

CURRICULUM GUIDE: OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code	CPSC 100	Course Title	Elements of Computer Science			
Credit Value	4	Department	Mathematics and Science			
No. of weeks	14	Hrs. per week	<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Tutorial</i>	<i>Laboratory</i>	<i>Total</i>
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Course Description	An introduction to elementary concepts in Computer Science and Information Technology. Topics include the history of computing, the basic structure of a digital computer system (hardware and software), networks, programming, Internet, World-Wide-Web (WWW), and the social impacts of computer technology. This course is suitable for students with little or no programming background.					
Prerequisite(s)	ENGL 088, MATH 12 or equivalent is recommended					
Initial Articulation Targets	<i>UBC</i>	<i>SFU</i>	<i>UVic</i>	<i>UNBC</i>	<i>TRU</i>	
	No credit	CMPT 1XX (4)	CSC 100 (1.5)	CPSC 1XX (3)	COMP 1000 (3)	
	For updated information on the transferability of this course, please consult the BC Transfer Guide, www.bctransferguide.ca					
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert numbers between bases. • Explain the basic data representations in a computer system • Determine the Boolean output from logic gates • Explain the different types of hardware in a computer system • Explain the basic construction of a computer, its hardware, and software • Write basic programs in machine code, assembly, and high-level language (Python) • Solve basic problems relating to operating system memory allocation and CPU scheduling • Explain the concepts of networks and relating them to the Internet and WWW • Differentiate between the usage and functions of spreadsheets and databases • Create a basic homepage (HTML) • Explain computer and network security issues 					
Content	<p>Core topics – all of the following will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binary Values, Number Systems • Data Representation • Gates and Circuits • Computing Components • Low-level Programming Languages and Pseudocode • High-level Programming Languages (Python) • Operating Systems 					



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Systems • Simulations and Graphics • Networks and The World Wide Web (HTML) • Computer Security <p>Additional topics may also be covered, at the discretion of the instructor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Searching algorithms: sequential, binary • Sorting algorithms: selection, bubble, insertion 		
Methods of Instruction	Lectures, assignments, computer laboratory work, projects, assigned reading, quizzes		
Required Textbook(s)	The following textbook(s) is/are required, or approved equivalent(s). Dale, Nell and John Lewis. Computer Science Illuminated. 7th Ed. Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning, 2019.		
Required Equipment and Technology	Students are required to have a computer with internet access. The following resources are provided by the College: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office 365 • Student email 		
Homework Hours	At minimum, students can expect one hour of homework for every hour of instructional time.		
Evaluation	<i>Component</i>	<i>% Value</i>	
	Assignments and quizzes	15-30%	
	Labs and projects	15-20%	
	Midterm examinations (1-2)	20-35%	
Final examination	30-35%		
Completion Requirements	The minimum grade to pass this course is D (50%). Unless otherwise stated, a minimum grade of C- (55%) is required for this course to fulfil a prerequisite.		
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