

MIS 523 -- Programming Logic and Design

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Course Description:

An introduction to the program development and design process, including computer-based concepts of problem-solving, structured programming logic and techniques, algorithm development and program design. Topics include program flowcharting, algorithms, input/output techniques, looping, modules, selection structures, file handling, control breaks, pseudocoding, and user documentation. Offers students an opportunity to apply skills in a laboratory environment.

Course Prerequisite(s):

No graduate prerequisites.

Course Objectives:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of high-level structured programming logic and algorithm development.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of structured program design and modularity.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of file-based input/output operations, file manipulation and maintenance, extract reporting, and report writing.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of records, data types and structures, storage classes, addressable memory locations.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of table utilization, arrays and subscripts.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of arithmetic expressions, control structures, iteration techniques.
7. Demonstrate knowledge of subroutines, search and sort techniques, queues, and binary trees.
8. Demonstrate knowledge of control break structures and processing.
9. Demonstrate knowledge of interactive processing.
10. Demonstrate use of design and logic tools such as flowcharts, print charts, algorithms, pseudocode, dataflow diagrams, decision tables, and hierarchy charts, Input Processing Output chart (IPO), structure charts and Object Orientated Programming (OOPs), Task Object Event charts (TOE) and data dictionaries.

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Assignments

There are basically six assignments, one for each unit. While they may take some time, you should be able to complete them in the allotted time, but you should not leave them to the end. You will be graded on the quality of the work performed and not the quantity. I have an idea of what I expect for each assignment and that is what I will use to grade your work. None of the assignments require programming experience or knowledge. All the information that you need to complete the assignments will either be found in the text or can be easily looked up online. You will do your best if you read the assignment before reading your text, allowing you to seek solutions while you are reading.

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Essay Exams

There are three essay exams that must be completed during the semester. Each exam is a single question. You are to answer them in as much detail as possible. **You should support your answers from the literature not your textbook.** Your support must come from sources other than course textbooks. You must document your sources or you may receive a zero for any work submitted. You may work offline to complete the exams and then copy and paste your answers into the appropriate space. You must submit them by the due date. I would recommend that you pace yourself so that you are not doing them all at one time. Your grade will be determined on the basis of the quality of your answer and not on the basis of quantity of answer.

These answers are to be solely your own effort. You are not to collaborate with other students or use another individual's or group's work without proper citation.

Essay Exam 1: Discuss the steps in the program development method. Identify the important principles and processes that are accomplished in each step. Provide an example of each one.

Essay Exam 2: Discuss internal and external documentation. Include their purposes and the kind of information one would find in each.

Essay Exam 3: Do the methods used to process data in a program change as the quantity of data increases? Why or why not?

Essay Exam 4: Why have RDBMSs become a necessary staple for all enterprises and most businesses? How do they improve the performance of the business? Support your answer.

Essay Exam 5: With all of the advantages of OOP, why is a procedural language like COBOL still the most prominently used language in business today? Please support your answer from the literature.

Essay Exam 6: What kind of file processing is appropriate for game design? Why?

Extra Credit: What type of data might be useful to a community in the wake of a natural disaster? Who should pay for the expense of gathering, storing, and maintaining this data? Where would this data be gathered from? How would you validate the data.

Textbook(s) and Other Materials:

Required:

Problem Solving and Programming Concepts. Maureen Sprankle & Jim Hubbard, 9th edition, 2012. ISBN: 0-13-249464-4

Digital Edition: ISBN-10 0-13-249311-X or go here:

http://www.coursesmart.com/IR/932765/9780132493116?_hdv=6.8 (\$51.99)

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Grading:

Grading Percentages	
A =	90= percent of total points
B =	80-89 percent of total points
C =	70-79 percent of total points
D =	60-69 percent of the total points
F =	59- or less percent of the total points

Graded Activities	
Discussions	400
Assignment 1	300
Assignment 2	300
Assignment 3	300
Assignment 4	300
Assignment 5	300
Assignment 6	300
Essay Exam 1	100
Essay Exam 2	100
Essay Exam 3	100
Essay Exam 4	100
Essay Exam 5	100
Essay Exam 6	100
Total Points Possible	2,800

Late assignments and tests may have points deducted from the final score.

Using someone else's words or ideas as if they were your own is plagiarism. The way to avoid this is to give credit to the author. Use citations to give credit to the author; you will gain the respect of other professionals, and you will also avoid an automatic F on the paper and most likely for the course.

Course Outline and Assignments: This is only a proposal to guide you in efforts to stay up with the course.

Unit	Date	Reading	Projects or Exams
Problem Solving	September 10	Chapter 1	Discussion 1: Name three problems that might arise at home, at school, or in a business that could be solved more efficiently with computer assistance. Do these problems require an algorithmic or heuristic solution? Why?
		Chapter 2	Discussion 2: What are some other naming conventions in use (besides what is in the text)? What are the key elements?
		Chapter 3	Discussion 3: How does the Software Development Cycle help one to develop better programs? Why? Assignment 1: Complete the Algorithm and Flowchart Form (cf. Figure 3.12, pg. 54) for the process of cooking your favorite food dish. Essay Exam 1: Discuss the steps in the program development method. Identify the important principles and processes that are accomplished in each step. Provide an example of each one.
Logic Structures	September 24	Chapter 4	Discussion 4: Illustrate each of the programming logic structures from your non-programming life experiences.
		Chapter 5	Discussion 5: Which of the Solution Development Tools/Problem Analysis Tools do you find to be most helpful? Why?
		Chapter 6	Discussion 6: Describe a real world example of when you used a Case logic structure to solve a problem. Why was this approach needed?
		Chapter 7	Discussion 7: When is each of the looping forms most appropriate to use? Why do you think so? Assignment 2: The Last Stop Boutique is having a five-day sale. Each day, starting on Monday, the price will drop 10% of the previous day's price. For example, if the original price of a product is \$20.00, the sale price on Monday would be \$18.00 (10% less than the original price). On Tuesday the sale price would be \$16.0 (10% less than Monday). On Wednesday the sale price would be \$14.58; on Thursday the sale price would be \$13.12; and on Friday the sale price would be \$11.81. Develop a solution that will calculate the price of an item for each of the five days, give the original price. Test the solution for an item costing \$10.00. Complete the seven steps of solution development and a data dictionary in preparing your solution. Essay Exam 2: Discuss internal and external documentation. Include their purposes and the kind of information one would find in each.

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Data Structures	October 8	Chapter 8	Discussion 8: Provide an example from your experience of the use of each of the array types (one dimensional, two dimensional, & multi-dimensional). Why was each of them used?
		Chapter 9	Discussion 9: Discuss the use of Stacks and Cues in a program. Why would one use one instead of the other? Which one is best?
		Chapter 10	Discussion 10: How does having a systems flowchart help one to develop better business solutions? Why?
		Chapter 11	Discussion 11: Are indexing and linked lists the same thing? Why or why not?
		Chapter 12	<p>Discussion 12: Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of hierarchical data structures.</p> <p>Assignment 3: Complete the seven steps of solution development and a data dictionary in preparing your solution. (This will have two sets of documents.)</p> <p>Scenario: Your Company is creating a program which will be used to quiz clients on various products. As a part of prototype delivery to your client, you've been asked to create the program logic for one of the quizzes. The particular quiz contains questions on 5 different soft drink products.</p> <p>Quiz Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each question has the possibility of 4 answers. • Verify if the respondent provides a valid response. If not then prompt them for it. • When a valid response is provided, determine if it is the correct answer. • If it is correct, display "correct", otherwise, display "The correct answer is" and the correct answer. • After the user answers all questions, display the number of correct and incorrect answers. <p>This should be constructed as a series of nested decisions.</p> <p>Inputs from Programming Lead: Remove the nested decisions by using an array. Create a parallel array with the correct answer for each question.</p> <p>Essay Exam 3: Do the methods used to process data in a program change as the quantity of data increases? Why or why not?</p>

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Database Management Systems	October 22	Chapter 13	Discussion 13: Why is a database management system essential for a business? Provide support from the literature.
		Chapter 14	<p>Discussion 14: Why is it essential that a database is normalized? What is the most appropriate way to ensure that it is?</p> <p>Assignment 4: The New Plays Repertory Theater would like to computerize its ticket sales. The theater seats 500 people, offers seven plays each year, and sells season tickets and single-night tickets. The season tickets are all for performances at the same time during the week. Each play has 20 performances. The theater keeps a customer list of those people who buy tickets in order to send play information for advertising purposes.</p> <p>The reports they would like to create are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A listing of available seats 2. A listing of all plays and the actors in the plays 3. A listing of customers 4. Labels printed for all customers 5. A listing of season ticket holders <p>Plan an RDBMS for this problem. Include the following forms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of Reports 2. Report Layout Form 3. Schema 4. Table Characteristics 5. Query Design Form <p>Essay Exam 4: What are some common uses of Hierarchical Database Management Systems (DBMS)? How do they improve the performance of the business? Support your answer.</p>

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Object Oriented Programming	November 12	Chapter 15	<p>Discussion 15: Why has Object Oriented Programming (OOP) almost completely replaced procedural programming? Explain with support.</p>
		Chapter 16	<p>Discussion 16: Which UML tool is the easiest for you to use? Why?</p> <p>Assignment 5: A restaurant wants a scheduling system for its employees. The software needs to allow the restaurant owner to schedule employees for up to 40 hours in a seven-day week. The restaurant is open from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. The system should include a check-in and checkout system for the employees, a printout of employees' work hours, and the ability to change hours if necessary.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design a solution to the problem using the five steps to design an object-oriented solution. 2. Create the storyboards for the application with the storyboard interactivity diagram. Be creative! 3. Describe some Use Cases for the application. Create one Use Case Diagram for the application. <p>Essay Exam 5: With all of the advantages of OOP, why is a procedural language like COBOL still the most prominently used language in business today? Please support your answer from the literature.</p>

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Advanced Concepts and File Processing	December 10	Chapter 17	Discussion 17: Some state that game programming is no different than any other type of programming. Do you agree or not? Support your answer from the literature.
		Chapter 18	Discussion 18: Why should the average programmer understand Assembly Language Concepts?
		Chapter 19	Discussion 19: When would you need to develop a sequential-access file application? Why?
		Chapter 20	<p>Discussion 20: Why is updating a sequential-access file so difficult? Provide support from the literature.</p> <p>Assignment 6: Develop a complete solution, including a data dictionary, for the following problem: The financial director of a private school would like a tracking system for the students at the school.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design the file. The information on the student includes: name, home address and telephone, age, sex, class status, parent's name (one parent), dormitory room, tuition, room fees, board fees, book fees, computer fees, miscellaneous fees, date of payment on each charge. 2. Design the reports needed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Student directory b. Charges c. Outstanding fees d. List of students by dormitory e. List of students by class 3. Develop a solution using sequential-access files to output the needed reports. 4. Develop an update program. <p>Essay Exam 6: What kind of file processing is appropriate for game design? Why?</p> <p>Extra Credit Due Drop Dead Date All work is due! After this date nothing will be allowed!!</p>
	December 14		END of Course

Assignments are due 2400 hours (midnight) of the date that they are assigned.

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