CSCE 102 - General Applications Programming

1. Course number and name: CSCE 102 - General Applications Programming

2. Credit: 3-hrs; Contact: 2 lectures of 50 minutes and a lab per week

3. Instructor: Spring 2012: Catherine T. Matthews


5. Specific course information
   a. Catalog description: Introduction to systematic computer problem-solving and programming for a variety of applications. Open to all majors.
   
   b. Prerequisites: Two years of college preparatory mathematics or equivalent

6. Learning outcomes. Specific outcomes of instruction are that students will be able to:
   1. Demonstrate the ability to find a solution and write an algorithm when given an English description of a task to be accomplished (that is, a problem statement)
   2. Demonstrate the ability write, execute, test, and debug computer programs in a high-level language
   3. Demonstrate the ability to modify a computer program written in a high-level language
   4. Demonstrate mastery and use of concepts and terminology related to computer programming and the web.

7. Topics covered and approximate weight (14 weeks, 3 hours/week, 42 hours total)
   a. Introduction to the Web/Internet/Browsers/Search engines/Web pages (2 hours)
   b. Writing code to create and apply style to web pages (4 hours)
   c. Programming languages/Introduction to programming (2 hours)
   d. Problem solving/Algorithms/Data/Information (4 hours)
   e. Problem solving and programming for the web to create Interactive web pages (6 hours)
   f. Variables/data types, numbers (integers, floating point), strings, Boolean, arrays (3 hours)
   g. Logical flow (3 hours)
   h. Debugging/Testing (3 hours)
   i. Conditional logic (if/else, not, and/or) (4 hours)
   j. Loops (3 hours)
   k. Functions (2 hours)
   l. Reviews and Examinations (6 hours)

8. Grade consists of:
   Tests 30%
   Final Exam 20%
   Lab 30%
   Project 5%
   Quizzes/Homework 15%

   Lab Grades
The grade is calculated using the standard curve:

A: 90-100,
B+: 87-89,
B: 80-86,
C+: 77-79,
C: 70-76,
D+: 67-69,
D: 60-66,
F: <60

You must pass (average on must be >= 60) the lab portion of the course in order to pass the class.

9. Specific topics covered.

**Week 1:** Introduction, web browsers, search engines, computer languages, algorithms, pseudo-code, logical flow, testing, creating a web page with a text editor, HTML5, structure, elements, paragraph, break, blockquote, lists (ordered, unordered, description) phrase elements, block-level, special entity characters, testing, validation

**Week 2:** Hyperlinks (absolute, relative), email hyperlinks, fragment identifiers, web graphics, using images, an image as a link, introduction to Cascading Style Sheets, syntax

**Week 3:** CSS (inline/local, embedded, external), using color hexadecimal value representation, layout and design, classes, inheritance, id, contextual selectors, span, div, validation, transform-rotate, The Box Model, absolute/relative positioning, magazine style layout, pseudo-classes, interactivity with CSS, creating image rollovers, writing JavaScript functions

**Week 4:** CSS continued multiple background images on one page, icon in the URL box, customizing bullets. Computer languages, compilers/interpreters, errors syntax/logical, programming constructs (sequential, conditional, looping, go to, functions), logical flow, introduction to objects/methods, data representation, input data, test data, information, interactive web pages, introduction to JavaScript, W3C, using built in methods (alert/prompt/confirm)

**Week 5:** Variables (declaring, naming, and values), data types, strings, number (integer, floating point) Boolean, arrays, strongly/weakly typed, assigning values to variables and properties, operations, concatenation, mathematical operations, interactive web page through user input, event handlers, changing the CSS properties on a web page after it has loaded, assigning values to CSS properties, using: this.style., getElementById().style., and document.body.style, debugging and testing

**Week 6:** Test review, test 1

**Week 7:** Return test, Problems requiring decisions, conditional flow, if/else, nesting if statements, complex conditions, and/or, toUpperCase()

**Week 8:** Image rollovers in JavaScript, creating tables, data in tables as text or images, data in online tables accessible to the blind, configuring data into sections for a more informative display of information, using thumbnails, structural pseudo-classes

**Week 9:** Writing code to create online forms to input data, text boxes, using the Math. methods, creating online specialized calculators, converting strings to floating point, parseFloat, formatting an input data form using a table, fieldset and legend, code for helping people with vision and mobility handicaps with
input data forms, writing code for improved data input forms using CSS, testing data input forms, text form controls, server-side processing, the datalist element (Firefox), create slider and spinner controls, date control /calendar date selection, creating check boxes

**Week 10:** Review for test 2, test 2

**Week 11:** Return test 2. Using loops, writing code to password protect (looping); for loops, do loops, do while loops

**Week 12:** Using loops to create an online slideshow, coin flip problem, including audio and video in your web page

**Week 13:** Creating radio buttons, creating a pull down menu, optimization for search engines, accessibility testing, usability testing

**Week 14:** Exam Review