Catalog Description:

206—Scientific Applications Programming. (3) (Prereq: MATH 122 or MATH 141) Introduction to computer applications in science and engineering. Programming exercises in a high level language. Open to all majors.

Prerequisite(s) By Topic:

One semester of calculus

Textbook(s) and Other Required Material:


Computing Platform: Unix or Windows.

Course Objectives: {Assessment Methods Shown in Braces}

1. Solve numerical problems using a computer. {tests}
2. Read and design numerical algorithms {tests}
3. Design data structures {tests}
4. Program a computer in a high-level language {assignments, tests}

Topics Covered:

1. Introduction to programming tools (4 hours)
2. Basic data types for numerical computing (4 hours)
3. Issues of numerical accuracy (2 hours)
4. Flow of control (6 hours)
5. Arrays (6 hours)
6. Subprograms (8 hours)
7. I/O (3 hours)
8. Numerical algorithms (root finding, matrix inversion, interpolation, etc.) (8 hours)
9. Reviews, examinations, etc. (4 hours)

Course Work:

Written assignments, examinations, programming assignments

Syllabus Flexibility:

Low. The Undergraduate Committee approves the choice of textbook and syllabus.

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Oral and Written Communication:

Development of readable and well-documented programs.

Social and Ethical Issues:

The importance of correct programs in critical science and engineering applications.
Theoretical Content:
   none

Analysis and Design:
   Numerical accuracy and algorithm performance.

Class/Laboratory Schedule:
   Lecture: 3 periods of 50 minutes or 2 periods of 75 minutes per week

Assessment Activities
   Student course evaluations (each semester)

Course Coordinator: Duncan Buell