more detailed texts:


Homework:
Homeworks will be assigned at two week intervals and will make up 35% of your grade.

Tests:
You will write a 10 page midterm paper, accounting for 26% of your grade, and a 15 page final paper, accounting for 39% of your grade. There will be no exams for undergraduates. Graduates will have a midterm and final interview to gauge their overall preparation for the qualifiers.