Course Description

Introduction to computers and computer programming intended for nonmajors. Appropriate for those seeking a practical introduction to computer programming. Topics include the use of data types and variables, programming control constructs supported by modern languages, input/output, basic concepts of object-oriented programming (such as classes, objects, encapsulation, information hiding, and code reuse), as well as graphical user interfaces. No previous computer experience assumed. Not suitable for intended computer science or computer engineering majors. Admitted computer science and computer engineering students should not take this course.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course the student should be familiar with several core programming concepts including modular design, object oriented design, and selection. Students will also have gained experience in using programming to solve problems.

Course Prerequisites

None, however familiarity with using a computer is necessary. If you do not feel comfortable with word processors, web browsers, or general computing this course may not be appropriate at this time for you and you should speak with the instructor immediately.

Course Requirements

Not enrolled as a computer science or computer engineering major. Successful completion of this course requires students to attend lectures and labs along with completing assignments, exams, labs and quizzes with a high level of quality and care.

Textbook

Recommended:
Additional resources will be provided to you to supplement the textbook, these will be from [http://www.processing.org](http://www.processing.org) which is a great resource of tutorials, examples and applications. This is also where you will be able to get the software for free for the course.

**Schedule**

Lecture:
MWF 3-3:50pm Hochstetter 114

Recitation: Bell 340
A1: M 8 am - 9:50 am
A2: R 8 am - 9:50 am
A3: R 11 am - 12:50 pm
A4: T 2 pm -3:50 pm
A5: T 11 am - 12:50 pm
A6: W 11 am -12:50 pm

**Attendance**

Lectures:
If you do not attend lecture you risk missing important content, information and your points for TopHat for that day. There will be no enforcement of attendance other than when exams and quizzes are scheduled. If you do not show up for an exam or quiz without previous arrangements barring extreme unforeseeable circumstances then you will not be allowed to make up the exam. On a regular lecture day, if you know you will not make it to class and want to be excused from TopHat, you need to email the instructor ahead of time with an explanation, after class has started only extreme situations will be considered.

Recitations/Labs:
When labs are assigned it is mandatory(but not enforced) that you attend your assigned recitation section to perform your lab. If there is a prelab or in-lab assignment, it can only be done during your assigned recitation, and you must be on time that day. If you must miss your section, speak with your TA/instructor as soon as possible to see if any accommodations can be made. Sections are full so attending other sections is not allowed without express permission. You are to use this time to work on your lab assignments however you may need to spend additional time outside of the recitation to complete the work. You may also use this time to work on other course related assignments.
Office Hours

Unless instructed that they have changed.
Tuesdays, 1 pm - 3 pm, Davis 351
By appointment, email to arrange.

TAs will provide additional office hours which will be announced.

Instructor Contact Information

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Academic Content

This is a tentative list of topics includes:

- Processing language
  - Processing syntax
- Programming foundations
  - Modular approaches
  - Variables
  - Logic operations
  - Control structures
- User interface
  - Mouse operations
  - Simulating motion
- Object oriented programming basics
- Graphical programming
  - Visualization foundations

Grading Policies

Your grade will be comprised of:
12.5 % Exam 1
12.5 % Exam 2
20% Final Exam
5% TopHat
10% Homework, quizzes, and other assignments
40% Laboratory Assignments

2% extra credit will be available by completing one the extra credit options provided.

Other extra credit opportunities may be made available.

Your final score for the course will be converted into a letter grade as follows:

- A: 100–94
- A-: 93–90
- B+: 89–87
- B: 86–84
- B-: 83–80
- C+: 79–77
- C: 76–74
- C-: 73–70
- D: 69–60
- F: 59–0

The instructor reserves the right to curve grades if appropriate.

Incompletes (I/IU): The course follows the university undergraduate incomplete policy. A grade of incomplete (“I”) indicates that additional coursework is required to fulfill the requirements of a given course. Students may only be given an “I” grade if they have a passing average in coursework that has been completed and have well-defined parameters to complete the course requirements that could result in a grade better than the default grade. An “I” grade may not be assigned to a student who did not attend the course.

Prior to the end of the semester, students must initiate the request for an “I” grade and receive the instructor’s approval. Assignment of an “I” grade is at the discretion of the instructor.

The instructor must specify a default letter grade at the time the “I” grade is submitted. A default grade is the letter grade the student will receive if no additional coursework is completed and/or a grade change form is not filed by the instructor. “I” grades must be completed within 12 months – see the Incomplete Grade Policy for the schedule. Individual instructors may set shorter time limits for removing an incomplete than the 12-month time limit. Upon assigning an “I” grade, the instructor shall provide the student specification, in writing or by electronic mail, of the requirements to be fulfilled, and shall file a copy with the appropriate departmental office. Students must not re-register for courses for which they have received an “I” grade.
Collaboration Policies

Unless explicitly told, all work is to be done independently with only the assistance of TAs and the instructor. You may discuss the general concepts of assignments and what the question asks for with other students but you may not discuss answers.

Unauthorized collaboration will result in an “F” in the course as a violation in academic integrity.

Exam Policy

There will be 3 exams. Two exams will be in class, the final exam is scheduled by the registrar. You must have a valid ID with you at the time of the exam (UB Card will suffice) and your own writing tools. You can not borrow pens or pencils during the exam. During the exam there is to be no talking or looking at your phone, doing so may result in an automatic “F” on the exam based on the incident.

With the first two exams, you will have the ability to make corrections to earn points back, as a result, the exam period is considered from the start of the exam in class until the regrades are due. During that period you can not communicate in any way with anyone other than the instructor or TAs about the exam. These policies will be reviewed prior to the exam, included in the honesty statement on the exam, and with the return of the exam prior to doing corrections.

Any accommodations must be made in advanced barring extraordinary circumstances.

Due Dates

All submissions will be made on UBLearns unless otherwise instructed.

Late work:
No work will be accepted after midnight on Friday of the last week of classes barring extraordinary circumstances. This includes requests to have your grades reviewed and regraded.

All assignments have a time and day due date, you may submit up to 24 hours late at no penalty. After that no late work will be accepted barring extraordinary circumstances and that no solutions have been released. In that case a late penalty may be applied. If a regrade is desired, you have 1 week from the time the grade is released to request a regrade of the assignment to the instructor. Only the instructor can do the regrading of assignments. Corrections are not allowed on homework and lab assignments.
Email Policy

Students are responsible for email sent to their official University at Buffalo email address. Communication will not be done with non-university email addresses. A level of professionalism is expected with all communications.

Accessibility Resources

If you have any disability which requires reasonable accommodations to enable you to participate in this course, please contact the Office of Accessibility Resources, 60 Capen Hall, 645-2608, and also the instructor of this course. The office will provide you with information and review appropriate arrangements for reasonable accommodations.

University Policies

You are expected to adhere to all university policies, including those listed below and not listed.

Academic Integrity Policy:
http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/policies/course/integrity.html

University Policy on Accommodations:
https://policy.business.buffalo.edu/Policy%20Library/Reasonable%20Accommodation.pdf

The Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion provides many resources including the following policies to be followed:

Discrimination and Harassment:
http://www.buffalo.edu/administrative-services/policy1/ub-policy-lib/discrimination-harassment.html

Reasonable Accommodation:
http://www.buffalo.edu/administrative-services/policy1/ub-policy-lib/reasonable-accommodation.html
Religious Accommodation and Expression:  
http://www.buffalo.edu/administrative-services/policy1/ub-policy-lib/religious-accommodation-expression.html

Departmental Academic Integrity Policy  
http://www.cse.buffalo.edu/undergrad/policy_academic.php

Student Code of Conduct  
http://www.buffalo.edu/content/dam/www/studentlife/units/uls/judicial-affairs/ub-student-code-of-conduct.pdf

Classroom Behavior Expectations  
https://catalog.buffalo.edu/policies/obstruction.html

**Departmental Statement on Academic Integrity in Coding Assignments and Projects**

All academic work must be your own. Plagiarism, defined as copying or receiving materials from a source or sources and submitting this material as one's own without acknowledging the particular debts to the source (quotations, paraphrases, basic ideas), or otherwise representing the work of another as one's own, is never allowed. Collaboration, usually evidenced by unjustifiable similarity, is never permitted in individual assignments. Any submitted academic work may be subject to screening by software programs designed to detect evidence of plagiarism or collaboration.

It is your responsibility to maintain the security of your computer accounts and your written work. Do not share passwords with anyone, nor write your password down where it may be seen by others. Do not change permissions to allow others to read your course directories and files. Do not walk away from a workstation without logging out. These are your responsibilities. In groups that collaborate inappropriately, it may be impossible to determine who has offered work to others in the group, who has received work, and who may have inadvertently made their work available to the others by failure to maintain adequate personal security. In such cases, all will be held equally liable.
Departmental Policy on Violations of Academic Integrity

Any student accused of a violation of academic integrity will be so notified by the course director. An informal review will be conducted, including a meeting between these parties. After this review and upon determination that a violation has occurred, the following sanctions will be imposed. It is the policy of this department that any violation of academic integrity will result in an F for the course, that all departmental financial support including teaching assistanceship, research assistanceship or scholarships be terminated, that notification of this action be placed in the student's confidential departmental record, and that the student be permanently ineligible for future departmental financial support. A second violation of academic integrity will cause the department to seek permanent dismissal from the major and bar from enrollment in any departmental courses. Especially flagrant violations will be considered under formal review proceedings, which may in addition to the above sanctions result in expulsion from the University.
# Tentative Schedule

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| Text and More Control |
| Mar 28 | W- | March 28 |
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| Exam 2 Review |
| Apr 2 | M- | April 2  
| Tentative Exam 2 |
| Apr 4 | W- | April 4  
| Advanced Control |
| Apr 6 | F- | April 6 |
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| Advanced Modular Design |
| Apr 13 | F- | April 13 |
| Apr 16 | M- | April 16 |
| Apr 18 | W- | April 18  
| More Arithmetic |
| Apr 20 | F- | April 20 |
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| Object Oriented Programming |
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Final exam is scheduled (this is subject to change and is determined by the registrar)- May 16, 3:30-6:30 Hochstetter 114

Important Dates

**First Day of Classes:** Monday January 29  
**Last Day to Drop/Add:** Monday February 5  
**Last Day to Resign:** Friday April 20  
**Last Day of Classes:** Friday May 11