

This information may be further updated before the beginning of the spring semester.

CSCI 126

Introduction to Computing

Spring 2014

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Office Hrs: **M** 2:00pm – 5:00 If I’m not in my office during office hours, look for a note on
T 2:00pm – 5:00 the door. If there’s no note, you can check with the CSCI dept
W 2:00pm – 5:00 secretary in Jour 122-124 to be sure I’m on campus. Unless I’m
R 2:00pm – 5:00 sick that day, I’m probably on my way and will be there as soon
or by appointment as I can.

Course Description:

The main focus of this course is on business applications of software, including word processing, spreadsheet, databases, presentation graphics and business oriented utilization of the Internet.

The course also discusses computer terminology, hardware, software, operating systems, and information systems relating to the business and educational environments.

Student Learning Outcomes

After completion of this course, you will understand the basic concepts of modern computers and their impact on society:

- Application software
- Various types of computer hardware and their functions
- Data storage facilities
- Utilization of the Internet by society today
- Data communications and networking

You will also learn the basic features and be able to use:

- word-processing software
- spreadsheet software
- presentation software.

Text/Required Materials:

- Computing Essentials 2012 Making IT Work For You Timothy O’Leary & Linda O’Leary
ISBN: 9780073516806
- Microsoft Office 2010 A Case Approach, Introductory Timothy O’Leary & Linda O’Leary
ISBN: 9780073519302
- Computer and Internet Access
- Software: Microsoft Office 2010 (you can use 2007 or 2013 if that’s what you already have)

Evaluation:

Your grade for the course will be based on the following approximate numbers and percentages:

MS Office Lab Assignments	20%
“Computing Essentials” Chapter Quizzes	20%
Lab Exams (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)	30%
Mid Term Exam (over “Computing Essentials” chapters)	10%
Final Exam (over “Computing Essentials” chapters)	10%
Current Events Discussions	10%

Letter grades for the course will be assigned according to this scale of percentage points:

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
0 – 59	F

eCollege:

You can access eCollege either directly or through your myLeo account.

1. To access eCollege from the university's home page, click on the **myLeo** logo at the bottom right of the page. From the myLeo login page, log on to your myLeo account. On the left side of your myLeo home page under LaunchPad, click on the eCollege icon (@ sign with an academic cap).

You can bypass the university's home page by going directly to the myLeo login page:

<http://myLeo.tamuc.edu> .

- or** To connect to eCollege directly, go to <http://online.tamuc.org/>
Enter your CWID in the User Id box at the top of the screen where the cursor is blinking and enter your myLeo password in the Password box to the right of the User Id box. Click on **Sign In** .

As long as eCollege itself is up, you can connect to eCollege this way even when myLeo is down or the university's home page is inaccessible.

2. In eCollege click on the **MyCourses** tab (next to **Home**) in the upper left corner of the screen between the university logo and the date.
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the MyCourses screen and click on the class you want from the list of online and/or web-enhanced courses you may be taking this semester.

eCollege Announcements:

The course home page (the first page once you get into a specific course) contains an **Announcements** box. Click on an announcement name (or on the + sign to the left of the name) to open and view the file. If an announcement is particularly time-sensitive, an email will also be sent to the entire class.

Please be sure to check the eCollege Announcements frequently.

eCollege Document Sharing:

The syllabus, assignment schedule, and documents needed to complete lab assignments can be downloaded from the eCollege Document Sharing section. Click on **Doc Sharing** in the toolbar at the top of the screen. The files will be organized in named category folders.

In the **Categories** box, click on the category you want. Then in the box below (title is the category selected), click on the name of the file to be downloaded. You're given the option of saving the file or opening it directly in its application program (Word, PowerPoint, or Excel) and then saving it if you wish to keep a copy of it.

eCollege DropBox:

All lab assignments (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint) are to be submitted via the DropBox (instructions to be found in the top-level folder in Doc Sharing).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE		
Date	Computing Essentials and Current Events Discussions	MS Office
WEEK 1		
13 Jan	Read Ch 1 Information Technology, the Internet, and You	
thru	Take CE Ch 1 Quiz (by midnight Sunday night 26 Jan)	
19 Jan		
WEEK 2		
21 Jan	Read Ch 2 The Internet, The Web,	Read Intro to MS Office 2010
thru	and Electronic Commerce	p. 10.1-10.6, 10.10-10.67
26 Jan	Take CE Ch 2 Quiz	
	(by midnight Sunday night 2 Feb)	
WEEK 3		
27 Jan	Read Ch 3 Basic Application	Work through Word Lab 1
thru	Software	p. WD1.1-WD1.63
2 Feb	Take CE Ch 3 Quiz	Upload Flyer1.docx and Flyer Memo.docx
	(by midnight Sunday night 9 Feb)	to the Word Lab 1 dropbox
	Current Events Discussion:	Work through Word Lab 1 Step-By-Step
	Click on Current Events Discussion 1	Exercise 2 p. WD1.75-WD1.76
	in the left sidebar under Week 3	Upload Bike Event.docx
		to the Word Lab 1 Exercise dropbox
WEEK 4		
3 Feb	Read Ch 4 Specialized Application	Work through Word Lab 2
thru	Software	p. WD2.1-WD2.85
9 Feb	Take CE Ch 4 Quiz	Upload Tour Letter2.docx
	(by midnight Sunday night 16 Feb)	to the Word Lab 2 dropbox
	Current Events Discussion:	Work through Word Lab 2 Step-By-Step
	Click on Current Events Discussion 2	Exercise 3 p. WD2.99-WD2.100
	in the left sidebar under Week 4	Upload Fitness Fun Flyer.docx
		to the Word Lab 2 Exercise dropbox
WEEK 5		
10 Feb	Read Ch 5 System Software	Work through Word Lab 3
thru	Take CE Ch 5 Quiz	p. WD3.1-WD3.90
16 Feb	(by midnight Sunday night 23 Feb)	Upload Tour Research.docx
		to the Word Lab 3 dropbox
	Current Events Discussion:	
	Click on Current Events Discussion 3	Work through WordLab 3 Step-By-Step
	in the left sidebar under Week 5	Exercise 1 p. WD3.102-WD3.103
		Upload Composting Information.docx to the
		Word Lab 3 Exercise dropbox

WEEK 6		
17 Feb	Read Ch 6 The System Unit	Word Exam
thru	Take CE Ch 6 Quiz	
23 Feb	(by midnight Sunday night 2 Mar)	
	Current Events Discussion:	
	Click on Current Events Discussion 4	
	in the left sidebar under Week 6	
WEEK 7		
24 Feb	Read Ch 7 Input and Output	Work through Excel Lab 1
thru	Take CE Ch 7 Quiz	p. EX1.1-EX1.77
2 Mar	(by midnight Sunday night 9 Mar)	Upload Cafe Forecast1.xlsx
		to the Excel Lab 1 dropbox
	Current Events Discussion:	
	Click on Current Events Discussion 5	Work through Lab 1 Step-By-Step Exercise 2
	in the left sidebar under Week 7	p. EX1.90-EX1.91
		Upload Animal Housing Analysis.xlsx
		to the Excel Lab 1 Exercise dropbox
WEEK 8		
3 Mar	Midterm Exam Ch. 1-7	Work through Excel Lab 2
thru	(by midnight Sunday night 23 Mar)	p. EX2.1-EX2.73
9 Mar		Upload Cafe Sales Forecast.xlsx
	Current Events Discussion:	to the Excel Lab 2 dropbox
	Click on Current Events Discussion 6	
	in the left sidebar under Week 8	Work through Lab 2 Step-By-Step Exercise 2
		p. EX2.85-EX2.86
		Upload Vehicle Costs.xlsx
		to the Excel Lab 2 Exercise dropbox
10-14 Mar	Spring Break	Spring Break

WEEK 9		
17 Mar	Read Ch 8 Secondary Storage	Work through Excel Lab 3
thru	Take CE Ch 8 Quiz	p. EX3.1-3.67
23 Mar	(by midnight Sunday night 30 Mar)	Upload Annual Forecast.xlsx
		to the Excel Lab 3 dropbox
	Current Events Discussion:	
	Click on Current Events Discussion 7	Work through Lab 3 Step-By-Step Exercise 1
	in the left sidebar under Week 9	p. EX3.80-3.81
		Upload Gelato Fresco.xlsx
		to the Excel 3 Exercise dropbox

WEEK 10		
45 Mar	Read Ch 9 Communications and	Excel Exam
thru	Networks	
30 Mar	Take CE Ch 9 Quiz	
	(by midnight Sunday night 6 Apr)	
	Current Events Discussion:	
	Click on Current Events Discussion 8	
	in the left sidebar under Week 10	
WEEK 11		
31 Mar	Read Ch 10 Privacy, Security, and	Work through PowerPoint Lab 1
thru	Ethics	p. PP1.1-PP1.69
6 Apr	Take CE Ch 10 Quiz	Upload Volunteer1.pptx
	(by midnight Sunday night 13 Apr)	to the PPT Lab 1 dropbox
	Current Events Discussion:	Work through Lab 1 Step-By-Step Exercise 3
	Click on Current Events Discussion 9	p. PP1.82-PP1.83
	in the left sidebar under Week 11	Upload Resume1.pptx
		to the PPT Lab 1 Exercise dropbox
WEEK 12		
7 Apr	Read Ch 11 Information Systems	Work through PowerPoint Lab 2
thru	Take CE Ch 11 Quiz	p. PP2.1-PP2.75
13 Apr	(by midnight Sunday night 20 Apr)	Upload Volunteer2.pptx
		to the PPT Lab 2 dropbox
	Current Events Discussion:	
	Click on Current Events Discussion 10	Work through Lab 2 Step-By-Step Exercise 3
	in the left sidebar under Week 12	p. PP2.89-PP2.90
		Upload ASU Presentation1.pptx
		to the PPT Lab 2 Exercise dropbox
WEEK 13		
14 Apr	Read Ch 12 Databases	PowerPoint Exam
thru	Take CE Ch 12 Quiz	
20 Apr	(by midnight Sunday night 27 Apr)	
WEEK 14		
21 Apr	Read Ch 13 Systems Analysis and	
thru	Design	
27 Apr	Take CE Ch 13 Quiz	
	(by midnight Sunday night 4 May)	
WEEK 15		
28 Apr	CE Final Exam Ch 8-14	
Thru	will be available this week	
4 May		
WEEK 16		
5-11 May	CE Final Exam Ch 8-14	
	(by midnight Sunday night 11 May)	

University Policies and Announcements

Students with Disabilities:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities.

If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library

Room 132

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu

"All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment."

(See Student's Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct)

EARLY INTERVENTION FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS:

Early intervention for freshmen is designed to communicate the University's interest in their success and a willingness to participate fully to help students accomplish their academic objectives. The university through faculty advisors and mentors will assist students who may be experiencing difficulty to focus on improvement and course completion. This process will allow students to be knowledgeable about their academic progress early in the semester and will provide faculty and staff with useful data for assisting students and enhancing retention. Grade reports will be mailed by the end of the sixth week of the semester.

All students should be aware that plagiarism is a serious offense. Copying assignments from other students or the internet is not allowed. You may certainly discuss with one another the general aspects of assignments (like "what does this requirement mean?") and strategies for solutions for these assignments, but you must do the actual assignments on your own.

In an effort to increase communication and improve service to our students, a comprehensive listing of "Frequently Asked Questions" has been posted on the University home page:

<http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/home/faqsUndergrad.asp>

This link will serve as a valuable information source for students, parents, guardians, as well as faculty and staff during the academic year.

Schedules will be dropped on **Wednesday 30 January** for students who have not paid the balance due on their accounts. Please remind them to check the status of their accounts on MyLeo.

If you need assistance to pay your balance, please check with the Bursar's Office (903-886-5051).

Financial difficulties?

Contact the Loan Office at 903-886-5051 for more information or refer to information on the main Student Accounts webpage

<http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/fiscal/studentaccounts/studentaccounts.htm>

for current updates or email student_accounts@tamu-commerce.edu .