Syllabus

College of Computing and Computer Engineering

Department of Computer Science

CSCE 1035: Computer Programming I

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Course Description, Structure, and Objectives

Overview of computers and programming. Focus is on problem analysis and techniques used in the development of algorithms and computer programs using a modern programming language. Topics include data types, expressions, statements, operators, input/output, conditional statements, iteration, functions, lists and debugging. No prior knowledge of programming is assumed. The class will be an in person face to face class.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Describe how a computer's CPU, Main Memory, Secondary Storage, and I/O work together to execute a computer program.
2. Make use of a computer system's hardware, editor(s), Linux operating system, system software and network to build computer software and submit that software for grading.
3. Describe algorithms to perform "simple" tasks such as numeric computation, searching and sorting, choosing among several options, string manipulation, and use of pseudo- random numbers in simulation of such tasks as rolling dice.
4. Write readable, efficient, and correct programs that include programming structures such as assignment statements, selection statements, loops, arrays, pointers, both standard library and user-defined functions.
5. Use commonly accepted practices and tools to find and fix runtime and logical errors in software.
6. Describe a software process model that can be used to develop significant applications composed of hundreds of functions.
7. Perform the steps necessary to edit and execute programs.

Course Requirements and Assignments

All class lecture presentation slides, assignments, projects, and zyBook assignments are available on the Canvas page. All assignment submissions will be uploaded to Canvas. Emailing submissions to the TA or Instructor will not be accepted. Please check the Canvas Calendar and syllabus for due dates.
Weekly Tasks:

Each week, we will cover a chapter, and each module will include assignments, labs, participation, and challenge activities. All submissions are due by Sunday at 11:59 pm. Late assignments will be accepted within two days of the due date with a 10%/day penalty. The TA will handle all grading, so direct any grade-related questions to the TA

How to Succeed in this Course

Class Meeting Time: Monday and Wednesday 2:00 pm to 3:20 pm in FRLD 346
Labs Meeting Times: Monday 11:00 am to 1:50 pm in FRLD 446
Office/Student Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and by Appointment (via Microsoft Teams)

You may contact me via Canvas or UNT email, but it must be through your UNT email account, no personal accounts. In the email, the subject must be CSCE 1035 § 501: with short subject of your email in the subject line. You may also contact me through Microsoft Teams. I receive a lot of email so give me 1 to 2 business days for a response, however if you see me online and available in Microsoft Teams, you can certainly contact me with any quick questions. As I do not have an office phone, you may call me via Microsoft Teams. Office hours offer you an opportunity to ask for clarification or find support with understanding class material. Come and visit me! I encourage you to connect with me and/or my TA for support. Additional office hours, in person and virtually, may be offered as the semester concludes. Your success is our goal.

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time; however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information, refer to the Office of Disability Access website (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access). You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.

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Supporting Your Success and Creating an Inclusive Learning Environment

Every student in this class should have the right to learn and engage within an environment of respect and courtesy from others. We will discuss our classroom's habits of engagement and I also encourage you to review UNT's student code of conduct so that we can all start with the same baseline civility understanding (Code of Student Conduct) (https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-012).

Required/Recommended Materials

Required Textbook: We will be using an online textbook this semester through zyBooks. The following instructions are also provided in Canvas:

1. Click any zyBooks assignment link in Canvas
   (Do not go to the zyBooks website and create a new account)
2. Subscribe

If you are having any issues signing into zyBooks, please email support@zybooks.com for assistance.

- This course has digital components. To fully participate in this class, students will need internet access to reference content on the Canvas Learning Management System. If circumstances change, you will be informed

of other technical needs to access course content. Information on how to be successful in a digital learning environment can be found at Learn Anywhere (https://online.unt.edu/learn).

Prerequisites:

- CSCE 1010: Discovering Computer Science (with a grade of C or better)
- MATH 1100: Algebra or MATH 1650: Pre-Calculus or MATH 1710: Calculus I (with a grade of C or better)

Corequisites:

- CSCE 1015: Computing Tools and Techniques Laboratory (For CSE Majors)

Course Requirements/Schedule

Here is the schedule as planned. Depending upon the circumstances the schedule is subject to change and the assignments will be updated in Canvas. Each of the assignments are in zyBooks and the grades are imported into Canvas as a percentage, therefore all assignments in Canvas are 100 points each.

Date	***Topic***	***Assignment***
8/18, 20	*Introductions, Introduction to Python*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
8/25, 27	*Variables and Expressions*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
9/3	*Types*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
9/8, 10	*Branching*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
9/15, 17	*Loops*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
9/22, 24	*Functions*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
9/29, 10/1	*Strings*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
10/6, 8	*Lists and Dictionaries*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab, Project 1 Due*
10/13, 15	*Classes*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
10/20, 22	*Exceptions*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
10/27, 29	*Modules*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
11/3, 5	*Files*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
11/10, 12	*Inheritance*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
11/17, 19	*Recursion, Plotting, Searching and Sorting Algorithms*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab*
11/24, 26	*Thanksgiving Break*	*No Assignments Due*
12/1	*Python for Data Science, Course Review*	*Challenge Activities, Participation Activities, Lab, Project 2 Due*
Finals Week		

You will be notified by Eagle Alert if there is a campus closing that will impact a class and the calendar is subject to change, following the Campus Closures Policy (https://policy.unt.edu/policy/15-006).

Assessing Your Work

The final grade will be assessed using the following grade distribution:

Group	Weight
Participation Assignments	25%
Challenge Assignments	25%
Lab Assignments	30%
Projects	20%
Total	**100%**

Grading scale:

A = 90% to 100%
B = 80% to <90%
C = 70% to <80%
D = 60% to <70%
F = <60%

Course Policies

Submission Policy

Students are responsible for submitting the correct assignments in the correct assignment location in Canvas. All programming assignments are expected to compile and run in the zyBooks environment. If you have any questions or concerns about your submission, please work with your instructor or TA to ensure that the correct file(s) is/are submitted.

AI Course Policy

In this course, the use of GenAI (Generative Artificial Intelligence) tools is not permissible for any coding assignments. No matter the approach, any attempt to represent GenAI output as a student's own work will be considered fabrication, cheating, and/or academic dishonesty as determined on a case-by-case basis. Using GenAI tools to proofread and grammar-check is permitted.

Make-up Work Policy

Missed exams or assignments due to illness or in the event of an unavoidable absence, make-up work will only be allowed by providing the instructor with a physical copy of a signed doctor's note or any proof in the event of of an unavoidable absence. See the UNT Class Attendance Policy for more information.

Academic Integrity and Collaboration Policy

Check UNT policy 06.003 that defines the breaches of academic integrity: from Cheating, Plagiarism, Forgery, Fabrication, Facilitating Academic Dishonesty,… etc.
Cheating of any sort will not be tolerated in this course. All submissions must be your own original work. Taking information or code from the internet or other students is considered a breach of academic integrity. Failure to adhere to these strict standards will be cause for disciplinary action that could be as severe as expulsion from the university. If it is determined a student cheated on any assignment in this course they will receive an F for this final course grade and an academic integrity report will be filed with the Office of Academic Integrity. Further, UNT is now maintaining a database recording any acts of academic dishonesty that is available to employers. For more information see the UNT Student Academic Integrity Policy.

Honor Code: "I commit myself to honor, integrity, and responsibility as a student representing the University of North Texas community. I understand and pledge to uphold academic integrity as set forth by UNT Student

Academic Integrity Policy, 06.003 (https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003). I affirm that the work I submit will always be my own, and the support I provide and receive will always be honorable."

Attendance and Participation

Student attendance will be recorded. Every student who misses a class or a lab is responsible to learn the materials discussed. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the homework assigned on the missed class. I have great respect for students who are balancing the demands of their coursework with the responsibilities of caring for family members. If you run into challenges that require you to miss a class, please contact me or my TA. There may be some flexibility we can offer to support your academic success.

Lab Attendance

Students must attend their weekly lab section. If you anticipate being unable to attend your regular lab section with a valid excuse, you must contact myself and your TA *in advance* of your lab section before the lab is closed so that an alternative lab section maybe scheduled. Failure to do so may result in a zero for the lab. The instructor has the final say as to whether an absence is excused.