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1. Synopsis

In this course students acquire foundational computer programming concepts and skills through Python, a widely-used programming language. Upon successful completion of this course, the students will understand and be able to appropriately apply fundamental programming concepts including variables, functions, parameters, loops and conditions as well as basic data structures including arrays (lists in Python) and hash tables (dictionaries in Python) in simple applications.

2. Prerequisites/Co-requisites

NIL.

(Please check Course Catalogue in BOSS for updated information!)

3. Course Areas

Technology Studies Cluster
Accounting Data Analytics Major
Information Systems Major
Technology for Business Major
Business Options
Accounting Options
Econ Major Rel/Econ Options
Social Sciences/PLE Major-rel
Accounting Major: Data Analytics Track

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4. Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand fundamental programming concepts such as variables, functions, conditions and loops
- Understand two commonly used data structures: array (lists in Python) and hash tables (dictionaries in Python) and use them appropriately for problem solving
- Apply these programming concepts appropriately to solve basic and typical problems such as searching for items satisfying some conditions inside a list of items.

5. Competencies

1. Understand what variables, operators and data types are in programming languages
2. Choose appropriate data types to store data
3. Understand the purpose of defining and calling functions
4. Implement a function based on its description
5. Understand how conditional statements work, identify scenarios when conditional statements are needed, and correctly express the conditions using Python language
6. Understand how loops work, identify scenarios when loops are needed, the stopping conditions of such loops and the actions to be repeated, and correctly express them using Python language

7. Understand the usage of lists and apply the appropriate syntax to manipulate a list
8. Identify scenarios when lists are needed to solve a problem and correctly construct lists to suit the needs
9. Understand the usage of dictionaries and apply the appropriate syntax to manipulate a dictionary
10. Identify scenarios when dictionaries are needed to solve a problem and correctly construct dictionaries to suit the needs
11. Apply the appropriate syntax to read and write text files in Python
12. Divide a complex problem into smaller sub-problems and conquer them one by one with the help of loops, conditions, functions, etc.

6. Teaching Staff

Faculty:

- Joelle ELMALEH (Course Coordinator)
- CHIA Chong Cher (Graduate Instructor)
- Serena Goh (Adjunct)

Instructors:

- No instructor

7. Course Assessments

Assessment Categories	Weightage (%)
Class Participation	10
Quizzes	20
Lab Tests	30
Final Exam	40
Total	100

Note: Weightage may vary depending on the year the course is offered and the faculty/instructor teaching the course.

8. Course Assessment Details

Class Participation:

The students will be assessed based on how actively engaged they are in class, how frequent they turn in their lab solutions, how frequent they take online self-check quizzes, etc.

Quizzes:

The students will answer coding questions in various formats such as MCQs, code tracing, filling in the blanks, error correction and code completion.

Lab Tests:

The students will answer coding questions using their laptops without any internet connection or with a lockdown browser.

Final Exam:

The students will answer coding questions during a 2-hour period in various formats such as MCQs, code tracing, error correction and code completion.

9. Lesson Plan

Please note that different sections may follow slightly different orders of the topics. Below shows only one lesson plan. However, all sections share the same scope of topics.

Week	Topic	Remarks (e.g. Assignment 1 due)
1	Introduction and fundamentals	
2	Functions	
3	Conditionals and Tuples	Quiz 1
4	Strings and for-Loops	
5	Lists (Part I)	Quiz 2
6	Lists (Part II)	
7	Review and Web Application Exercise I	Quiz 3
8 (Recess Week)		
9	while-Loops and File Handling (Part I)	
10	while-Loops and File Handling (Part II)	
11	Dictionaries (Part I)	Quiz 4
12	Dictionaries (Part II)	Lab Test
13	Review and Web Application Exercise II	
14 (Study Week)		
15 - 16 (Exam Weeks)		Final Exam

10. Resources

Main Reading:

The students will be given studying materials in the form of either Jupyter notebooks or videos (or both) on a weekly basis.

Optional Reading:

N/A

Tools:

The tools used may differ depending on the instructor, but all sections use Python 3. Some of the tools used are listed below:

- Jupyter Notebook
- Notepad++ (or Sublime Text for Mac users)

11. University Policies

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