Computing Science Course Outlines

CMPT 756 - G100 Systems For Big Data

Calendar Objective/Description:
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Instructor's Objectives:
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Prerequisites:
Operating Systems (CMPT 300) and Data Base Systems (CMPT 354), or equivalents. Students with credit for CMPT 886 when offered as a Special Topics course in Big Data may not take this course for further credit.

Grading:
To be discussed the first week of classes.

Academic Honesty Statement:
Academic honesty plays a key role in our efforts to maintain a high standard of academic excellence and integrity. Students are advised that ALL acts of intellectual dishonesty will be handled in accordance with the SFU Academic Honesty and Student Conduct Policies (http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/student.html).