

Course: **MS-371 Introduction to the Unix Operating System (Section 101)**

Lecture: Mon and Wed: 5:00pm – 6:50pm in CC-43

Lab: Mon and Wed: 5:00pm – 6:50pm in CC-43

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Hours: Tue, Thrs and Fri: 11:00 – 11:50am,  
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Wed: 2:00 – 2:50pm, and by appointment.

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Text: *Your Unix: The Ultimate Guide*, by Sumitabha Das, McGraw Hill, 2001, ISBN #0-07-240500-7.

Objective: This course introduces the basics of systems operations to beginning Unix and Linux users. Several topics that are core to understanding and using Unix and Linux will be covered, including user accounts, access permissions, file systems, editing, command-line processing, networking, security and protection.

Prerequisite: Access and knowledge of using the World Wide Web.

Grading: Lab work and assignments 40%  
Weekly quizzes (every Wed.) 30%  
Final exam (week 11) 30%

No incomplete grades or makeup exams will be given (without very extenuating circumstances)

Attendance: Although not reflected in the grading for this course, attendance is strongly encouraged. If chronic absenteeism is a problem, attendance will be taken. Exam material will come from both the text and class discussions. **Note:** Students will NOT be automatically dropped from the roster if 3 successive classes are missed. Students wishing to drop this course must file a drop form with the Registrar's Office by 4:30pm on Monday of week #8.

Late Policy: Assignments are due at the beginning of the class period that was designated as their due date. A 10% penalty will be assessed for each day an assignment is late.

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WebCT: There are many resources available on this course, both on the MSOE web site and on the WebCT site. The URLs for these are:

<http://www.msoe.edu/~blessing/ms371> (instructor's resources for students)

<http://webct.msoe.edu> (hosting service for the academic quarter)

<http://www.msoe.edu/eecs/cese/courses/courselist.php> (course outlines)