

CSC 2430 - What You Should Already Know (in C++)

1. How to use the problem solving process to develop an algorithm to solve a problem.
 - a) Know the software development process
 - b) Be able to pseudocode
2. Input and Output in C++
 - a) Using `cout <<` for output
 - b) Output formatting for integers
 - c) Output formatting for strings
 - d) Optional: Use `fixed`, `showpoint` and `setprecision()` with floating point numbers
 - e) Using `cin >>` for input
 - f) How to enter information separated by whitespace
3. Arithmetic in C++
 - a) Priorities: `() * / + -`
 - b) Integer division vs. floating point division
 - c) Math functions from `<math.h>`
4. How to declare and use constants
5. Converting and casting data types
 - a) Implicit casts
 - b) Explicit casts
6. Selection statements
 - a) `if ()`
 - b) `if () else`
 - c) `nested if () else`
 - d) `switch ()`

7. Repetition statements

- a) `while ()`
- b) `do ... while ()`
- c) `for (. . . ; . . . ; . . .)`

8. How to declare and use functions

- a) Function prototypes and interfaces
- b) Modular programming fundamentals
- c) Testing of functions
- d) Functions which return a value (and those that do not)

9. Value parameters

- a) Passes the value of a variable or expression in the actual parameter list
- b) The value of the variable *is unchanged* by the calling function

10. Reference parameters

- a) Pass the memory location of the variable in the actual parameter list
- b) The value of the variable *is unchanged* by the calling function
- c) Know when to use value and when to use reference parameters

11. Strings

- a) string built-in data type

Optional:

- b) Arrays of char

Functions: `strcpy()`, `strcmp()`, `strcat()`, `strlen()`

12. Arrays

- a) Array input and output
 - b) Array manipulation
 - c) Passing arrays to/from a function
- Optional;
- d) Searching an array (sequential and binary search)
 - e) Sorting an array (selection sort, bubble sort)