



IE477 - IE 478 Systems Design

GENERAL INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE

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Characteristics

- What is special about this project?
 - This is the capstone project course series
 - Different than other courses in the curriculum
 - Design a system to solve a real-life problem
 - Analysis – Synthesis
 - Communication
 - Teamwork
 - Group Members
 - Industrial Advisor
 - Academic Advisor
 - Course Coordinator
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Industrial Project

- Solve a real-life problem and implement the proposed solutions.
- The topic of the project can be anything, as long as an IE expertise in modeling and solution is required for a good (better) implementation than the current one.
- Typical functional areas
 - Energy Applications, Financial Engineering and Cost Control, Forecasting/Prediction, Health Applications, Inventory Control, Maintenance, Production Planning, Scheduling and Sequencing, Service Systems, Supply Chain Management
 - OR any other functional area, where we can utilize the IE approach and tools.



Explanations – CAPSTONE

- Currently, your strength is “engineering education”
 - Never forget or leave aside your strengths
 - Your main advantage over the other fields is to work as an Engineer – numbers, facts, abstraction, measurement
 - “**Analyze**” in this course implies the use of your engineering background.
 - Your current background – All required courses are finished + electives + current courses
 - Any diversion from above requires more effort
 - **Capstone** – Bring together all your previous knowledge + methods of inquiries + critical thinking + ability to learn and apply +
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Explanations – CAPSTONE

- IE Capstone Project – more specifically
 - Prerequisites: IE 303, IE 325, IE 375 and *others*
 - Text Books for all courses – First thing to read
 - ~ 60% of the your work in IE 477 and IE 478 can be handled
 - References in the text book – a good start to go further
 - Additional references are available on the course web page
 - Get support + advice from current TA's of other courses (Check out the list on the department web page)
 - Designing a system means a preparation to **repeatedly implement the proposed approach over time, under almost all conditions**
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Industrial Project

- The following steps will be taken:
 - **Analyze/collect general (less detailed) system data** to understand the system and the problem
 - Define the scope of the project and the solution approach
 - **Access information** and do **literature survey**
 - Formulate the problem - a model or models - and identify potential alternative or backup solution strategies (Plan B)
 - **Verify** the models using appropriate software
 - What is **verification**? Check out the note on the course web page
 - **Validate** the models and do benchmarking
 - What is **validation**? Check out the note on the course web page. You will **NEED detailed data**.
 - Implement the proposed system via a **pilot study**
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Industrial Project

- You will also learn:
 - Effectively use **group work**
 - Prepare **reports and presentations** to explain ideas
 - Practice **professional and ethical responsibilities**
 - Responsible use of **Gen-AI tools**
 - Please see the supplemental documents on the course web page
 - GenAI Policy for IE 477 / IE 478
 - Reporting GenAI activities for IE 477 / IE 478



Ethical and Professional Responsibility

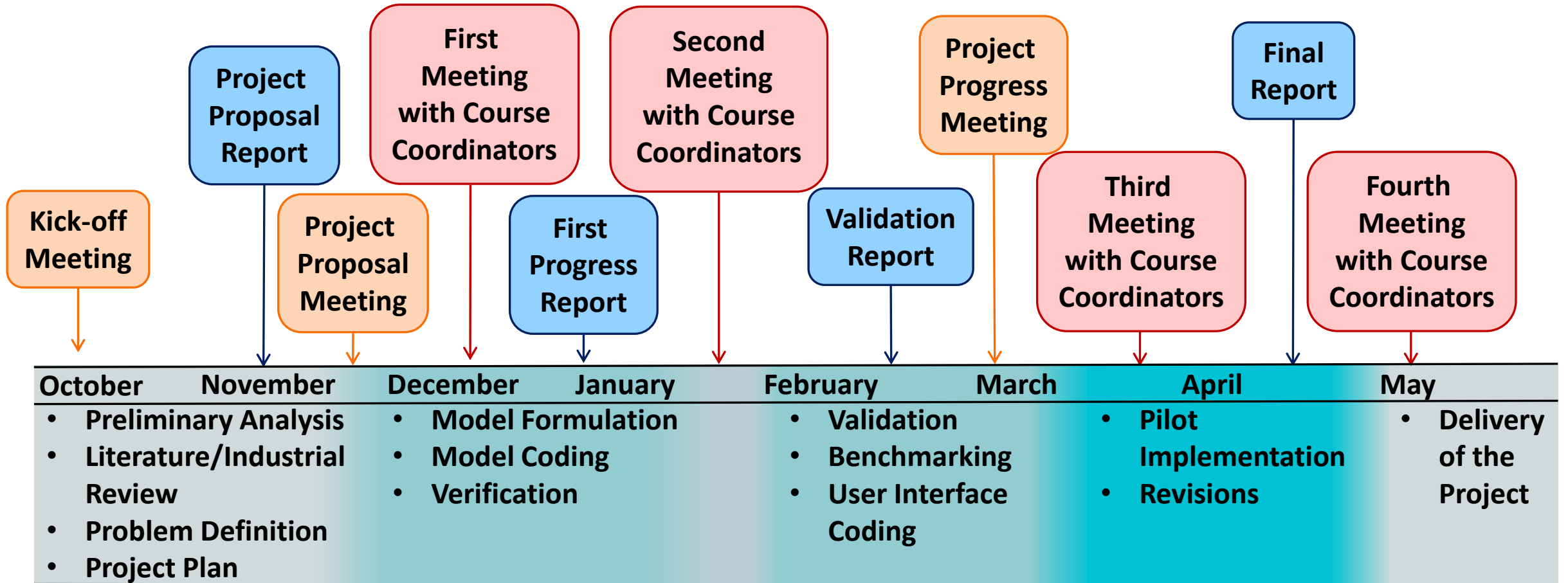
- Projects are important for the reputation of Bilkent IE Department
 - Companies are your potential employers or partners in the future
 - Ethical and Professional Responsibility:
 - Your **commitment** to signed agreements – non-disclosure of data, information + any additional requirements by the company
 - Your **responsibility** to carry-out oral and written promises made
 - Your manner and behavior while communicating within the group, with advisors and coordinators, etc – be formal
 - Responsible use of Gen-AI tools
 - Any information source or material from literature should be cited
 - Technical results should be clear and reproducible
 - Any violation by any individual or group will affect all of us, our reputation and the value of your Bilkent University diploma.
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Some Details - Repeated

- Not a regular course, several parties are involved as a group and individually
- Attendance, Workload
- Responsibilities (Use of Gen-AI, Ethical Considerations, etc.)
- Part-time Working (ugly)
- Feeling of Achievement

Roadmap





Roadmap

- All documents related to reports, meetings and presentations are available on the course web page.
 - You are advised to take a look at these documents well in advance to plan ahead.
 - Each student is responsible for the material posted on the course web page – hence you are expected to read and understand.
- Check the course web page frequently for announcements/updates.



Reports

- You will submit two reports:
 - Proposal Report
 - Progress Report
- Check out the suggested contents for each report on the course web page.
 - Check it well in advance to learn the requirements and plan ahead!
 - For proposal report, examine its suggested contents prior to kick-off meeting.
 - For progress report, examine its suggested contents prior to proposal meeting.



Report Submission Timeline

- All reports have two deadlines:
 - Draft deadline
 - Your AA may extend this deadline.
 - Final version deadline (about 1-2 weeks after the draft deadline)
 - You must obtain feedback to the draft before this deadline.
 - Arrange the date/time of feedback well in advance.
 - Allow for time to address the feedback prior to the deadline.
 - Not extendable.



Report Submission Steps

- Write your report using the template on the course web page.
 - We will use the $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ template for all reports.
- Do not use overleaf.
 - Use the advised software on the course web page.
- When you are ready to submit your draft, go to Hoboken.



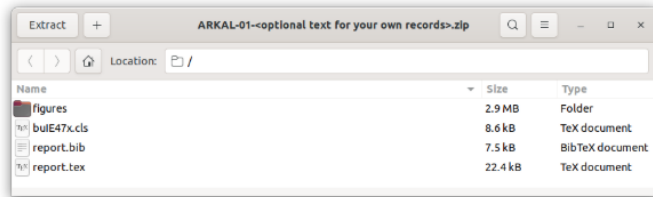
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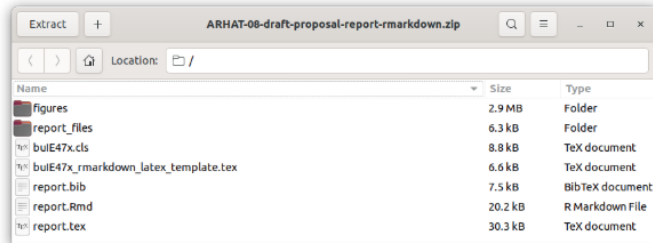
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IE47x Final Report Submission LaTeX Certification

- Upload only zip (not rar, for example) file. The content of the zip file should be like



if you wrote your report with **LaTeX**, and



if you wrote your report with **R Markdown**.

- The file must be named as *<project-short-code>-<two digit team number>-<optional text afterwards is fine>.zip.*
- For example, **ARKAL-01.zip** or **ARBUL-12.zip**. Also acceptable **ARKAL-01-proposal report.zip**

Upload zip file

Browse... No file selected

Create report



Report Submission Steps

- When submitting the final version of your report, you should also **submit the written feedback** (to a separate link sent to you)
- Also, Hoboken will generate a special document highlighting the changes done since the previous report (Called ChangeTrack Document)
 - You should also submit the link of this document as you submit a draft/final version of a report.



Presentations

- You will submit three presentations:
 - Proposal Presentation
 - Presentation for the First Meeting with Course Coordinators
 - Presentation for the Second Meeting with Course Coordinators
 - You will be sent a link to upload
 - Two presentation files:
 - PPTX
 - PDF
 - A video of you presenting
 - FOLLOW THE VIDEO GUIDELINES ON THE COURSE WEB PAGE
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Meetings with Course Coordinators

- There are two meetings with course coordinators:
 - First meeting around late November
 - Second meeting right AFTER the final exams on January
 - You will answer questions related to your work.
 - Individual questions may be asked to select group members
 - You will also present LIVE during the second meeting
 - You will reserve a time slot that fits your group
 - Not all time slots will be on Wednesday morning
 - First Come First Served
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Other Info

- Information on the previous projects
 - <https://w3.ie.bilkent.edu.tr/en/about/industry-collaborations/>
 - Course web page
 - <https://courses.ie.bilkent.edu.tr/ie477/>
 - **Home:** Announcements
 - **Course Info:** Syllabus, Grading Information, Project Assessment Criteria
 - **Roadmap:** Details of the Main Activities
 - **Calendars:** Course Calendar, Meeting Room Calendar
 - **Documents:** Related to the Course Contents and Forms
 - **Projects:** Project List, Assignment, Project Management System
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Attendance and Punctuality

- **Attendance** to all general meetings is **mandatory** from the beginning of the semester!
 - Attendance has a direct effect on your letter grade.
 - Missing one activity may land you on one letter grade lower (**B+ → B**)
 - Missing two activities may land you on two letter grades lower (**B+ → B-**)
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(If you have a medical report approved by the university, please let us know promptly.)



Attendance and Punctuality

- **Punctuality** is very important!
 - *“If you're early, you're on time. If you're on time, you're late.”* — Lik Hock Yap Ivan
 - *“Better three hours too soon than a minute too late”* — W. Sheakespeare
 - *“Never leave to be on time to be on time.”* — Brian Spellman

Hence;

- **Submit all of your requirements on time.**
 - Be ready for any meeting at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time.
 - Arriving to a meeting after it has started is considered **LATE**.
 - 15-minute grace period for being LATE.
 - Attending late to any meeting may also have an effect on your letter grade.
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Workload and Working Part Time

- Time to devote to the project is **significantly more** than a regular course
 - Too much course load is not desired
 - Part-time Jobs, Internships
 - IE 477 – IE 478 Systems Design Disclosure of Internship and Part-Time Work Form
 - Summarize: No excuses for not being a full-time student.
 - You have to attend all meetings with your advisors and coordinators!
 - Prevent a potential CONFLICT OF INTEREST. Ask us if needed.
 - Fill in the form on the course web page and the printed and signed form to the department secretary TODAY by 17:00.
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Upload / Naming Principles

- You will upload a lot of documents to the links provided.
 - Your **file names** must contain your 4-5 character project **short-code** along with its purpose:
 - Example from previous years:
 - Arçelik Bolu Pişirici Cihazlar Fab: ARBOL
 - BSH Ev Aletleri: BSHE
 - ETİ Talep Tahmin: ETIT
 - DHL Depo İyileştirme: DHLD
 - File name could be: ARBOL-ProposalReport
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Writing Principles

- Please state your
 - **Project Short Code**
 - **Team number**
 - **Project title**
 - **Names of the team members** (always in alphabetical order of the last names)
 - **Academic and industrial advisors**in all of your submissions.
- The L^AT_EX template will automatically add these.

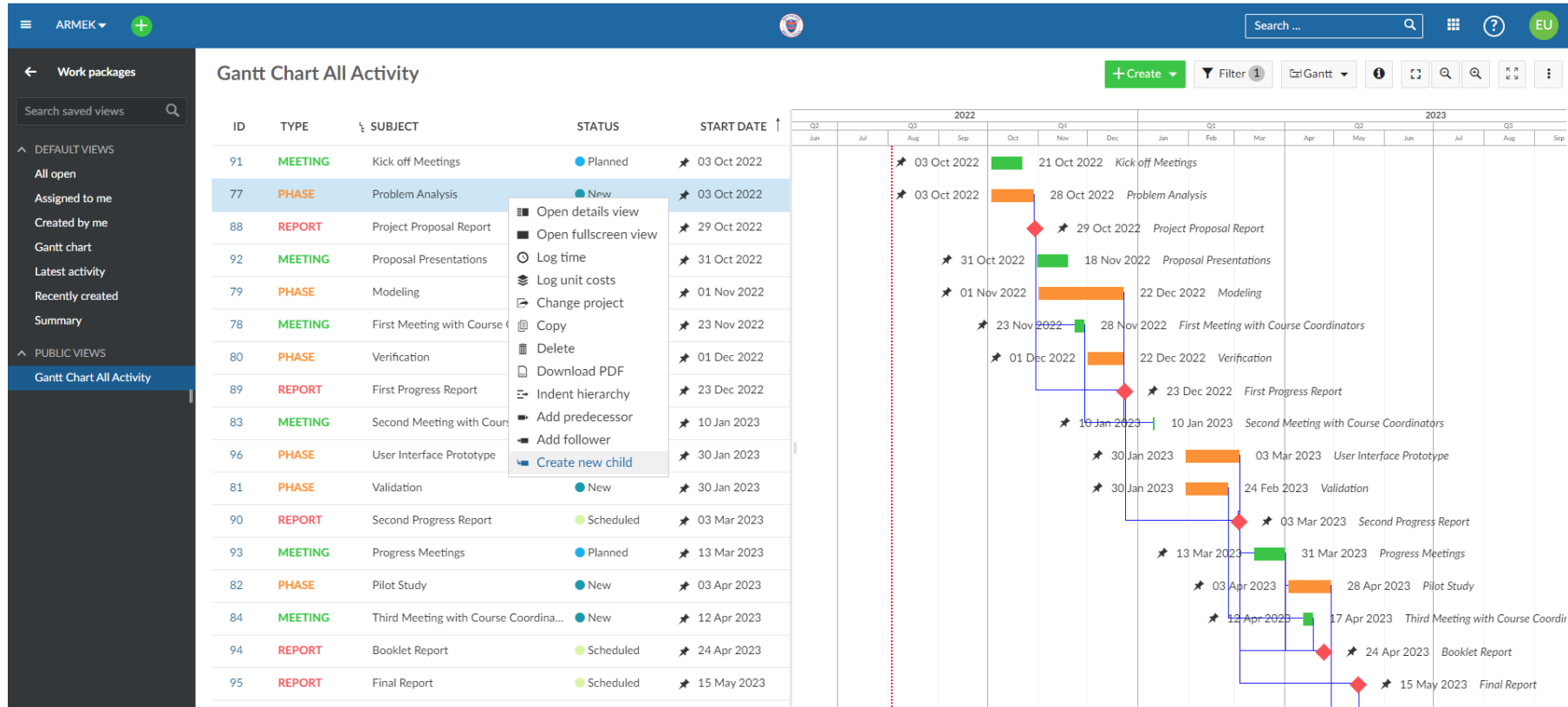


Project Management

- **Project Plan**
 - Tasks, phases, milestones, etc.
- **Time plan**
 - Deadlines, due dates, deliverables
- **Resource Allocation**
 - Team work
- **Coordination**

Project Management

- We will use an online Project Management Software





Project Management

- Project Management System
 - All project related tasks, task assignments, outcomes will be posted
 - Each student must have a **task** in each **phase** of the project
 - All meetings with your IA and AA (meeting agenda and minutes)
 - Your CC, AA and IA will have access to this system to monitor your progress
 - While reporting Gen AI activities, you will be referring to the reported activities on the PMS
- More details available on the course web page



General Meetings

- This semester there are 4 general meetings scheduled*:
 - **Sep 16 (Today):** Introduction and General Schedule, Team Formation
 - **Sep 23:** “Capstone Project – How to approach?”, Details on Industrial Projects
 - **Sep 30:** Details on Administrative Processes
 - **Dec 9:** General Feedback on Progress

* Subject to change



Capstone Projects Assessment Criteria

- System design:
 - **Model development and validation:** The proposed model can be an optimization, statistical, database, marketing or simulation model.
 - **Consideration of alternatives:** Extent to which the team demonstrated critical thinking in the design process.
 - **Scenario / what if analysis:** Model usage for changing environments.
 - **Creativity:** Extent to which the team developed a novel solution to the design problem while still achieving a functional design.
 - **Technical competencies:** Extent to which and validity of the technical aspects have been used properly, including methods, tools and techniques.
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Capstone Projects Assessment Criteria

- Success of the design:
 - **Attainment of project deliverables:** Extent to which the goals of the project and end-user specifications have been met.
 - **Benchmarking:** A comparison of the current and proposed systems should be provided along with a cost/benefit analysis.
 - **Implementation and system integration:** Extent to which the proposed system is successfully implemented and integrated into the existing system. (If not applicable a detailed implementation plan and a pilot study should be provided.)
 - **End-user evaluation and assessment:** A written statement from the industrial advisor(s) evaluating the project.
 - **Impact on the organization:** Effect of the proposed system on the organization in large (financial impact, affect on company's operational policies, etc.).
 - **Global and societal impact:** Consideration
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Grading

- Grading is based on evaluations on:
 - **Reports**
 - Project Proposal Report
 - First Progress Report
 - **Meetings and Presentations**
 - Proposal Presentation
 - First Meeting with Course Coordinators
 - Second Meeting with Course Coordinators
 - **Group dynamics**
 - Academic/Industrial Advisor Individual Evaluation
 - Peer Evaluation
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Grading

- You will not see individual grades for these evaluations
 - **Feedback** during the semesters
 - **Letter grades** at the end of each semester
 - What might land you on a lower letter grade?
 - Not participating to key parts of the project
 - Not providing a satisfactory answer to questions about your project
 - Not attending to meetings
 - Not submitting required documents on time
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Effect of Peer Evaluation

Grup AA	Student A	Student B	Student C	Student D	Student E	Student F	Student G	AVG.
Student A		5	5	5	5	5	5	5.00
Student B	5		5	5	5	5	5	5.00
Student C	5	5		5	5	5	5	5.00
Student D	5	5	5		5	5	5	5.00
Student E	5	5	5	5		5	5	5.00
Student F	5	5	5	5	5		5	5.00
Student G	5	5	5	5	5	5		5.00

STUDENT F: We are the teachers

Effect of Peer Evaluation

Grup BB	Student A	Student B	Student C	Student D	Student E	Student F	Student G	AVG.
Student A		1	5	2	5	5	3	3.50
Student B	1		1	4	1	1	3	1.83
Student C	5	2		2	5	5	3	3.67
Student D	1	5	1		3	2	5	2.83
Student E	1	3	3	3		5	3	3.00
Student F	2	3	3	4	5		3	3.33
Student G	1	5	1	4	1	1		2.17

Effect of Peer Evaluation

Abstract

This study examines the effect of peer evaluation on the learning process of students. The study was conducted in a classroom setting where students were asked to evaluate their peers' work. The results of the study show that peer evaluation has a positive effect on the learning process of students. Students who participated in peer evaluation showed higher levels of motivation and engagement in the classroom. They also showed higher levels of understanding and retention of the material. The study also found that peer evaluation helped students to identify their own strengths and weaknesses, and to learn from their peers. The study concludes that peer evaluation is a valuable tool for improving the learning process of students.

Effect of Peer Evaluation

Abstract

Students in a general chemistry course were assigned to groups and given a peer evaluation form. The results of the peer evaluation were compared with the results of the final exam. The results showed that the peer evaluation scores were significantly higher than the final exam scores. This suggests that peer evaluation is a useful tool for assessing student learning. The results also showed that the peer evaluation scores were significantly higher than the final exam scores. This suggests that peer evaluation is a useful tool for assessing student learning.



Grading

- Last year there are:
 - **13** groups (Fall Semester)
 - **8** groups (Spring Semester)received different grades among the group members
- For example: Five members B, other members C+ and D+



Grading

- If we observe that you have not accomplished the goals to be reached by the end of this semester, you may receive an **I (Incomplete)**
- The important dates for incomplete grades:
 - Announcing the groups/students with incomplete grades (e-mail) – January 12, 2026 by the end of the day
 - Groups/students with incomplete grades return their work by the time allotted by the CCs
 - If you do not complete the missing work within the time limit, this grade will be replaced with an FX.



Grading

- **F** grade will be granted to groups/students with unsatisfactory progress during the semester.
- **FX** grade will be granted to groups/students with unsatisfactory progress during the semester

AND any of the following:

- groups not submitting the *First Progress Report* for IE 477 or *Final Report* for IE 478

OR

- students not attending *Second Meeting with Course Coordinators* for IE 477 or *Fourth Meeting with Course Coordinators* for IE 478 with no valid excuse

OR

- groups not submitting their updated report if they received an Incomplete grade



Grading

- **FZ** grade will be granted in IE 477 or IE 478 to students with:
 - major issues related to attendance to the periodic meetings with Academic Advisor and/or Industrial Advisor
 - OR**
 - major issues related to contribution to the project
 - OR**
 - no group of seven members*
 - OR**
 - no project assigned
 - OR**
 - incorrect or incomplete part-time work or internship disclosure
 - OR**
 - not attending the project fair and not presenting their group's poster at the project fair
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Administrative Coordinator: Yeşim Gülseren

Üniversite-Sanayi İşbirliği Mezuniyet Projeleri Koordinatörü

Destek Verilen Çalışmalar

- İş dünyası ile iletişim
- Projelere hazırlık ve bilgilendirme
- Proje yönetimi, koordinasyon
- Projelerin mali, idari ve yasal süreçleri
- İç iletişim ve motivasyon
- Seyahat organizasyonu
- Fuar, kitap ve etkinlik organizasyonu
- Kariyer planlama
- Girişimcilik
- Sektör tanıtım etkinlikleri



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Grants and Competitions

- INFORMS Undergraduate Operations Research Prize
- YA/EM Student Competition***
- TÜBİTAK 2241-A Sanayi Odaklı Lisans Bitirme Tezi Destekleme Programı
- Others

Projects Booklet





Project Fair and Competition 2027

- We are planning to organize
 - 25th Industrial Engineering Project Fair and Competition
 - Industrial Projects 2027 Book

Project Fair and Competition 2026





Project Fair and Competition 2027

- Date, time and place to be announced.
- After the end of the final exams.



Next Steps...





Group Formation

- All groups will have 7 students*
- Different skills
 - Leader, consensus builder, problem solver, contributor, assisting
 - Report writing (Turkish/English)
 - Presentation (Turkish/English)
 - At least 2 members good in coding
- Projects may require company visits (Leave two half-days off as a group)



Group Formation

- Each group will have a contact person
 - Not necessarily the group leader
 - Reserve time slots for coordinator meetings
 - Receive links to upload documents
 - Make travel arrangements with Yeşim Gülseren
 - Must be available to respond to calls, emails, texts promptly



Group Formation

- **We will now set the number of groups of 7 and number of groups of 6 students NOW.**
 - **Anyone who adds this course from this point on will need to join one group of 6 students. Otherwise, they must drop the course.**



Group Formation

- For information on team dynamics follow announcements on <https://courses.ie.bilkent.edu.tr/ie477>
 - For each team, fill out the “Team Information Form” via the link on the course web page **until 23:59 TODAY!**
 - Names, e-mail addresses, elective courses, summer trainings, strongest and weakest skills.
 - **ONE SUBMISSION PER GROUP.**
 - Each team should have a contact person
 - For each team, fill out the “Disclosure of Internship and Part-time Work Form” on the course web page **until 17:00 TODAY!**
 - Fill in the form online.
 - Submit your printed and signed copy to the mailbox at the of the department secretary.
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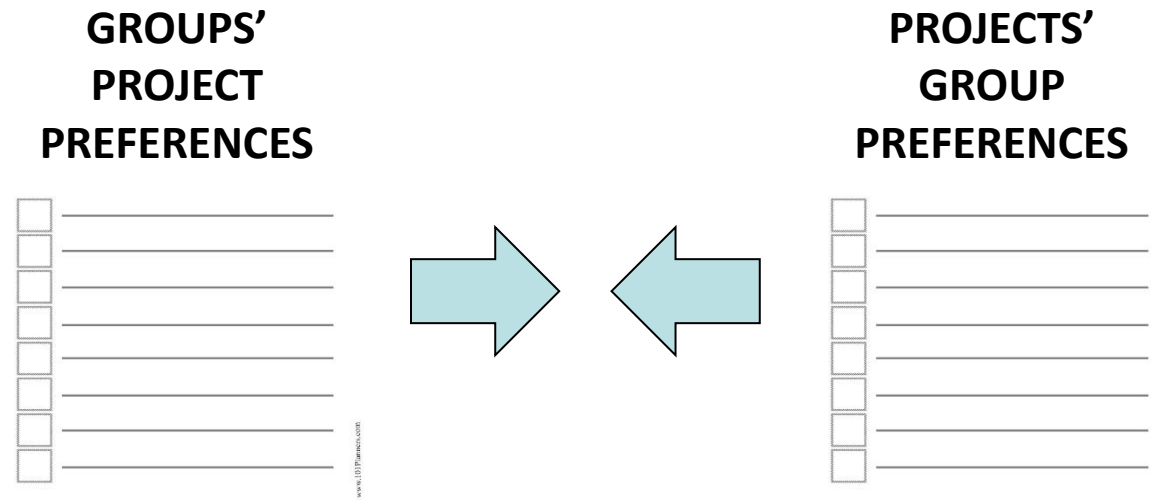


Project Assignments

- **Project List** will be announced by late this week.
- Each team is going to send their rankings of the projects and a single page cover letter until **September 23 by 23:59**
 - Wait for the meeting next week to finalize your list.
- Fill the required online form (to be sent to the CP)

Project Assignments

- We will use a version of **Nobel Prize Winning Algorithm** by Shapley and Roth



- See course web page for a detailed explanation on the algorithm



Project Assignments

- Groups:
 - Rank all projects based on how much you wish to get assigned.
- Projects:
 - Rank all groups (information form)
- Basis is the same as the original algorithm. However, we may consider additional constraints imposed by the companies (such as at most one project), as well as others.
- Applied to assign projects to groups in the last six years.

Example

Which group will be assigned which project?

Group A	Group B	Group C	Project X	Project Y	Project Z
Project X	Project Z	Project Z	Group B	Group B	Group A
Project Y	Project X	Project X	Group A	Group C	Group C
Project Z	Project Y	Project Y	Group C	Group A	Group B



People

- All groups will be assigned:
 - Academic advisor
 - Industrial advisor
 - Course coordinator
 - Other interested faculty members
 - Teaching assistant
- Administrative coordinator



Things To Do TODAY

- Team Information Form
 - Via the link announced on the course web page
 - One submission per group
 - Disclosure of Part Time Work or Internship Form
 - Fillable word/pdf on the course web page
 - Submit your printed and signed copy to the mailbox at the of the department secretary (must be done before 17:00).
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