

**BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
of the City University of New York  
**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.

L	Date	Section	Topic	Suggested
1	1/29	Chapter 1	Computers and programs: What is Computer Science? Hardware Basics.	p. 24/1,2,3,4,5
2	1/31		Programming Languages. Inside a Python program. Elements of Programs	
3	2/5	Chapter 2	Writing simple programs:	p. 54/1-10
4	2/7		The Software Development Process.	
5	2/12	Chapter 3	Computing with numbers: Numeric Types.	p. 79-82: 2-16
6	2/14		Type Conversions and Math Library.	
7	2/21	<b>Review First Exam</b>		
	2/22	<b>First Exam</b>		
8	2/26	Chapter 4	Objects and graphics:	p. 126-128: 1-11
9	2/28			
10	3/4	Chapter 5	Computing with strings: The String Type.	p. 171-174: 1-15
11	3/6		String and Lists Methods.	
12	3/11	Chapter 6	Defining functions: Values returned.	p. 206-208: 1-16
13	3/13		Functions and Program Structures.	
14	3/18	<b>Mditerm Review</b>		
	3/20	<b>Midterm Examination</b>		
15	3/25	Chapter 7	Decision structures: Simple Decisions.	p. 238-241: 1-17
16	3/27		Two-Way / Multi-Way. Exception Handling.	

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17	4/1	Chapter 8	Loop structures and Boolean: For Loops.	p. 278-282: 1-15
18	4/3		Post-Test, Loop and a Half. Patterns.	
19	4/8	Chapter 9	Simulation and Design: Simulation.	p. 309-312: 1- 14
20	4/10		Pseudo-random Numbers.Top-Down Design. Bottom-Up Implementation.	
21	4/15	Chapter 10	Defining classes: Defining New Classes.	p. 358-362: 1-14
22	4/17		Objects and encapsulation. Data Processing.	
	4/22		Spring Break	
	4/24		Spring Break	
	4/29		Spring Break	
23	5/1	Chapter 11	Data Collection: Simple Statistics	p. 412-417: 1-19
24	5/6		Non-sequential Collections.	
25	5/8	Additional topics	Recursion	
26	5/13	<b>Review</b>		
27	5/15	<b>Review</b>		

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**Grading:**

1. There will be two tests during the semester. They are called: First Exam and Midterm Examination.
2. There will be a Final Exam at the end of the semester.
3. The evaluation will be a combination of the First Exam, the Midterm Examination and the Final exam.