



IST 209 – Intro to Java Programming

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Class Time:	Section 1	T Th	2:00 – 3:15	ASA 112c	
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		F	1:00 – 1:50	ASA 112c	

Course Objectives:

This course is designed to provide students with experience in the fundamentals of Java programming. This includes coverage of the principles of programming (including control structures, methods, and object-oriented programming) and the core features of Java. Emphasis will be given to problem solving, program design, testing and documentation.

Prerequisites:

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Required Textbooks:

Starting Out With Java: from Control Structures to Objects, 3rd Edition by Tony Gaddis from Scott/Jones Publishers

Course Policies:

1. Class Attendance and Preparation Policy

Class preparation is strongly suggested. The instructor reserves the right to cancel any lecture when the majority of the class is unprepared or the attendance falls below 66% of the class enrollment. Course requirements will not be reduced to compensate for such cancellations. There will be many assignments and quizzes which must be completed during class time. Late submissions of these assignments will not be accepted without an excused absence.

2. Make-up Policy

Generally, students will be allowed to make-up missed exams if the absence is excused. All excused absences must be documented and approved **IN ADVANCE** (when applicable) and **IN WRITING** to the instructor.

3. Academic Dishonesty Policy

Any student who is found cheating during an examination or assists another student in cheating during an examination will automatically fail the course. The case will be forwarded to the appropriate individuals for university action. Any student caught cheating or helping a student cheat on any assignment will automatically receive a 0 on that assignment. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, crib sheets (unless approved by the instructor), copying answers from another student's exam, use of recording devices, submitting work that is not your own on individual assignments, and gaining unauthorized prior access to exams or answers.

4. Grade Appeals Policy

It is the student's responsibility to keep all graded materials that have been returned. The instructor's grades will be assumed to be accurate unless you can show otherwise. Any student wishing to appeal a grade must submit a WRITTEN appeal indicating a complete explanation of why the student feels they deserve a different grade. Verbal grade appeals will not be accepted.

Course Grades				Grading Scale	
Lab Assignments	There will be several written projects to be completed during the labs. Many of the projects will come from those listed in the text, so be sure to bring your book to class EVERY DAY . The in-class assignments must be completed and verified during the lab prior to being submitted. Assignments which have not been verified may still be submitted but will not receive full credit.	Variable	15%	> 90.0%	A
				80.0–89.99%	B
				70.0–79.99%	C
				60.0–69.99%	D
	<= 59.99%	F			
Take-home Assignments	There will be several take-home computer assignments involving Java programming.	Variable	25%		
Quizzes	There will be several quizzes which will generally involve programming. Most quizzes will be announced; some may be pop quizzes.	Variable	15%		
Exams	There will be two exams. The mid-term exam will be worth 20% of your grade and the final will be worth 25% of your overall grade. Specific dates will be announced at least one week in advance.	2	45%		
			Total	100%	

Class Website

Once the student information has been entered into the class website, you will be able to access your grades and student-specific information, if applicable. Your logon ID will normally be your first initial concatenated to your last name in all lower case (e.g. aaken). Your initial password will be the same as your logon ID (this can be modified once you have logged in). If you experience any problems with accessing the class website, please notify me at ajaken@siu.edu.

Homework Submissions:

Take-home assignments are due prior to midnight on the specified due dates. Assignments that are turned in within 1 week of the due date will be docked 25% of the available points. Assignments turned in more than one week late, but prior to the last week of the semester will be docked 50% of the available points. All assignments must be presented in a professional manner (i.e. grammar/spelling, not hand-written, etc.). Do not procrastinate!!

For all electronic forms of Homework, you should upload them to the class' webserver.

Topical Outline (tentative):

- I. Fundamentals of Object-Orientation and Java
 - A. Object-Oriented Programming
 - B. Java Fundamentals
 - C. Assignment Statements
 - D. Output
 - E. 2 Methods for User Input
- II. Decision Structures
 - A. If's and if-else's
 - B. Logical operators
 - C. String comparisons
- III. Loops
 - A. Conditional loops
 - B. Loops for data validation
 - C. Increment and decrement operators
 - D. Accumulators
 - E. Counted loops
- IV. Methods
 - A. Parameters
 - B. Returned Values
 - C. Invoking Statements

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Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting your location. **It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during an evacuation or sheltering emergency.** The Building Emergency Response Team will provide assistance to your instructor in evacuating the building or sheltering within the facility.