CSC 102 - 002
COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES

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PREREQUISITE: Eligibility for enrollment in college algebra.

CLASS INFO: Semester: Spring 2018
Credit Hours: 3
Meeting time: MWF 11:00 am - 11:50 am
Location: McKibben 316

OFFICE HOURS: MWF 10:00 am - 11:00 am
TTh 1:45 pm - 4:15 pm
Other hours by appointment. Feel free to send me an email to set up an appointment.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Fundamental concepts of computer systems, systems software, and an overview of computer science issues. Problem solving and program development using a high-level programming language.

PURPOSE: To introduce students to the basic concepts of computer systems, to fundamental systems software, to a disciplined approach to problem solving, to procedural program development in a high-level language, to software engineering principles, to ethics in computing, and to computer science careers.


GRADING POLICY: Exam 1: 150 points
Exam 2: 170 points
Exam 3: 180 points
Final Exam: 250 points
Labs/Assignments: 180 points
Quizzes: 70 points

EXAMINATIONS: All exams are comprehensive. There will be three in-class exams and a final exam.

Final Exam: Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm (see SFASU Final Exam Schedule).

There are no exemptions from the final examination and no changes in taking the final examination. All students must take the final exam. A zero on the final exam will result in an F in the course. Check the final exam time. If the final exam time is a problem, you need to drop this course.

All class examinations are considered to be a major part of the course work upon which a large part of the course grade depends. There are NO make-up exams! Class examinations will be announced at least two classes prior to the examination. If you have a conflict with another university event, you must contact me well in advance of the examination. In case of an extreme emergency, contact me before the scheduled examination. Failure to do so may result in an examination grade of zero.

Once the first person has left the room on the day of an examination, no one else will be permitted to begin the exam.

Possession of a cell phone or other electronic communication device during an exam will result in an examination grade of zero.
QUizzes:
Periodic quizzes will be given.

Assignments (labs, in-class assignments, homework assignments, and quizzes). Points for assignments might not be distributed equally. Some of the assignments may be required to be completed in class. Not all class assignments will be graded at instructor’s discretion. You may not make up class assignments.

Programming submissions that do not compile are not acceptable.

Late Assignments: Any assignment turned in after the due date and time will receive a 20% penalty per day for up to 3 days. After 3 days, the assignment automatically receives a grade of 0.

Attendance and constructive class participation are expected.

Attendance may be taken into consideration for your final grade. If you come to class, you are expected to be present and awake the entire class period. If you are absent from class, please make sure to get notes from a classmate. There will be no smoking, no chewing of tobacco, no eating or drinking, no bare feet, and no cell phone use during class. Cell phones and other electronic communication devices should be placed on silent. No disruptive behavior including offensive language will be tolerated in a computer science facility or related activity. Such behavior may result in administrative removal from class.

The following topics with estimated hours spent on each is listed below:
Introduction to computer science (1)
Basic Concepts of Computer Systems (3)
Systems Software (6)
Problem Solving Concepts (9)
Program Development (18)
Software Engineering Principles (3)
Ethics and Careers (2)
Exams (3)
A more detailed listing of the topics is available at http://cs.sfasu.edu/cs/pdf/syll_102.pdf.

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.

- Students majoring in the Department of Computer Science may access program learning outcomes at http://cosm.sfasu.edu/cs/computer-science-outcomes-objectives-graduation-data.
- Students majoring in the College of Business may access program learning outcomes at http://www.sfasu.edu/cob/ug-plo.asp.

CLASS INFORMATION AND POLICIES
Department of Computer Science, Mckibben 304, 468-2508

Software Policy: Disciplinary action will be taken against individuals who perform unauthorized duplication of software or who are involved in the unauthorized use of duplicated software. Such action may make it impossible for you to successfully complete this course.

Computer Laboratory Usage: Students utilizing equipment in university computing laboratories are expected to read and abide by all posted policies for the laboratories. Please note that no children and no pets are permitted in university computing laboratories.

Drop Policy (Univ.): The official university add/drop policy is located at: http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-add-drop_6.10.pdf. If you have questions concerning registration, add/drop or the withdraw process, contact the Registrar at (936) 468-2501 or E-mail: REGISTRAR@SFASU.EDU. The Registrar is located on the 2nd floor of the Rusk building.

Special Accommodation Requests: 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
Computer Account Policy: All assignments that require the use of the University Computer must be done under the computer account that is assigned to you in this class. You should NOT do other class assignments in this account, and you should NOT do assignments from this class in other accounts. Failure to abide by the above statements will mean that you will received a grade of F in this course.

Academic Integrity: 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.

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. All instances of academic dishonesty will be reported to Office of the Dean of the student’s major. This report shall be made part of the student’s record and shall remain on file with the Dean’s office for at least four years. Instances of academic dishonesty may also be reported to the University Committee on Academic Integrity. Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic-appeals-by-students-6.3.pdf. A student who wishes to appeal decisions related to academic integrity follows procedures outlined in University policy 6.3 (http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic-appeals-by-students-6.3.pdf).

If in my judgment an instance of academic dishonesty on an examination has occurred, a grade of zero will be assigned as the examination grade and a minimum of one (1) letter grade will be lost in the course grade. Possession of a cell phone or other electronic communication device during an exam will result in an examination grade of zero. A course grade of F may be assigned depending on the situation. A student found cheating on an examination may not drop the course. If in my judgment a student is found cheating on any part of a homework assignment or quiz, the student will receive negative points equal to the value of the entire homework/quiz. A negative grade will not be replaced by any possible bonus assignment. I consider the person who did the work (homework, quiz, test) and the person copying the work as both cheating. A recurrence of this by any individual will result in a grade of F in the course. DO YOUR OWN WORK!!!!!!! Do NOT show your code to other students!!!

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.

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.