



Course Specification

(Bachelor)

Course Title: Concepts of Programming Languages

Course Code: CS270

Program: Computer Science

Department: Computer Science

College: Collage of Computer and Information Science

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A. General information about the course:

1. Course Identification

1. Credit hours: (.....)

3 (3,0,1)

2. Course type

A. University College Department Track Others

B. Required Elective

3. Level/year at which this course is offered: (...Level 6 / Year 3.....)

4. Course general Description:

This course gives students a set of formal mathematical tools for defining and implementing the semantics of a language and demonstrates them in the context of important real-world programming languages, with emphasis on theoretical properties of type systems.

5. Pre-requirements for this course (if any):

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6. Pre-requirements for this course (if any):

7. Course Main Objective(s):

To acquire the fundamental concepts of programming languages and techniques to discuss and compare features of several popular programming paradigms such as imperative, object oriented, functional, and logic programming. Understand how to examine modern programming languages and features: abstract data and control structures, procedures, parameter passing mechanisms, block structuring and scope rules, input/output, and storage management.

2. Teaching mode (mark all that apply)

| No | Mode of Instruction | Contact Hours | Percentage |
|----|--|---------------|------------|
| 1 | Traditional classroom | 60 | 100% |
| 2 | E-learning | | |
| 3 | Hybrid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional classroom • E-learning | | |
| 4 | Distance learning | | |



3. Contact Hours (based on the academic semester)

| No | Activity | Contact Hours |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Lectures | 48 |
| 2. | Laboratory/Studio | |
| 3. | Field | |
| 4. | Tutorial | 12 |
| 5. | Others (specify) | |
| Total | | 60 |

B. Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs), Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

| Code | Course Learning Outcomes | Code of CLOs aligned with program | Teaching Strategies | Assessment Methods |
|------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1.0 | Knowledge and understanding | | | |
| 1.1 | CLO1- Describe the evolution of modern | K1 | Classroom Teaching | Quiz, Assignment, Mid Exam, Final Exam |
| 1.2 | CLO2- Identify the basic aspects of various programming paradigms. | K1 | Classroom Teaching | Quiz, Assignment, Mid Exam, Final Exam |
| ... | | | | |
| 2.0 | Skills | | | |
| 2.1 | CLO2- Identify the basic aspects of various programming paradigms. | S3 | Classroom Teaching | Quiz, Assignment, Mid Exam, Final Exam |
| 2.2 | CLO3- Demonstrate facility of BNF specifying programming language syntax and semantics. | S1 | Classroom Teaching | Quiz, Assignment, Mid Exam, Final Exam |
| 2.3 | CLO4- Show understanding of issues involving variables and subprograms | S3 | Classroom Teaching | Quiz, Assignment, Mid Exam, Final Exam |



| Code | Course Learning Outcomes | Code of CLOs aligned with program | Teaching Strategies | Assessment Methods |
|------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| 2.4 | CLO5- Describe features of functional and logic programming languages | S1 | Classroom Teaching, Classroom Demonstration | Quiz, Assignment, Mid Exam, Final Exam |
| 2.5 | | | | |
| 3.0 | Values, autonomy, and responsibility | | | |
| 3.1 | | | | |
| 3.2 | | | | |
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C. Course Content

| No | List of Topics | Contact Hours |
|----|--|---------------|
| 1. | Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for studying concepts of programming languages • Language evaluation criteria • Language Categories | 4 |
| 2. | Describing Syntax and Semantics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The general problem of describing syntax • Formal methods of describing syntax • Attribute grammars | 4 |
| 3 | Lexical and Syntax Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lexical analysis • The parsing problem • Recursive Descent parsing Name, Bindings, Type Checking, and Scopes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names • Variables • The concepts of binding | 8 |
| 4 | Data Types <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primitive data types • Different structures | 8 |





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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character string types • User defined ordinal types | |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrays types • Record types • Union types • Pointer and reference types | 8 |
| 6 | <p>Expressions and Assignment Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arithmetic expressions • Overloaded operators • Types conversions | 8 |
| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relational and Boolean expressions • Short circuit evaluation • Assignment statements <p>Mixed mode assignment</p> | 4 |
| 8 | Statement Level control structures | 4 |
| 9 | <p>Subprograms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design issues for subprograms • Local referencing environments Parameter passing methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parameters that are subprogram names | 4 |
| 10 | Functional programming languages | 4 |
| 11 | Logic programming languages | 4 |
| Total | | 60 |

D. Students Assessment Activities

| No | Assessment Activities * | Assessment timing (in week no) | Percentage of Total Assessment Score |
|----|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Quizzes | Week 4,10 | 10% |
| 2. | Assignments | Week 5,9 | 10% |
| 3. | Midterm Exam | Week 8 | 20% |
| 4. | Exercise | Every Week | 10% |
| 5. | Final Exam | Week 14 | 40% |
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*Assessment Activities (i.e., Written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.).



E. Learning Resources and Facilities

1. References and Learning Resources

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Essential References | Concepts of Programming Languages, Robert W. Sebesta, Prentice Hall, 2018, 12th Edition |
| Supportive References | |
| Electronic Materials | |
| Other Learning Materials | |

2. Required Facilities and equipment

| Items | Resources |
|---|---|
| facilities (Classrooms, laboratories, exhibition rooms, simulation rooms, etc.) | Classroom |
| Technology equipment (projector, smart board, software) | PC with Windows/Linux, LCD Projector, Smart Board |
| Other equipment (depending on the nature of the specialty) | Internet Connection |

F. Assessment of Course Quality

| Assessment Areas/Issues | Assessor | Assessment Methods |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| Effectiveness of teaching | Students | Student Survey |
| Effectiveness of Students assessment | Students | Peer Review |
| Quality of learning resources | Students | Student Survey |
| The extent to which CLOs have been achieved | Instructor/Students | Direct/Indirect |
| Other | | |

Assessors (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify))

Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)

G. Specification Approval

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| COUNCIL /COMMITTEE | COLLEGE COUNCIL |
| REFERENCE NO. | MEETING #1 |
| DATE | |

