

CPSC 110

Introduction to Computer Science I, Spring 2009

To do well in this course you need to

- Show up
- Pay attention
- Be involved
- Read the book
- Do all the homework and the labs

Time/Place	9:00 – 9:50 MWF Trinkle B7
Course Web Page	http://paprika.umw.edu/~ernie/cpsc110
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Office Hours	10:00 – 10:50 MWF, 10:50 – 11:50 Tuesday & Thursday Feel free to make an appointment for other times. Questions/comments are welcome anytime.
Required Text	Python Programming: An Introduction to Computer Science. John Zelle. Franklin, Beedle & Associates, 2004. ISBN 1-887902-99-6
Catalog Description	110 - Introduction to Computer Science (3) This course provides a foundation in computer science for a student who does not have prior programming experience. It provides sufficient support to permit a student to continue in the major program. Topics include an introduction to the algorithm and program development process using a high-level structured programming language and the department's computing facilities. Supervised hands-on experience provided. May not be taken for graded credit after passing any Computer Science course numbered 220 or higher.
Absences	Don't even think about it unless you are ill. From what I've seen, students who miss several classes or labs usually fail the course or otherwise get very low grades. You are responsible for all assigned readings and especially materials presented in class lectures. You should be aware that missing class could adversely affect your performance on assignments, homework, and the final exam. It is your responsibility to obtain all materials missed.
Exams	There will be two in-class exams during the semester. Monday, February 16, 2009 Monday, March 30, 2009 Final exam: Wednesday, April 29, 2009. 8:30 - 11:00 NO makeup exams will be given except in the case of an unavoidable absence that can be verified as legitimate. Let me know of the case of a planned absence so that arrangements for taking the exam can be made.
Assignments	Several assignments will be given throughout the semester. Assignments are due by 5 PM of the announced due date if full credit is to be given. Otherwise 5 points will be deducted from the final score for each day an assignment is late. An assignment that is more than one week late will receive a score of 0. In two assignments you will read a book selected from

a list of titles and the write a 3-page paper about your reactions/reflections to it. Details are provided on the attached sheet; also available at <http://paprika.umw.edu/~ernie/cpsc110/rwrAssignmentS2009.pdf>

If you are having trouble completing an assignment, please get in touch with me.

I expect the Honor Code to be upheld on all assignments and tests handed into me. This is further spelled out in "Policies and Procedures Regarding Academic Honesty," <http://rosemary.umw.edu/CSHonorCode.html>.

Also, all work handed into me must be prepared using a computer. **No handwritten work will be accepted.**

Ethics

You are expected to conduct yourself in a manner consistent with the letter and spirit of the Honor Constitution. However, exchanging ideas with and evaluating the ideas of others enhances student development in Computer Science. This is further spelled out in "Policies and Procedures Regarding Academic Honesty," <http://rosemary.umw.edu/CSHonorCode.html>.

There will be zero tolerance for any sort of violation of system security or inappropriate use of the facilities. What's zero-tolerance? You will receive an F for the course, and your behavior will be reported to the appropriate College officials or law enforcement officers. The use of computer systems on campus is governed by the University's Network and Computer Use Policy, <http://www.umw.edu/policies/network/use/default.php>.

Grading

The average of your scores reading/writing/reflecting assignments counts for 8% of the grade, the average of your scores on other assignments counts for 32% of the grade, the first exam counts for 15% of the grade, the second for 20%, and the final exam for 25%. Grades will be recorded based on your computed numeric score. A: 92 - 100, A-: 89 - 91, B+: 87 - 88, B: 82 - 86, B-: 79 - 81, C+: 77 - 78, C: 72 - 76, C-: 69 - 71, D+: 67 - 68, D: 60-66, F: Below 60.

In order to pass this course you must take all tests. Furthermore your average on tests must be at least 60 and you average on assignments and projects must be at least 60.

Disabilities

The Office of Disability Services has been designated by the college as the primary office to guide, counsel, and assist students with disabilities. If you receive services through the Office of Disability Services and require accommodations for this class, make an appointment with me as soon as possible to discuss your approved accommodation needs. Bring your accommodation letter with you to the appointment. I will hold any information that you share with me in the strictest confidence unless you give me permission to do otherwise.

If you have not made contact with the Office of Disability Services and have reasonable accommodation needs (note taking assistance, extended time for tests, etc.), I will be happy to refer you. The office will require appropriate documentation of disability