

COMP501 Programming Fundamentals

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Teaching Times, Modes and Locations

Course Duration: 23 Dec 2024 to 10 Jan 2025 Modes: Online/Face-to-face Location: Anywhere via online, or Huajiachi Campus, Zhejiang University via face-toface

Academic Level

Undergraduate

Credit Points:

The course is worth 6 units of credit point.

Credit Hours

The number of credit hours of this course equals to the credits of a standard semester-long course.

Contact Hours

The course contains a total of 53 contact hours, which consists of orientation, lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class and after-class activities, revision, self-study, and final exam. Students will receive an official transcript which is issued by Zhejiang University when completing this course.

Enrolment Requirements

Eligibility requires enrollment in an overseas university as an undergraduate or postgraduate student, proficiency in English, and pre-approval from the student's home institution.

Course Description:

This course is a foundational introduction for aspiring software developers, IT consultants, and computer scientists. In this course, you will learn the fundamentals of how we instruct computers to solve problems. You will explore the architecture and mechanics of how computers operate and how you can translate real-world problems to computer programs that solve these problems. It covers essential principles of computer operation and procedural programming, including data types, control flow, iteration, functions, recursion, and addressable memory. Students will learn to transform real-world problems into computer programs and develop skills in testing and debugging. This course prepares students for advanced topics such as programming languages, systems programming, computer security, and high-performance computing, while also changing how they approach problem-solving. It provides the necessary groundwork for further studies in Computer Science and related fields.

Prerequisite:

Prior knowledge in fundamental accounting is required for taking this course.

Learning Resources

 Bajpai, S. K. Introduction To Computers And C Programming. New Age International, 2007.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

• Apply C programming language to solve simple decision, looping, array, and linked list problems programmatically.

• Demonstrate the ability to use programming style conventions to write clear and consistently readable code.

• Design structured algorithmic solutions to problem specifications, modify existing programs, and compose entire procedural programs from descriptions.

• Understand Core Programming Concepts: Show a comprehensive understanding of programming principles, including data types, variables, operators, control-flow structures (if-then-else, while), functions, and memory models.

Course Delivery:

Online Lecture mode includes lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, online field trip(s), in-class activities, Zhejiang University Global Program
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revision, and final exam.

• Face-to-face Lecture mode includes lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class and after-class activities, revision, and final exam.

The following course will be taught in English. There will also be guest speakers and optional field trips available for students who would like to enhance their learning experience. All courses and other sessions will be run during weekdays.

Topics and Course Schedule:

| WK | Торіс | Activities |
|----|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Orientation | |
| 1 | Introduction to Programming | Lecture; Tutorial |
| 1 | Variables/Constants | Lecture; Tutorial |
| | Custom Data types | |
| 1 | Control Flow Conditionals | Lecture; Tutorial |
| 1 | Iteration | Lecture; Tutorial |
| 1 | Static Arrays | Lecture; Tutorial |
| 2 | 2D Arrays Pointers | Lecture; Tutorial |
| 2 | Seminar | |
| 2 | Dynamic arrays and Memory | Lecture; Tutorial |
| 2 | Functions | Lecture; Tutorial |
| 2 | Quiz | Closed book |
| 2 | Collections | Lecture; Tutorial |
| 3 | Classes and Objects | Lecture; Tutorial |
| 3 | File I/O | Lecture; Tutorial |
| 3 | Testing | Lecture; Tutorial |
| | Recursion | |

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| 3 | Basic Linked List | Lecture; Tutorial |
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| 3 | Linked Lists | Lecture; Tutorial |
| 3 | Revision | Tutorial |
| 3 | Final exam | Closed book |

Assessments:

| Class participation | 15% |
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| Quiz | 15% |
| Assignments | 20% |
| Final exam | 50% |

Grade Descriptors:

| HD | High Distinction | 85-100 |
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| D | Distinction | 75-84 |
| Cr | Credit | 65-74 |
| Р | Pass | 50-64 |
| F | Fail | 0-49 |

High Distinction 85-100

- Treatment of material evidences an advanced synthesis of ideas Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding, and analysis.
- Work is well-written and stylistically sophisticated, including appropriate referencing, clarity, and some creativity where appropriate.
- All criteria addressed to a high level.

Distinction 75-84

• Treatment of material evidences an advanced understanding of ideas Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding and analysis Work is well-written and stylistically strong.

All criteria addressed strongly.

Credit 65-74

- Treatment of material displays a good understanding of ideas.
- Work is well-written and stylistically sound, with a minimum of syntactical errors.
- All criteria addressed clearly.

Pass 50-64

Treatment of material indicates a satisfactory understanding of ideas Work is
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adequately written, with some syntactical errors.

• Most criteria addressed adequately.

Fail 0-49

• Treatment of ideas indicates an inadequate understanding of ideas Written style inappropriate to task, major problems with expression.

• Most criteria not clearly or adequately addressed.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to uphold the university's academic honesty principles which are an integral part of the university's core values and principles. If a student fails to observe the acceptable standards of academic honesty, they could attract penalties and even disqualification from the course in more serious circumstances. Students are responsible for knowing and observing accepted principles of research, writing and any other task which they are required to complete.

Academic dishonesty or cheating includes acts of plagiarism, misrepresentation, fabrication, failure to reference materials used properly and forgery. These may include, but are not limited to: claiming the work of others as your own, deliberately applying false and inaccurate information, copying the work of others in part or whole, allowing others in the course to copy your work in part or whole, failing to appropriately acknowledge the work of other scholars/authors through acceptable referencing standards, purchasing papers or writing papers for other students and submitting the same paper twice for the same subject.

This Academic Integrity policy applies to all students of the Zhejiang University in all programs of study, including non-graduating students. It is to reinforce the University's commitment to maintain integrity and honesty in all academic activities of the University community.

<u>Policy</u>

The foundation of good academic work is honesty. Maintaining academic integrity upholds the standards of the University. The responsibility for maintaining integrity in all the activities of the academic community lies with the students as well as the faculty and the University. Everyone in this community must work together to ensure that the values of truth, trust and justice are upheld.

Academic dishonesty affects the University's reputation and devalues the degrees offered. The University will impose serious penalties on students who are found to have violated this policy. The following penalties may be imposed:

- ✓ Expulsion
- ✓ Suspension
- ✓ Zero mark /fail grade
- ✓ Marking down

- ✓ Re-doing/re-submitting of assignments or reports, and
- \checkmark Verbal or written warning.