

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

SYLLABUS: CSI 31 Introduction to Computer Programming I. 3 credits/4 hours.

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PREREQUISITE: CSI30 and MTH30, if required; and ENG2 and RDL 2, if required.

COREQUISITE: MTH31.

TEXT: *Python Programming: An Introduction to Computer Science, third edition*, by John Zelle, Franklin, Beedle & Associates, 2016. ISBN 9781590282755.

Content: Introduction to computer systems and computer logic; techniques of structured programming; data representation; basic algorithm design and implementation in a modern structured language; computer solutions to problems taken from engineering, science, physics, mathematics, business and other applications.

Objectives: By the end of this course the successful student will be able to:

- (1) Identify the basic design of a computer system;
- (2) Describe some of the topics and techniques of computer science;
- (3) Design an algorithm to solve a given problem using the top-down design approach;
- (4) Translate that algorithm into a computer program;
- (5) Demonstrate understanding of the concept of data type;
- (6) Write functions to solve problems, and understand the notion of procedural abstraction;
- (7) Understand and use the three basic programming structures: sequential execution, decision structures, and repetition (loops);
- (8) Use files for input and output,
- (9) Use objects, including the objects of a graphics library, and
- (10) Use strings and lists to manipulate data.

Lect	Date	Section	Topic	Suggested
1	Mon: 8/31	Chapter 1	Computers and programs: What is Computer Science? Hardware Basics.	p. 24/1,2,3,4,5
2	Wed: 9/2		Programming Languages. Inside a Python program. Elements of Programs	
3	Wed: 9/9	Chapter 2	Writing simple programs:	p. 54/1-10
4	Mon: 9/14		The Software Development Process.	
5	Wed: 9/16	Chapter 3	Computing with numbers: Numeric Types.	p. 79-82: 2-16
6	Wed: 9/23		Type Conversions and Math Library.	
7	Mon: 9/28	Chapter 4	Objects and graphics I.	p. 126-128: 1-11
8	Wed: 9/30		Objects and graphics II.	
	Mon: 10/5		First Exam	
9	Wed: 10/7	Chapter 5	Computing with strings: The String Type.	p. 171-174: 1-15
10	Tue: 10/13		String and Lists Methods.	
11	Wed: 10/14	Chapter 6	Functions and Program Structures.	p. 206-208: 1-16
12	Mon: 10/19		Defining functions: Values returned.	
	Wed: 10/21		Second Exam Review	
	Mon: 10/26		Second Exam	
13	Wed: 10/28	Chapter 7	Decision structures: Simple Decisions.	p. 238-241: 1-17
14	Mon: 11/2		Two-Way / Multi-Way. Exception Handling.	

Lect	Date	Section	Topic	Suggested
15	Wed: 11/4	Chapter 8	Loop structures and Boolean: For Loops. Post-Test, Loop and a Half. Patterns.	p. 278-282: 1-15
16	Mon: 11/9			
17	Wed: 11/11	Chapter 10	Defining classes: Defining New Classes. Objects and encapsulation. Data Processing.	p. 358-362: 1-14
18	Mon: 11/16			
19	Wed: 11/18			
20	Mon: 11/23		Third Exam	
21	Wed: 11/30	Chapter 11	Data Collection: Simple Statistics Non-sequential Collections.	p. 412-417: 1-19
22	Wed: 12/2			
23	Mon: 12/7	Chapter 9	Simulation and Design: Simulation. Pseudo-random Numbers. Top-Down Design. Bottom-Up Implementation.	p. 309-312: 1-14
	Wed: 12/9			
	Mon: 12/14			

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Grading:

1. There will be three tests during the semester. They are called: First Exam, Second Exam and Third exam.
2. There will be a Final Exam at the end of the semester.
3. There will be several homework assigned during the semester.
4. The evaluation will be done following the grading scheme:

Grading Scheme	
Homework Assignments	20%
Participation	10%
In-class Exams	40%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%