

CS 440 Software Quality Assurance

School of Technology & Computing

5 Credits, Undergraduate Course
Grading Type: Decimal
Fall 2023

Access to the Internet is required.

All written assignments must be in Microsoft-Word-compatible formats.

See the library's APA Style Guide tutorial for a list of resources that can help you use APA style.

Faculty Information

Professional experience information for instructors can be found under Content → Syllabus, Schedule, and Course Team → Meet Your Instructor in the online course menu.

Contact Information

Contact information for instructors can be found in the online course menu. Additional contact information regarding the TA for the course, the Program Manager, Program Director and Dean is also shared in the same location. Hyperlinks in the contact page direct students to the responsible parties weekly office hours.

Email: [first name] [last name]

Phone: [xxx-xxx-xxxx]

Office Hours and Response Time: [I am available X and X nights between X-X PM]. I will respond within 24 hours. I will grade within 3 business days after the due date.]

Bio: (keep images under 300px wide)

Course Description

This course covers software testing throughout the development lifecycle. Topics include requirements definition, software design, best practices in coding, code reviews, source code control, software configuration management, testing, release management, and product integration. Students will learn how to practice different methods of current testing standards, demonstrate various components of usability testing, and express different ways to execute and evaluate an acceptance test.

Course Outcomes

At the end of the course students will:

1. Understand the fundamental components of a secure software life cycle, software testing, software quality, and software assurance.
2. Utilize software test optimization, automation, and risk-based testing techniques.
3. Analyze the ISO 9000 standards.
4. Compare software quality assurance plans and processes.
5. Criticize alternative standards, models and techniques designed to achieve quality assurance.
6. Simulate a secure software testing project including software testing quality, lifecycle phases, and a test plan.

Additional Information

Topics Covered:

- Introduction to QA:
- Culture & Requirements of QA
- Models & Standards
- QA Process – Software Reviews
- QA Process – Software Audits
- QA Process – Verification & Validation
- Software Configuration Management (SCM)
- Software testing
- Policies, Processes and Procedures
- Measurement & Risk Management
- QA Planning & Preparation
- Software Quality Assurance Plan including a testing plan

Grading Scale

The grades earned for the course will be calculated using City University of Seattle's decimal grading system, found in the current University Catalog (<https://www.cityu.edu/catalog/>).

Grading rubrics with details on how each assignment will be graded are located under *Grades* from the main bar in the online course menu. Students should review the rubric for each assignment prior to completing their work in order to understand how it will be assessed.

OVERVIEW OF REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS	% OF FINAL GRADE	POINTS
<i>Instructor Determined Assignments</i>	30%	
The Muddiest Point (MP)	5%	50 = 5 points * 10 modules
Concept Test (CT)	5%	50 = 5 points * 10 modules
Discussion Board (DB)	10%	100 = 10 points * 10 modules
Knowledge Check (KC)	10%	100 = 10 points * 10 modules
<i>Major Assessments</i>	70%	
Hands-On Practice (HOP)	20%	200 = 20 points * 10 modules
Individual Project (IP)	30%	300 points
Team Project (TP)	20%	Proposal: 30 points Progress: 70 points Final Report: 70 points Final PPT: 30 points Subtotal: 200 points
TOTAL	100%	1,000 points

Course Assignments and Grading

The instructor will provide grading rubrics that will provide more detail as to how this assignment will be graded.

The Muddiest Point (MP)

Before class, students are required to submit the Muddiest Point (MP) activity. The purpose of this activity is to stimulate student engagement. The instructor uses the MP to assess how students understood the fundamental component of the secure software life cycle, software testing, software quality, and software assurance. The instructor also uses the MP to customize the lecture scope to implement Just-in-Time Teaching (JiTT). The MP consists of writing a brief reflective essay (≤ 50 words) identifying the most confusing part (i.e., the MP) of the content covered in the upcoming module. If a student understood all concepts, the student needs to explain the most exciting aspect. There is one multiple-choice question from the required reading to demonstrate that the student understood the required readings.

<i>MP Criteria</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Participation	80%
Correctness	20%
TOTAL	100%

Concept Test (CT)

The instructor poses a problem based on key concepts of software test optimization, automation, risk-based testing, and the ISO 9000 standards. After reflecting on the problem, students submit their response and the instructor review them without providing a correct answer. Students discuss their thought process and solution with a peer. Students then commit to an answer and re-submits their responses. Instructor reviews responses and thought processes with the correct answer.

<i>CT Criteria</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Engagement	100%
TOTAL	100%

Discussion Board (DB)

A student posts an answer to a weekly discussion topic in Discussion Board. The student also posts a response to two other students' posts by the end of each module related to software test optimization, automation, and risk-based testing. Comments and questions should be clear and thoughtful, with correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. The instructor will grade the quality of your discussion postings on both content and response.

Although the tone of your DB postings can be informal, your instructor will expect the content to be on a professional level. Your comments and questions for discussion should be clear and thoughtful, with correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation. As with written assignments, the quality of your discussion postings will be graded on both content and presentation.

<i>DB Criteria</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Participation	50%
Writing	50%
TOTAL	100%

Knowledge Check (KC)

Weekly quizzes measure knowledge checking if students understand the fundamental component of the secure software life cycle, software testing, software quality, and software assurance. Focus on the underlying principles and concepts rather than memorization to solve the quizzes.

<i>KC Criteria</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Correctness	100%
TOTAL	100%

Hands-on Practice (HOP)

Students pair up and practice exercises to learn specific programming languages, application programming interfaces (APIs), or tools of the secure software life cycle, software testing, automation and optimization, software quality, and software assurance related to the independent and team project.

<i>HOP Criteria</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Practice Exercise	80%
Engagement	20%
TOTAL	100%

Independent Project (IP) Report: Software Quality Assurance Case Study

Description

Each student will be assigned a real-life case study from a technology company and identify Q/A issues, analyze the case from the perspective of IEEE and ISO standards, develop a framework and propose a Q/A plan to prevent similar issues from happening.

An independent project requires each student to analyze an instructor-approved topic and its requirement, design a system or component based on the given subject, implement the designed system, and test the system. The paper must be no less than 3-4 pages, excluding the title and reference pages, using APA format, with at least five (5) recent, scholarly/non-scholarly, peer- or non-peer-reviewed references. As in any academic writing, students should not merely copy information from another author, but use evidence to support the contentions they have drawn from their findings and critically analyze related literature. Each paper needs to be an analytical paper, not a summary of readings.

<i>IP Criteria</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Structure	20%
Content	30%
Development	20%

Writing	20%
Reference	10%
TOTAL	100%

Team Project (TP) - Project Description: Team Project (TP) Report: Software Integration Software Testing, Product Delivery and Project Completion

Students select a software project that is currently in development and create a SQA (Software Quality Assurance) Plan based on one of the standards we cover in first part of the course. The plan should cover all phases of the SDLC and requirements of the selected standard.

The students will work in groups of three to four, depending on the size of the class. The instructor may assign the groups or allow the students to select their team members.

As in any scholarly writing, students should not merely copy information from another author. Students should use evidence to support the contentions they have drawn from their findings and critically analyze related literature. In essence, each paper needs to be an analytical paper, not a summary of readings.

Students are expected to use the assigned readings, videos, and other materials throughout the quarter. Students will need to utilize additional sources that were not assigned by the professor. While stylized after an industry report, nonetheless, students are expected to employ APA formatting of citations, footnotes, and bibliography. Students must cite the sources of all ideas, facts, and information used that are not their own, even if they have put the information into their own words. Failure to do so is plagiarism, although the oversight is unintentional. To avoid plagiarism, check "[Avoid Plagiarism](#)."

Rubric for TP01 and TP02

<i>TP01& TP02 Criteria</i>	<i>% of Grade</i>
Structure	20%
Content	30%
Writing	30%
Reference	10%
Collaboration	10%
TOTAL	100%

Team Project (TP) Presentation

The student will report on the research outcomes, development, or other project efforts to an academically appropriate committee in a public forum on the need for programming in data analysts in today's business environment. The nature of the presentation content will determine the specific makeup of the audience. The student will choose the format of the presentation, in

consultation with the instructor. The layout and design must be appropriate and adequate to represent the outcomes of the effort. While students must make some form of a visual presentation, the presentation of the results may include publishing in a refereed publication, publication in a trade or popular magazine or journal, broadcast in an appropriate medium, or, in exceptional cases, limited dissemination within a closed community.

Each team will have 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions and answers. Presenters must keep the total presentation time limit strictly.

TP04 Criteria	% of Grade
Structure	20%
Visual Presentation	30%
Verbal Quality & Engagement	30%
Team Collaboration	20%
TOTAL	100%

Course Policies

Course policies on topics such as Late Assignments, Participation, and Professional Writing are found Content -> Syllabus, Schedule, and Course Team -> Course Policies in the online course menu. Students are responsible for reviewing and applying these policies while enrolled in this course.

University Policies

Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to all of City University of Seattle's academic policies. The most current versions of these policies can be found in the [University Catalog](#) that is linked from the CityU Web site.

Antidiscrimination

City University of Seattle and its staff and faculty are committed to supporting our students. We value equity, diversity, and inclusion as a way of life as well as the educational opportunities it provides. City U will not tolerate any form of discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identification, socioeconomic status, or religious values. If you have experienced any discrimination based on any of the above, we encourage you to report this to the University. Please report this to your instructor. If you do not feel safe reporting this to your instructor, please report to Dr. Scott Carnz, Provost or to the Vice President of Student Affairs, Melissa Mecham.

Non-Discrimination & Prohibition of Sexual Misconduct

City University of Seattle adheres to all federal, state, and local civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination in employment and education. The University is committed to ensuring that the education environment is bounded by standards of mutual respect and safety and is free from discriminatory practices.

In the U.S., the University is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to ensure that all of its education programs and activities do not discriminate on the basis of sex/gender. Sex include sex, sex stereotypes, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and pregnancy or parenting status. Sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and stalking are forms of sex discrimination, which are prohibited under Title IX and by City University of Seattle policy. City University of Seattle also prohibits retaliation against any person opposing discrimination or participating in any discrimination investigation or complaint process internal or external to the institution. Questions regarding Title IX, including its application and/or concerns about noncompliance, should be directed to the Title IX Coordinator. For a complete copy of the policy or for more information, visit <https://my.cityu.edu/titleix> or contact the Title IX Coordinator.

In Canada, in compliance with the British Columbia Human Rights Code, the Alberta Human Rights Act, WorksafeBC, and the Workers' Compensation Board of Alberta, the University believes that its environment should at all times be supportive and respectful of the dignity and self-esteem of individuals. Discrimination, harassment and bullying conduct, whether through person to person behaviour or via electronic communications such as email or social media is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. As an educational institution, it is our responsibility to cultivate an environment of excellence, equity, mutual respect and to recognize the value and potential of every individual. The University will take all necessary steps to meet or exceed the requirements of the law to prevent discrimination, harassment and bullying. The Respectful Workplace Policy for the prevention of discrimination, harassment and bullying policy and procedure can be found at <https://www.cityu.edu/discover-cityu/about-cityu/> under the Policies section or at <https://www.cityuniversity.ca/about/>.

Title IX Statement

City University of Seattle and its faculty are committed to supporting our students and seeking an environment that is free of bias, discrimination, and harassment. If students have encountered any form of sexual misconduct (e.g. sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, domestic or dating violence), we encourage them to report this to the University. If a student speaks with a faculty member about an incident of misconduct, that faculty member must notify CityU's Title IX coordinator and share the basic fact of the experience. The Title IX coordinator will then be available to assist students in understanding all of the options and in connecting students with all possible resources on and off campus.

To view CityU's sexual misconduct policy and for resources, please visit the [Title IX](#) and [Campus Safety](#) pages in the my.cityu.edu portal.

Religious Accommodations

Washington state law requires that City University of Seattle develop a policy for accommodation of student absences or significant hardship due to reasons of faith or conscience, or for organized religious activities. The University's policy, including more information about how to request an accommodation, is available in the University Catalog. Accommodations must be requested within the first two weeks of this course using the Religious Accommodations Request Form found on the student dashboard in the my.cityu.edu student portal.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity in students requires the pursuit of scholarly activity that is free from fraud, deception and unauthorized collaboration with other individuals. Students are responsible for understanding CityU's policy on academic integrity and adhering to its standards in meeting all course requirements. A complete copy of this policy can be found in the [University Catalog](#) under *Student Rights and Responsibilities* on the page titled *Academic Integrity Policy*.

Attendance

Students taking courses in any format at the University are expected to be diligent in their studies and to attend class regularly.

Regular class attendance is important in achieving learning outcomes in the course and may be a valid consideration in determining the final grade. For classes where a physical presence is required, a student has attended if they are present at any time during the class session. For online classes, a student has attended if they have posted or submitted an assignment. A complete copy of this policy can be in the [University Catalog](#) under *Student Rights and Responsibilities* on the page titled *Attendance*.

Final Assignments Due Date

Final assignments for each class at CityU must be due on or before the final date of the course as indicated in the university's course information system. Due dates that extend beyond the final date of the course may negatively impact tuition funding for students.

Support Services

Disability Services Accommodations Statement

Students with a documented disability who wish to request academic accommodations are encouraged to contact Disability Support Services to discuss accommodation requests and eligibility requirements. Please contact Disability Support Services at disability@cityu.edu or 206.239.4752 or visit the [Disability Support Services](#) page in the my.cityu.edu portal. Confidentiality will be observed in all inquiries. Once approved, information about academic accommodations will be shared with course instructors.

Library Services

CityU librarians are available to help students find the resources and information they need to succeed in this course. Contact a CityU librarian through the [Ask a Librarian](#) service, or access [library resources and services online](#), 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Smarthinking Tutoring

CityU students have access to free online tutoring offered through Smarthinking, including writing support, from certified tutors 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Contact CityU's Student Support Center at help@cityu.edu to request a user name and password.