## Syllabus for Computer Science 141

***Introduction to Computer Programming***

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**Class Meetings:** MWF 1:00pm to 1:50pm (Hobbs 113)

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**Office Hours:** TBA.

**Objective**: This course is the first in a two part series that will provide the student with basic competency in the C++ programming language. Although no previous computer programming experience is required, previous experience is extremely helpful. Students who have never programmed before should consider taking CS131 (Fundamentals of Programming in Basic) prior to enrolling in CS141.

**Text:** C++ Primer, by Stanley B. Lippman, Josée Lajoie, and Barbara E. Moo

**Software:** Students taking computer science classes at Lynchburg College may download Microsoft Visual Studio, via the Visual Studio <https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/>. Please download the Enterprise version. Other Microsoft development tools are available through the Azure for education <https://azureforeducation.microsoft.com/devtools>.

**Principal Topics:**

Introduction to Computers and Programming

Structured Programming/Top-down development

Data Representation and Abstraction

Control Structures

Functions

Input/Output

Arrays

Pointers

Classes

Object-Oriented Programming

**\*\*\*\* To continue to CS142, you must receive a B- or better in this class. \*\*\*\***

**Grading:**

Computer Programs/Labs (weekly) (40%)

Exam 1 (20%)

Exam 2 (20%)

Final Exam (20%)

**Computation of Final Grade:**

A z-score will be computed for each assignment. The final grade will be determined from the weighted average of the grades from all assignments. (see [Virginia](http://ericae.net/digests/tm9505.htm) Tech Testing Memos) . However, no student who fails the final exam or completes less than 2/3 of the labs will receive a grade higher than D.

**Late Policy:** Assignments should be submitted by 11:59pm on the day that they are due. Late assignments will be penalized 5 points per weekday up to a maximum of 25 points. I will not accept assignments that are more than one week late, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances. Completing labs on time is the best way to succeed in this class.

**Plagiarism:** All work must be your own. While it is fine to ask each other questions concerning general concepts, you may not show each other your programs or exchange any program fragments -- not one line of code. Taking code from the Internet or generating programs using tools such as ChatGPT is also strictly prohibited. Violations of this policy will result in referrals to the Honor Court and probably failure of the class. If you are having problems completing your assignments, you are encouraged to meet with the instructor. In addition, the computer science department employs tutors who can be consulted for help with class assignments. Student tutoring is provided at no charge to the student.

**Attendance:** Classes will start promptly at the start of the hour. Students are expected to attend all classes, and are responsible for all the material covered. Attendance will be recorded using Microsoft Teams, so it is important for you to always join the Teams meeting when you come to class.

**Class Conduct:** Students are expected to pay attention in class and treat their peers with courtesy. You will be expected to arrive on time and to stay until the completion of the class. Computers should be used for relevant class work only. Texting, emailing, web surfing, playing computer games, and other similar activities are prohibited.

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**Course Objectives:**

Students will be able to write programs in C++ using the following programming constructs:

Assignment statements

If-statements

Switch-statements

For loops

While loops

Functions

Arrays

Pointers

References

Casting

Classes and structures

Integer, floating point, character and enumeration data types

Bit manipulation operators

Students will understand basic stream input and output.

Students will be able to incorporate basic string processing into their programs.

Students will be able to utilize a top-down development approach to construct well-structured programs.

Students will understand the basic goals of object-oriented software development.

Students will understand how to employ coding standards to make their programs easy to modify and maintain.

Students will understand basic data representations for integers and characters.

Students will understand the binary, octal, and hexadecimal number systems.

Students will demonstrate these abilities through the completion of programming assignments, in-class examinations, and quizzes.

Students will understand how to use pointers to indirectly reference memory locations.

Students will:

* **Inquire**: frame questions that address issues and uncertainties across a range of disciplines.

The student will

* + recognize precise and complete statements of problems.
  + recognize what information is necessary in order to solve given problems.
  + ask questions for further study regarding problems and reading assignments.
  + develop an approach for investigating program requirements.
* **Explore:** investigate issues in depth and detail.  
  The student will
  + think creatively about possible solutions to problems.
  + use data debugging techniques to understand how their programs are performing
  + comprehend given problems, reading assignments, and the arguments of others.
* **Conclude**: develop informed responses to issues.  
  The student will
  + Identify program defects/bugs and determine their causes and solutions.
  + articulate the cause of the defect
* **Persuade**: convince others of the validity and value of conclusions.  
  The student will
  + Show how one approach to a program/problem is better than another
  + construct effective arguments based in evidence, reason and understanding.
* **Engage:** use knowledge and abilities for the good of self and society.  
  The student will
  + work effectively with other members of a group to solve problems and present their solutions.