

122COM: Module Guide Jan Starters

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1 Prior Learning

A basic prior knowledge of programming is assumed, Python3 in particular. The expectation is that students will have successfully completed 121COM before attempting this module.

2 Assessment

Assessment of this module is 100% by coursework and is broken down as follows:

- Phase test 1 - To be held in week 5 of the semester.
- Phase test 2 - To be held in week 10 of the semester.
- Portfolio project.

The phase tests are online multiple choice quizzes. They will be held under exam conditions during your 122 labs.

The majority of your marks will come from your portfolio projects.

2.1 Marking breakdown

- 20% - Phase test 1
- 20% - Phase test 2
- 60% - Portfolio project

3 Languages

The primary languages for the module will be Python3 and C++11. It is assumed that you will have a working knowledge of Python before you attempt this module.

C++ will be introduced during the module, the majority of students will be expected to work on lab material in C++ and may be tested on C++ syntax during the phase tests.

The exceptions are BIT and Media students who will be expected to complete some C++ labs but will not be asked questions regarding C++ syntax during the phase tests. They may,

however, be asked generalised questions regarding C++ in comparison to Python and about differences in programming languages.

4 Contact

The module runs in one semester over 11 weeks. There are 2 hours of contact time a week as a single lecture/lab block. Students are expected to spend an additional 4 hours a week in self study.

Additional support will be available as part of the programming support sessions <https://gitlab.com/coventry-university/programming-support-lab/wikis/home>

5 Reading

There is no required reading for this module. If students request a text book then the following can be recommended.

5.1 Python

It is assumed that students will already have a working Python knowledge but if further help is necessary then:

- Mark Lutz Learning Python, 5th Edition. Paperback, OReilly

5.2 C++

All the necessary C++ for this module will be covered during the lectures and labs but if further resources are required then:

- Mike McGrath - C++ Programming In Easy Steps, 4th Edition. Paperback (In Easy Steps)
- Penguin programmer - An excellent beginners C++ guide. <http://www.penguinprogrammer.co.uk/c-beginners-tutorial/>.
- Learncpp - A more advanced C++ guide that goes into greater depth. <http://www.learncpp.com/>

6 Module structure

122COM will be taught as lecture/lab pairs. A new topic will be introduced each week in the lecture and will be accompanied with coding exercises to be completed during the lab.

Lecture and lab material will be marked using the same traffic light system used in 121COM.

 Understanding the green material is required to pass the module.

 Understanding yellow material should produce a good mark.

- Red material is advanced and should be attempted by students with previous coding experience or students that are looking to stretch themselves. It is not testable.

6.1 Topics

- SQL
 - Python only*
 - SQL
 - Calling SQL from Python
 - SQL injection
 - Static vs. dynamic memory
 - Allocation
 - Deallocation
 - Pointers
 - References
 - Smart pointers
- GUIs
 - Python only*
 - Components
 - Layout
 - Events
- C++
 - C++ only*
 - Static typing
 - Syntax
 - Compiling
- Searching
 - Linear
 - Binary
 - String
- Performance
 - Profiling
 - Big O notation
- Memory
 - C++ only*
- Structures
 - Arrays
 - Linked lists
 - Abstract Data Types (ADTs)
 - Queues
 - Stacks
 - Sets
- Sorting
 - Bubble
 - Selection
 - Quick
- Testing
 - Unit testing
 - Automated unit testing
- Hashing
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 - Hash tables
 - Bloom filters

6.2 Weekly Plan

This module assumes that the lecture material is presented before the lab work is attempted.

Week	
1	SQL
2	GUIs
3	C++
4	Searching
5	Performance
6	Memory
7	Structures
8	Sorting
9	Testing
10	Recap/MEQ
11	Hashing

Table 1: Weekly topic plan (may change), **highlighted** labs contain phase tests.