​​​​CpS 109 - Introduction to Computer Programming

Fall 2025

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Course Description:

An introduction to programming using a high-level language, with an emphasis on problem-solving using structured techniques and objects, and the development of problem-solving skills through programming exercises.

Course Reading(s):

Programming With Microsoft Visual Basic 2019/2022 - Diane Zak (9th edition),

ISBN: 978-0-357-674000



Context:

The faculty of the Computer Science department has aligned the computer science program with the goals of the Mathematical Sciences Division (MS), BJU Bible and liberal arts core objectives, and BJU institutional goals. The goal of the Computer Science department is to align all courses in the Computer Science and Information Technology majors to support one or more of the following departmental goals. An asterisk indicates a goal fulfilled by this course.

1. Design and implement solutions to practical problems \*
2. Use appropriate technology as a tool to solve problems in various domains
3. Create efficient solutions at the appropriate abstraction level
4. Demonstrate an ability to work effectively in teams
5. Demonstrate an ability to communicate technological information effectively both in written and oral forms
6. Demonstrate an ability to acquire new knowledge in the computing discipline \*
7. Demonstrate an understanding of social, professional and ethical considerations related to computing
8. Demonstrate understanding of fundamental concepts in the (student's) discipline \*
9. Prepare students for graduate school or to secure employment in a related area

CpS 109 Course-specific Goals:

1. Design and implement solutions to practical problems.
2. Demonstrate an ability to acquire new knowledge in the computing discipline.
3. Demonstrate understanding of fundamental concepts in the discipline.
4. Provide the student a platform for continued learning and development of his/her God-given abilities.
5. Instill in the student a desire to use his/her abilities in service to Christ.

Learning Objectives:

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

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| **Learning Objective** | **Assessment Tools** |
| Analyze and explain the behavior of simple programs involving the fundamental programming constructs covered by this course. | Quizzes, Tests, Final Exam |
| Design, implement, test, and debug programs that use each of the following fundamental programming constructs: | Programming Projects, Lab Tests, Quizzes |
| Choose appropriate conditional and iterative constructs for a given programming task. | Programming Projects, Tests, Quizzes |
| Describe the mechanics of parameter passing. | Quizzes, Written Tests |
| Use VB.NET to implement, test, and debug algorithms for solving simple problems. | Programming Projects, Lab Tests |
| Correctly identify and use primitive data types in computer programs. | Quizzes, Programming Projects, Tests |

Course Policies:

Qualifications

CpS 109 is for students with a Math ACT greater than 21 or who have placed into Ma 103.

Absences, lateness, and makeup opportunities

1. The overarching guide for class attendance is the [BJU Class Attendance](http://home.bju.edu/life/policies/class-attendance-policy.php) Policy.
2. For planned absences, please email me one week in advance.
3. Written assignments should be submitted before your planned absence.
4. Scheduled tests and quizzes should be taken before your planned absence; please contact me to make arrangements for doing so.
5. For absences due to incapacitating illness or emergency, you should contact me as soon as you are able to return to class in order to make arrangements for making up any graded work without penalty.
6. In other circumstances, tests and quizzes may be made up within one week of your return, with a 10 percent grade penalty for that test or quiz.
7. Leaving class early without prior arrangement will constitute an absence.
8. Each absence costs 2 class participation points; each late costs 1 class participation point.

Late Work:

1. Assignments must be submitted using the electronic submission system before 11:59pm on the day due.
2. The use of the submission system will be explained during the first week of class.
3. Only work missed for legitimate reasons may be made up without penalty.  Legitimate reasons include illness, a death in the family, or a BJU sanctioned tour.
4. You must make up late work according to the number of days missed - that is, missing one day of class gives you one extra day to turn in your work.
5. Any other late work will receive a 20% grade penalty.
6. All late work must be made up within one week in order to receive a non-zero grade.

Grade appeals:

1. Grading appeals must be made by email only no later than one week after the grade was assigned.
2. Appeals will be automatically denied if the student attempts to make the appeal verbally.
3. Email grading appeals should be made respectfully and logically (My grade should be increased because).

Academic Integrity

1. The overarching guide for academic integrity is the [BJU Academic Integrity Policy](http://home.bju.edu/academics/integrity.pdf).
2. Cheating on assignments and tests is a form of deception and stealing, and as such, is prohibited by Scripture and will incur academic penalties.
3. All work is to be done individually unless Dr. Hughes gives permission for group work.
4. In general students are encouraged to assist one another in debugging programs, *but must exercise care when seeking assistance while writing code*.
5. The use of AI is prohibited except for when instructed to use it by Dr. Hughes.
6. **Each student needs to become familiar with Visual Basic, and be able to write programs on his or her own. Therefore, please do not copy code from another person, as this constitutes cheating.**

Class Participation:

1. Compliance with the [BJU Student Handbook](http://www.bju.edu/life-faith/student-handbook.pdf) policies is expected during class.
2. Class participation grades are based upon actively participating in lecture class discussions, working diligently on course assignments in lab classes and being respectful to the rest of the class and the instructor.
3. Playing games, electronic messages, working on other subjects, etc. is a demonstration of disrespect for both the instructor and other students, and is not allowed during lecture or lab classes. This includes the use of cell phones or other devices not employed for class work.
4. Earbuds of any kind (including headphones) are not allowed in class.
5. Violations of this policy may result in an absence being recorded.

Instructor Help Outside of Class

**You are encouraged to use email (recommended) or the telephone to ask Dr. Hughes for assistance.**

Copyright Policy:

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Schedule (***subject to modification as needed, during the semester***)​

Note: Pseudocode project dates are in Canvas

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| **Please note test dates and project due dates.** ​ ​ ​ |
| **Date** | **Day** | **Class** | **Assignment** **Due** |
| **Week 1** |  |  |  |
| Aug 27 | W | Introductions; syllabus overview; First look at Visual Basic Community (2019 or 2022 or later) **Practice Project**[Download Visual Studio Community](https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/vs/community/%22%20%5Co%20%22Visual%20Studio%20Download%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) Be sure to register if it asks you to do so.  Once it is downloaded and installed, click Help to see if it wants you to register.   | Read Chapter 1; Review Syllabus |
| Aug 29 | F | Lab – Practice Project  | **Practice Project Due(Hello World)** |
| **Week 2** |  |  |  |
| Sep 1 | M | MLK Jr Day | Read Chapter 1 |
| Sep 3 | W | Chapter 1 – Create an App; Windows in VS; Properties; Save a Solution |   |
| Sep 5 | F | Chapter 1 – Adding controls; adding code; Assignment statements; comments; pseudocode |  |
| **Week 3** |  |  |  |
| Sep 8 | M | Chapter 2 – Designing the User Interface | Project 1 – Weather Report |
| Sep 10 | W | Chapter 2 – Designing the User Interface (labels, textboxes) | Quiz 1Read Chapter 2 |
| Sep 12 | F | Chapter 2 – working with forms |  |
| **Week 4** |  |  |  |
| Sep 15 | M | Chapter 3 – variables and memory; data types and names; DIM statements; TryParse | Quiz 2Read Chapter 3 |
| Sep 17 | W | Chapter 3 – arithmetic; ToString; named constants |   |
| Sep 19 | F | Lab |  |
| **Week 5** |  |  |  |
| Sep 22 | M | Chapter 4 – Selection structures, if-then-else | Read Chapter 4Quiz 3 |
| Sep 24 | W | Chapter 4 – comparisons and logical operators; string comparisons |   |
| Sep 26 | F | **Test 1 (Ch 1-4)** | Project 2 – Car Rental |
| **Week 6** |  |  |  |
| Sep 29 | M | Chapter 5 – Loops, infinite loops, Do-while, for-next; list boxes and loops | Read Chapter 5Quiz 4 |
| Oct 1 | W |  |  |
| Oct 3 |  |  |  |
| **Week 7** |  |  |  |
| Oct 6 | M | Chapter 5 - continued | Quiz 5 |
| Oct 8 | ​W | Chapter 6 – sub-procedures and function procedure; passing parameters; combo boxes |  |
| Oct 10 | ​F | **Lab Test 1** |  |
| **Week 8** |  |  |  |
| Oct 13 | ​​M | Chapter 7 – Strings;; padding; trimming,  | Quiz 6 |
| Oct 15 | W | Chapter 7 – substrings; Random numbers,  | Project 3 – Summer Reading |
| Oct 17 | F | Lab |  |
| **Week 9** |  |  |  |
| Oct 20 | M | **Fall Break** |  |
| Oct 22 | W | Chapter 8 –Arrays; storing data |  Quiz 7 |
| Oct 24 | F | Chapter 8 – traversing an array; two-dimensional arrays |  |
| **Week 10** |  |  |  |
| Oct 27 | M | Chapter 9 – Menus, sequential files | Quiz 8 |
| Oct 29 | W | Chapter 9 – Sequential files |  |
| Oct 31 | F | Lab | Project 4 – Taste Test |
| **Week 11** |  |  |  |
| Nov 3 | M | Chapter 10 – Classes and objects | Quiz 9 |
| Nov 5 | W | Chapter 10 – constructors; overload methods |  |
| Nov 7 | F | Lab |  |
| **Week 12** |  |  |  |
| Nov 10 | M | Chapter 10 – Classes and objects | Quiz 9 |
| Nov 12 | W | Chapter 10 – constructors; overload methods |  |
| Nov 14 | F | Lab |  |
| **Week 13** |  |  |  |
| Nov 17 | M | Chapter 11 – SQL Server Databases | Quiz 10 |
| ​Nov 19 | W | Chapter 11 – SQL Server Databases |  |
| Nov 21 | F | Lab |  |
| **Week 14** |  | **Thanksgiving Break!** |  |
| **Week 15** |  | **Personal Project for next two weeks** |  |
| Dec 1 | M | Chapter 12; Personal Project | Quiz 12 |
| Dec 3 | W | Personal Project |  |
| Dec 5 | F | Personal Project  |  |
| **Week 16** |  |  |  |
| Dec 8 | M | **Test 2 (Ch 5-9)**; Chapter 13 | Quiz 13 |
| Dec 10 | W | **Lab Test 2** | Project 6 – Yacht Rental |
| Dec 12 | F | Personal Project |  |
| **Week 17** |  |  |  |
| Dec 15 | M | **Final Exam 3:30-4:40pm** | **(Ch 10,11,12,13)** |

Grading

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| **#** | **Item** | **Pts.** | **Total** |
| 13 | Quizzes | 30 | 390 |
| 6 | Programming projects (labs) | 40 | 240 |
| 1 | Lab Test 1 | 50 | 50 |
| 1 | Lab Test 2 | 150 | 150 |
| 2 | Tests | 100 | 200 |
| 1 | Final Exam | 100 | 100 |
| ​ | **TOTAL** | ​ | **1130** |

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| **Grade** | **Score** |
| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89 |
| C | 70-79 |
| D | 60-69 |
| F | < 60 |

