CS3394 Computer History Seminar Course Outline

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Texts: Various materials available on the internet and other sources.

1 Course Objectives

- Learn about some of the important people in computer history.
- Learn about some of the important events in computer history.
- Learn about the development of computer devices and technology.

2 Presentations

There will be several presentations by each seminar participant.

3 History Paper

Each student will prepare one major history paper on a topic of their choosing which will be due on the last class period of the semester.

4 Written Work

All writing and presentations are to be done following the Trinity University Academic Integrity Policy. or Trinity University Honor Code.

Academic Integrity and Honor Code

All students are covered by a policy that prohibits dishonesty in academic work. The Academic Integrity Policy (AIP) covers all students who entered Trinity before the Fall of 2004. The Academic Honor Code covers all those who entered the Fall of 2004 or later. The Integrity Policy and the Code share many features: each asserts that the academic community is based on honesty and trust; each contains the same violations; each provides for a procedure to determine if a violation has occurred and what the punishment will be; each provides for an appeal process. The main difference is that the faculty implements the AIP while the Honor Code is implemented by the Academic Honor Council. Under the Academic Integrity Policy, the faculty member determines whether a violation has occurred as well as the punishment for the violation (if any) within certain guidelines. Under the Honor Code, a faculty member will (or a student may) report an alleged violation to the Academic Honor Council. It is the task of the Council to investigate, adjudicate, and assign a punishment within certain guidelines if a violation has been verified. Students who are under the Honor Code are required to pledge all written work that is submitted for a grade: On my honor, I have neither given nor received any unauthorized assistance on this work and heir signature. The pledge may be abbreviated pledged with a signature.

5 Grading

Final semester grades will be determined approximately as:

- Presentations 50%
- History Paper 50%