SI204 Introduction to Computer Science

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<u>Course Description</u>: This course provides an introduction to algorithmic development, problem solving and software design. In particular, students develop the ability to solve problems using the procedural programming paradigm and the C++ language. These principles and concepts provide foundational knowledge and experience upon which later computing courses will build. This is the first course for computer science and information technology majors.

Credits: 3-2-4

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Solve problems using the procedural programming paradigm.
- 2. Design, develop, debug, and document computer programs using structured programming techniques. (supports Student Outcome 1).
- 3. Select and implement the most appropriate data structure for a solution and justify your selection.

Student Outcomes:

- 1. Analysis. Analyze a complex computing problem and to apply principles of computing and other relevant disciplines to identify solutions.
- 2. Implementation. Design, implement, and evaluate a computing-based solution to meet a given set of computing requirements in the context of the program's discipline.
- 3. Communication. Communicate effectively in a variety of professional contexts.
- 4. Ethics. Recognize professional responsibilities and make informed judgments in computing practice based on legal and ethical principles.
- 5. Teamwork. Function effectively as a member or leader of a team engaged in activities appropriate to the program's discipline.
- CS-6. Theory. Apply computer science theory and software development fundamentals to produce computing-based solutions.
- IT-6. Requirements. Identify and analyze user needs and to take them into account in the selection, creation, integration, evaluation, and administration of computing based systems.

Textbook(s): none

<u>Extra Instruction</u>: Extra instruction (EI) is strongly encouraged and should be scheduled by email with the instructor. EI is not a substitute lecture; students should come prepared with specific questions or problems.

<u>Collaboration</u>: The guidance in the Honor Concept of the Brigade of Midshipmen and the Computer Science Department Honor Policy must be followed at all times. See

www.usna.edu/CS/resources/honor.php. Specific instructions for this course:

• Homework and Labs: Collaborative conversations with regard to solving written problems, of syntax and strategies for accomplishing homework or lab (i.e. non-project!) programming assignments are allowed, however design and implementation must be the work of the individual student handing in the final product. Thus, the actual pencil-to-paper or fingers-to-keyboard work must be your own. Copying a file or parts of a file from anyone as a basis for your own submission is prohibited. Midshipmen must clearly state on their assignment whom they collaborated with or received help from, and this includes help received from an instructor in EI or from an MGSP mid.

Note: Although labs are treated as "routine" in this class, so that collaboration is allowed to the same extent as for homework, other courses in the department will treat them differently! So do not assume this is standard!

- Exams: All written exams will be closed book. Practicum exams will be given during a lab period. You may only use your paper-based notes, your own code stored on your CS Department home directory, the official class notes from the web, or your textbook for the practicum. On all exams, quizzes, and practicums you may not receive help from anyone.
- Projects: All projects MUST be submitted in order to pass this class. You must do your own work in designing, implementing, and testing your projects without assistance from anyone except for your instructor or, if properly documented, the other SI204 instructors for this semester, and the current IC210 MGSP leaders. The Department Policy Concerning Programming Projects provides detailed guidance.

All collaboration and outside sources should always be cited. The same rules apply for giving and receiving assistance. If you are unsure whether a certain kind of assistance or collaboration is permitted, you should assume it is not, work individually, and seek clarification from your instructor.

<u>Classroom Conduct</u>: The section leader will record attendance and bring the class to attention at the beginning and end of each class. If the instructor is late more than 5 minutes, the section leader will keep the class in place and report to the Computer Science department office. If the instructor is absent, the section leader will direct the class. Drinks are permitted, but they must be in reclosable containers. Food, alcohol, smoking, smokeless tobacco products, and electronic cigarettes are all prohibited. Cell phones must be silent during class.

<u>Late Policy</u>: Penalties for late submission of graded work may vary among courses or from semester to semester, but they will be the same for all sections of a given course. For *this* course:

- Late homeworks are not accepted. (Homework submission for excused absences should be resolved with your instructor.)
- Late labs are not accepted.
- Projects may be submitted late, with the following subtractive penalties (1 minute late=1 day late):

1 day: 1%2 days: 3%3 days: 6%4 days: 10%

- 5 days: 100%

Grading:

	6 weeks	12 weeks	16 weeks	Final
Homework	10%	10%	10%	10%
Labs	12%	12%	12%	12%
Projects	24%	24%	24%	24%
Exams	30%	30%	30%	30%
Practicum	24%	24%	24%	24%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%