Computing Science Course Outlines 2020 Fall

CMPT 120 - D100 Intro.Cmpt.Sci/Programming I

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Calendar Objective/Description:
Intro.Cmpt.Sci/Programming I

Instructor's Objectives:
An elementary introduction to computing science and computer programming, suitable for students with little or no programming background. Students will learn fundamental concepts and terminology of computing science, acquire elementary skills for programming in a high-level language and be exposed to diverse fields within, and applications of computing science.

For this Fall 2020 semester, all course components (lectures, assignments, and exams) will be in an online format. Students must have access to a computer with internet access, allowing the use of a conferencing system such as Zoom or BB Collaborate Ultra. Some components of the course will require synchronous (real-time) participation during the scheduled lecture and/or exam times. Visual proctoring may be required, subject to university approval.

All the course information and communication will be centralized in the Canvas course website, including materials, assignments, and a discussion forum. Students should organize their Canvas settings to be notified when announcements are posted.

CMPT 120 PLACEMENT TEST – do you have enough computing knowledge to pass our placement test? Have you taken Computing Science courses in High School or elsewhere? Have you worked in a business or volunteered as a computer programmer? Have you written programs of 200-300 lines of code or more?

IF YES, you may NOT have to take CMPT 120 and could enroll directly into the next required courses – CMPT 125 and 127. Challenge yourself and take our placement test. https://courses.cs.sfu.ca/forms/cmpt-cmpt-120-placement-test/

IF NO – please go ahead and enroll in CMPT 120.

Prerequisites:
see go.sfu.ca

Topics:
- Algorithms and computational thinking
- Procedural programming in Python
- Data types and control structures
- Application areas within computing science
- Fundamental algorithms, including searching, sorting, basics of recursion
- Computability and complexity, introduction
- Basics of binary encoding

Grading:
There will be assignments and multiple quizzes/exams. A more detailed marking scheme will be provided in the first class of the semester.
Students must attain an overall passing grade on the weighted average of exams in the course in order to obtain a clear pass (C- or better).

**Required Books:**
Think Python - How to Think Like a Computer Scientist: Interactive Edition
https://runestone.academy/runestone/books/published/thinkcspy/index.html

**Reference Books:**

Starting out with Programming Logic and Design, Tony Gaddis, Pearson, 2016, 9780133985078, Available on reserves at the SFU library


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