

## ***CMPINF0010 Big Ideas in Computing and Information***

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**Catalog Description:** Computing and information systems underlie nearly every facet of life in today's highly-networked societies. Accordingly, there are many paths through the degree programs offered by the School of Computing and Information, each focusing on different aspects of the theories, practices, and applications of computing and information. This course will introduce you to a variety of core principles and important themes that cross-cut this array of computing- and information-oriented disciplines, as well as explore the types of work that individuals educated in these disciplines engage in.

**Course Objective:** Students are able to master the basic knowledge of computer systems, have basic cognition about the computer system, and to learn the computer system as a tool, is used to solve practical problems. Adopt the way of speaking, do course, the experiment courses enable students to master the use of a computer system, help to understand the basic concepts of computer system. By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Articulate intuitive definitions for each of the “big ideas” discussed in class
- Uncover and differentiate underlying computational and informational aspects of a variety of natural, social, and engineered systems
- Leverage computational and informational abstractions and ideas to navigate the technical and social issues arising at the interfaces between complex, interacting systems
- Identify the similarities and differences in methodology, applications, and abstraction that exist between computational and information disciplines
- Situate computing and information practices within a socio-cultural context
- Develop scripts demonstrating a mastery of basic concepts in the Python programming language (data structures, control flow, functions and modules)
- Navigate Unix-based systems, manipulate files, and execute programs
- Break down and back up work, as well as collaborate with others using a distributed version control system
- Generate, transform, and manipulate data using the Python programming language
- Generate and publish mixed media content on the web using Markdown and Static HTML sites

**Meeting Times:** Mon/Wednes 1:50 - 3:30/16:45 - 16:25

**Prerequisites:** No

**Textbook:** New Perspectives on Computer Concepts 2018, Comprehensive 20<sup>th</sup> Edition,  
June Jamrich Parsons

**Reference:** Computer Science illuminated, Seventh Edition, Nell Dale, John Lewis

### Weekly Schedule

Week	Topics
1	Digital Content: Data Representation Basics. Representating Numbers.
2	Device: Processors, Memory, Storage, Input and output
3	Digital Logic: Combinational Logic 1
4	Digital Logic: Combinational Logic 2
5	Digital Logic: Sequential Logic 1
6	Digital Logic: Sequential Logic 2
7	Networks:
8	Web: MIDT
9	Social Media:
10	Software:
11	Practice: Word & Excel
12	Practice: PowerPoint
13	Digital Security:
14	Information Systems:
15	Databases:
16	Programing

### Topics Covered:

#### **Mudule 1 Digital Content (4)**

Digital Basics

Data Representation Basics. Representating Numbers. Representating Text. Bits and Bytes.  
Compression.

#### **Mudule 2 Digital Devices (4)**

Section A: Device Basics

Computers, Circuits and Chips, Components, Maintenance

Section B: Device Options

Enterprise Computers, Personal Computers, Niche Devices, Choosing a Digital Device

Section C: Processors and Memory

Microprocessors, How Processors Work, Performance, Random Access Memory, Read-only  
Memory

Section D: Storage

Storage Basics, Magnetic Storage Technology, Optical Storage Technology, Solid State Storage Technology, Cloud Storage, backup

Section E: Input and output

Add-on Gadgets, Expansion Ports, .....

## **Digital Logic (16),**

### **Module 3 Network (4)**

Section A: Network Basics

Communication Systems, .....

Section B: The Internet

Background, Internet Infrastructure, Packets, Internet Addresses, Domain Names

Section C: Internet Access

Connection Basics, .....

Section D: Local Area Networks

LAN Basics, .....

Section E: File Sharings

File Sharing Basics, .....

### **Module 4 The Web (4)**

Section A: Web Basics

Web Overview, Evolution, Web Sites, Hypertext Links, URLs

Section B: Browsers

Browser Basics, Customization, Browser Cache

Section C: HTML

HTML Basics, .....

Section D: HTTP

HTTP Basics, .....

Section E: Search Engine

Search Engine Basics, .....

### **Module 5 Social Media (4)**

Section A: Social Networking

The Social Media Mix, .....

Section B: Content Communities

Evolution, .....

Section C: Blogs and More

Blogs, Microblogs, Wikis

Section D: Online Communication

Communication Matrix, Email, Online Chat, Voice and Video over IP

Section E: Social Media Values

Identity, Reputation, Privacy

### **Module 6 Software (4)**

Section A: Software Basics

Essentials, .....

Section B: Operating Systems  
Operating System Basics, .....

Section C: Apps and Applications  
Web Apps, Mobile Apps, Local Applications, Uninstalling Software

Section D: Productivity Software  
Office Suite Basics, .....

Section E: File Management Utilities  
File Basics, .....

## **Practice (8)**

## **Module 7 Digital Security (4)**

Section A: Basic Security  
Encryption, .....

Section B: Malware  
Malware Threats, .....

Section C: Online Intrusions  
Intrusion Threats, .....

Section D: Interception  
Interception Basics, .....

Section E: Social Engineering  
Social Engineering Basics, Spam, Phishing, Pharming, Rogue Antivirus, PUAs

## **Module 8 Information Systems (4)**

Section A: Information System Basics  
Enterprise Basics, .....

Section B: Enterprise Applications  
Ecommerce, .....

Section C: System Analysis  
System Development Life Cycles, .....

Section D: Design and Implementation  
Design Phase, .....

Section E: System Security  
System at Risk, .....

## **Module 9 Databases (4)**

Section A: Database Basics  
Operational and Analytical Databases, Database Models

Section B: Database Tools  
Database Tool Basics, .....

Section C: Database Design  
Defining Fields, .....

Section D: SQL  
SQL Basics, .....

Section E: Big Data

Big Data Basics, Big Data Analytics, Big Data Analytics

## **Mudule 10 Programing (4)**

Section A: Program Development

Programming Basics, .....

Section B: Programming Tools

Language Evolution, .....

Section C: Procedural Programming

Algorithms, .....

Section D: Object-Oriented Programs

Objects and Classes, .....

Section E: Declarative Programming

The Declarative Paradigm, .....

### **Grades**

Assignment            20 %

Practice                20% (8 credit hours of practice about WPS/Microsoft office)

1 Review Quiz        20 % (Open book, 10% each)

1 Final exam          40 % (Open book, Final Week)