

California Lutheran University

Bachelor's Degree for Professionals

CSC-110 Intro to Programming

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Thousand Oaks Campus **Room D-8**

5 Dec '16: Last day to drop without 'W' or financial penalty

17 Jan '17: Last day to drop without academic penalty

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Course Description (from catalog)

Introduction of logic concepts in programming. Breadth approach to essential elements of computer programming. Text based operating systems such as DOS will be discussed. Topics covered are problem solving concepts, computer systems, disk operating systems, computer programming languages, programming fundamentals, testing and debugging, conditions and branching, loops, flowcharts, compound statements, non-compound statements, top-down program design.

Textbooks/Required Readings

Python Programming: An Introduction to Computer Science, 3rd Ed. by John Zelle, published by Franklin, Beedle and Associates, ISBN 9781590282755.

Programming will be done in Python version 3.5, which students should have installed and operational on their computers on the first day of class.

Course Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to accomplish the following at a beginner level:

- A. Develop algorithms and solve logic problems.
- B. Write programs using traditional programming elements such as conditional branching, looping, and modular approaches.
- C. Writing object-oriented programs, define classes, use classes.
- D. Test and debug programs.
- E. Analyze object-oriented programming concepts and functions.
- F. Examine logic controls (if then else) and iteration commands.
- G. Create program designs incorporating requirements, specifications, validation, and other documentation.

Class Format

This course is a blended course; that means that approximately 30% of material will be online, while 70% of the content will be presented in class, face-to-face. As a blended course, it is neither more nor less challenging than traditional courses you've taken at CLU, and was developed to meet Cal Lutheran's strict requirements for excellence and compliance with Carnegie-hours requirements.

Class time will be devoted to lectures, collaborative learning such as class discussions, programming practice, and perhaps small-group exercises.

You are strongly encouraged to take notes during class.

Due to time constraints, the lecture will cover selected materials from the text, but you are responsible for all concepts covered in the assigned readings. You should complete assigned readings and exercises before coming to class.

You will probably spend 3 to 6 hours outside of class on reading and homework.

To facilitate discussion of course materials and exercises, you should bring your textbook to class each meeting.

Class participation includes regular attendance, and contributions to discussions, small group exercises, and individual projects. Thoughtful study of assignments before coming to class will ensure that you're ready to contribute. Missing more than two classes may impact your final grade.

All assigned works should be turned in by the due date at the beginning of class. There may be times when other obligations take priority. If so, inform me in advance (at least 2-3 days before a due date). With a valid reason, I will accept late assignments without penalty for one class meeting only. **Any assignments more than one class meeting late will be given a zero.**

You are expected to take quizzes and exams during the regular class period on the dates scheduled. Exceptions to this policy will be allowed if you have a documented medical excuse and only if you make arrangements with me before the scheduled exam period.

Conduct yourself in a professional manner in this course. Conduct and performance that would not be acceptable on the job may reduce your chances of success in this course.

Any reports will require that you employ your writing and presentation skills as is common in the workplace.

Course Assignments/Requirements/Tentative Course Schedule

Note: this is an aggressive schedule because we meet only once a week. Week 10 is a "buffer" so if we need to spend more time on an earlier topic, we can push back a little and still meet the requirements for the course. You are expected to read the chapters prior to coming to class.

Week	Subjects	Homework Due
1	Introductions Computers and programs, writing simple programs Chapters 1, 2	Install Python on your computer prior to coming to class!
2	Data types Working with numbers and strings, lists and files Chapters 3, 5	Homework 1
3	Objects and graphics	Homework 2

Chapter 4		
4	Midterm (so it's done before the holidays)	
5	Writing procedures (subroutines and functions)	Homework 3
Chapter 6		
6	Conditional branching, looping structures	Homework 4
Chapters 7, 8		
7	Data collections	Homework 5
Chapter 11		
8	Creating and using classes, object oriented programming	Homework 6
Chapter 10,12		
9	Simulation and design, searching, recursion	Homework 7
Chapters 9, 13		
10	Catch-up, and review Optional advanced topics like integrating with external packages	
11	Final (cumulative)	

Student Workload/Carnegie Hours:

Typical Student Workload for this 4-credit course (50-minute hour):

Activity	Instructor-Led Hours		Homework Hours		Remarks
	Weekly	Course	Weekly	Course	
Readings of required material (instructor notes, text book and on-line resources)			3 hr 40 min	40	Over 11 weeks, uneven distribution
Weekly Classes	3 hr. 20 min.	36 hrs. 40 min.			Includes final exam
Mid-term Prep				10	Average, varies by student
Weekly Projects				35	Average, varies by student
Final Exam Prep				15	Average, varies by student
Total		50		100	

** In this chart the Carnegie Instructional Hours have already been converted to traditional clock hours; these are based on a 60-minute clock hour.

Grading Criteria

- All homework must be submitted via Blackboard.

- Homework and quizzes: 45%
- Midterm: 20%
- Final: 25%
- Active class participation: 10%
- It is *possible though unlikely* that the midterm and final will be take-home exams.
- *If* we have ten or more students in the class, exam scores will be pseudo-normalized to the *second-highest* value. Otherwise scores will be pseudo-normalized to the highest grade achieved. See this article for details: [Addressing the “One Genius Makes the Rest of Us Look Bad” Problem](#).
- Classroom participation is naturally somewhat subjective. I realize that some students are more “outgoing” than others and I will take this into consideration as I get to know you.

The university allows for the assignment of +/- grades thus the following scale will be used for homework and exams:

		B+	<90 - 87	C+	<80 - 77	D+	<70 - 67
A	100-97	B	<87 - 84	C	<77 - 74	D	<67 - 64
A-	<97 - 90	B-	<84 - 80	C-	<74 - 70	D-	<64 - 60
						F	<60

Course Evaluations Statement

All course evaluations are conducted online. Your feedback is important to us. You will receive an email message reminding you when the website is open for your feedback. The link is: <http://courseval.callutheran.edu>

Disability Statement

California Lutheran University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations in compliance with ADA of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to students with documented disabilities. If you are a student requesting accommodations for this course, please contact your professor at the beginning of the semester and register with the Disability Support Services Coordinator, Wendy Jimenez, for the facilitation and verification of need. The Disability Support Services Coordinator is located in the Center for Student Success Office at 3259 Pioneer Street, and can be contacted by calling 805.493.3878 or emailing wjimene@callutheran.edu

Statement on Academic Honesty

The educational programs of California Lutheran University are designed and dedicated to achieve academic excellence, honesty and integrity at every level of student life. Part of Cal Lutheran’s dedication to academic excellence is our commitment to academic honesty. Students, faculty, staff and administration share the responsibility for maintaining high levels of scholarship on campus. Any behavior or act which might be defined as “deceitful” or “dishonest” will meet with appropriate disciplinary sanctions, including dismissal from the University, suspension, grade F in a course or various forms of academic probation. Policies and procedures regarding academic honesty are contained in the faculty and student handbooks.

Plagiarism, cheating, unethical computer use and facilitation of academic dishonesty are examples of behavior which will result in disciplinary sanctions. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

- word for word copying without using quotation marks or presenting the work as yours
- using the ideas or work of others without acknowledgement
- not citing quoted material. Students must cite sources for any information that is not either the result of original research or common knowledge.

Standards of Student Conduct Statements:

- [Student Life Handbook](#)
- [Academic Honesty Statement](#)

University Harassment Policy

Be civil to each other, both on- and offline. For information on the University's **student harassment policy and rights, please go to the following link:**
[Student Life Handbook](#)

Sexual Misconduct

California Lutheran University does not tolerate any degree of sexual misconduct on or off-campus. We encourage you to report if you know of, or have been the victim of, sexual harassment, misconduct, and/or assault. If you report this to a faculty member, she or he must notify Cal Lutheran's Title IX Coordinator about the basic facts of the incident. More information about your options for reporting can be found at: <http://www.callutheran.edu/title-ix/>

Pearson Library

Pearson Library provides access to scholarly books, journals, ebooks, and databases of full text articles from scholarly journals. To begin using these materials, visit the library web page <http://www.callutheran.edu/library>

There are many ways to contact Pearson Library for research assistance, no matter where you are!

- Email Yvonne Wilber (Professionals liaison) at ywilber@callutheran.edu
- General Library email: CLULibrary@callutheran.edu
- Library main phone: 805.493.3250
- Text us your question: 805.493.3867
- Get more help at: <http://www.callutheran.edu/library/help/>

Cal Lutheran Writing Center

The Writing Center provides 1:1 writing consultations, in-person and online, with trained undergraduate and graduate writing consultants. We welcome all writing-related projects at any stage of the writing process across the diverse disciplines of study at Cal Lutheran. The Writing Center also hosts writing workshops, provides in-class visits, facilitates writing groups, and offers a writer's studio option for longer, sustained projects. Services suit writers of all levels, including traditional undergraduates, graduate students from all fields, all English language learners, and accomplished scholars alike. All members of the Cal Lutheran community with an @callutheran.edu email address are welcome to make use of our services. For more information, please visit at www.callutheran.edu/writing_center or call 805.493.3257. Please schedule appointments online through MyCLU Blackboard with the yellow "The Writing Center" icon in "Tools," or stop by The Writing Center itself, located in the Darling Collaboration Suite of Pearson Library.

Veterans Resources

If you are a veteran, military member, or a family member of a veteran or military member, please refer to Cal Lutheran's Veterans Resources webpage for important information: <http://www.callutheran.edu/veterans/> . Also, if you are a veteran receiving benefits and you are struggling in a class, you most likely qualify for free tutoring. Please contact the Veterans Coordinator, Jenn Zimmerman, veterans@callutheran.edu or 805.493.3648, for more information.

Help Desk

Students may contact the Help Desk about telephone, network, wireless network, software questions password problems, hardware problems, and general consultation (i.e. you cannot log into your MyCLU portal, or you are having problems with Blackboard). Please email specific details about your problems to helpdesk@callutheran.edu, click on the following link for more information http://www.callutheran.edu/iss/technology_services/helpdesk.php or call: 805.493.3698

Final Note

This syllabus is subject to change. Every effort will be made to alert students to changes that occur in a timely manner.