CSC 442 – 001 ORGANIZATION OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES
MWF, 11:00 – 11:50, McKibben 316

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CREDIT HOURS: 3
PREREQUISITES: CSC 241; CSC 323 or 342
GRADE REMINDER: Must have a grade of C or better in each prerequisite course

OFFICE HOURS:
MW 8:30am-10:00am
TTh 2:00pm-4:30pm
Other times by appointment.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Language definition, structure, data types, control structures, parameter passage, subprogram interface, block structured language.
Information binding, data storage and mapping, execution environments, input/output, recursion, multiprocessing.

PURPOSE OF COURSE

To bring to focus the basic and specialized aspects of programming language (PL) constructs and concepts. A variety of PLs are studied and used to illustrate the major PL paradigms. Students will write programs in selected PLs.


EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:
1. Describe the significant commonly-accepted criteria for evaluating programming languages (PLs).
2. Identify a large variety of design issues associated with many different PL features.
3. Describe PL design principles.
4. Describe evolutionary progress of the major PLs.
5. Describe the PL paradigms—imperative (procedural), object-oriented, functional (applicative), and logic (declarative).
6. Identify many of the constructs and concepts of a number of PLs in all the paradigms.
7. Work with fellow team members to learn a new PL, write illustrative programs in the assigned PL, develop a hardcopy tutorial for the PL, and make a presentation of the tutorial using multimedia.

CONTENT

Preliminary Considerations about PLs 3
Evaluation Criteria
Design Influences
Evolution

PL Constructs and Concepts:
Syntax and Semantics
Names, Bindings, Type Checking, and Scopes
Structured Data Types and Pointers
Expressions and the Assignment Statement
Statement-Level Control Structures
Subprograms
Data Abstraction
Concurrency
Exception Handling

Hours

In Imperative PLs ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. 15
Traditional (Fortran 77, COBOL); block-structured (Pascal, C, Ada, Fortran 90, C++)

- In Object-Oriented PLs (Smalltalk, C++, Java) ............................................................... 12
- In Functional PLs (LISP, ML, Haskell, SCHEME) ............................................................. 6
- In Logic PLs (Prolog) ........................................................................................................... 6

Exams (plus Final) .................................................................................................................. 3

TOTAL 45

REFERENCES

EXAMINATIONS: (Approximately 50% of the course grade) – from the book, lectures, and outside readings
NOTE – all exams are comprehensive
Test 1  approximately 10% of your final grade, Mon, September 25th
Test 2  approximately 10% of your final grade, Wed, Oct 27th
Test 3  approximately 10% of your final grade, Wed, Nov 29th
Final (Comprehensive)  approximately 20% of your final grade, Monday, Dec 11th, 10:30 – 12:30

NOTE: There are no exemptions from the final examination and no changes in taking the final examination.
Check the final exam time. If the final exam time is a problem, you need to drop this course. Only the Dean can approve a change in a final exam.

ASSIGNMENTS: There will be multiple assignments, possible group projects, oral presentations, and written work.
Assignments count for 40% of the total grade. Many assignments will be submitted either by D2L, email or a flash drive.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments turned in late will have 25% of the maximum grade taken off for each day it is late for up to 2 days (48 hours). After 2 days, the assignment will be a 0.

READINGS: Sections from the book will be assigned. These should be read prior to the appropriate class. There will be questions assigned for most chapters to be answered and turned in. These will be worth 10% of your grade.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance and constructive class participation are expected. I expect you to read the book yourself. My lectures may introduce material not in the book, but my lectures are based upon your prior understanding of the book coverage. I will make every effort to give you copies of my slides on D2L - but you are responsible for being in class and taking notes on the material.

GRADING POLICY:

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Syllabus Addendum

Program Learning Outcomes:
Program learning outcomes define the knowledge, skills, and abilities students are expected to demonstrate upon completion of an academic program. These learning outcomes are regularly assessed to determine student learning and to evaluate overall program effectiveness. You may access the program learning outcomes for your major and particular courses at the CS Dept website.

General Student Policies:

Academic Integrity (A-9.1)
Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit. Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp.

Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Students with Disabilities
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

Acceptable Student Behavior
Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic, or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

Electronic Devices:
I encourage the use of electronic devices such as tablets, computers, etc. to facilitate your learning. Note that computers, tablets, phones, etc. are to be used to support learning in my class – not for social media updating, web browsing, texting, doing homework for other classes, etc. If it becomes obvious that you are not using your electronic devices properly and disrupting the learning of other students, I will ask you to stop. After the second warning, I will ask you to leave the class. Note that all devices must be powered off, placed in a backpack or purse, and may not be used during tests. I ask that all phones be put on vibrate during class. Also – if you spend the hour browsing on the internet or doing other homework – please give me credit for recognizing and counting it against your participation.