CSCI 201: Introduction to Computer Science I – Spring 2015 – Course Syllabus

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Lecture: TR 9:30-10:45AM, Thompson 317.
Lab (required): Lab 2 W 2:30-4:15PM; Thompson 215.
Office Hours: TBD. http://drv.youcanbook.me


Website: http://bit.ly/citadel15

Schedules, assignments and other announcements will be given in class and on the website.

Course Description: Four credit hours. Required for B.S. degree in computer science; no previous computer programming experience is needed for this course; introduction to problem solving and algorithm development using Java. Topics include: computer organization, operating systems, structured programming, and program modularization. Assignments involve designing, coding, debugging, and documenting computer programs.

Exam Dates: These exam periods cannot be missed without a documented medical excuse: Wednesday 03 March (Lab) and Thursday 04 March (Lecture), and Saturday 02 May 8am (final).

Assignments and Assessment (subject to modification): There will be regular quizzes, weekly laboratory assignments, programming assignments, a midterm exam and a comprehensive final exam. The breakdown of the grading weights will be: quizzes 10%, lab assignments 15%, programming assignments 30%, midterm exam 15%, and final exam 30%. Nothing can be made up or turned in late without a documented medical excuse. Grades of A, B, C, D, F will be given at the standard cutoff values: 90%, 80%, 70%, 60%, etc.

All submissions will be graded on correctness and presentation. You must solve all homework and programming assignments on your own unless explicitly permitted. This also means that you cannot search the Internet for answers or solutions. You may discuss the problems and solutions with your classmates, but you must never give out your code and you must write up your own solutions independently unless otherwise indicated. You can get advice from formers students, but not solutions. You must list every source of help you get on every assignment, whether a person, website, book, etc. You can submit incomplete work for partial credit, but not late work. Make sure you keep well-organized, digital copies of all work you do both at home and in the lab. A USB drive is recommended.

Academic Integrity Policy: Cheating is contemptible and those who cheat are reprehensible. The Citadel Honor Code requires each student to act with honesty and integrity and to respect the rights of others in carrying out all academic assignments. This official policy can be found here: http://www.citadel.edu/honor and http://www.michaelverdicchio.com/students/academic-integrity-policy/. School policy allows for cheating sanctions ranging from zero credit for an assignment to expulsion (without expectation of readmission). Any student who is found to have violated the Honor Code in this course, no matter how minor the violation, will at a minimum receive a failing grade by reason of academic dishonesty in the course (permanent record). Rather than existing for the sake of strictness, this policy is intended to create a fair evaluation system for students who choose to abide by the standards for academic integrity by eliminating from consideration the grades of those who choose not to.