


CS 1010 - Fall 2009

Introduction To Programming

Classroom	111 Hayes Hall
Class time	TR
Prerequisite	None
Required Textbook	“An Introduction to Programming Using Visual Basic 2008 with Visual Studio Express Edition DVD 7 th edition”, David I. Schneider
Required Materials	Two Storage Media (flash drive, Hard drive, Floppy, etc)

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Course Description:

The introductory programming concepts encompass not only the basic constructs common to almost all programming languages, but also problem solving techniques and analytical thinking. This course teaches the basics of Visual Basic including the four control flows, file input and output and arrays processing.

This course will require students to engage in problem analysis and design, coding, testing and debugging programs in Visual Basic 2008. While the concepts taught in this course are relatively simple, the lab assignments can increasingly become challenging and time consuming.

Learning Outcomes:

After successfully completing CS1010 a student should be able to:

- Explain the fundamental concepts of the four control flows.
- Utilize a wide range of the features available in Visual Studio.
- Analyze program requirements in order to understand what type of data and processes are involved in the solution
- Design a modular approach to satisfy those requirements, and organize program code to implement the design.
- Verify that the results obtained satisfy the original requirements.

Grading Policy:

The final grades are assigned based on student performance on assignments, quizzes and exams, and are *not negotiable*. Specifically, you will be evaluated on the following:

Possible Points	
Exams	300
Quizzes	75
Programs	110
Labs	40
HW/CW	50
Total	575

- **Exams:** There will be **two** exams during the semester plus **one** final partially comprehensive exam worth 100 points each. All exams are in-class and closed-book.
- **Quizzes:** There will be 4 quizzes worth 25 points each. Quizzes will emphasize recent material covered since the previous quiz or exam. Quizzes will be given at the end of the class period. There will be no make ups for quizzes. The lowest quiz will be dropped.
- **Programs:** There will be **6-7** programming assignments worth a total of 110 points.
- **Labs:** There will be **5 labs** (10 pts each) worth a total of 40 points. There will be no make ups for labs. Students completing all 5 labs can consider the 5th lab as bonus points.
- **Homework/Classwork:** Homework/Classwork assignments will be given for a total of 50 points. These will involve working on selected problems in the textbook or from the instructor. Homework/Classwork assignments will **not** be accepted late.

The final grade for the course will be determined by the total number of points earned divided by the total points overall.

Grade	Points	Percent
A	529	92%
B	472	82%
C	414	72%
D	357	62%
Based On Pts Total	575	

Checking Grades:

Your grades will be made available upon your request (optionally) on my website. The grade will be posted anonymously by a 2 letter code.

The address of the webpage is www.cs.bgsu.edu/rconway/grades

Class Policies:

Attendance

- Attendance in class is integral to the learning process. In addition, any quizzes that are missed **cannot** be made up, so attendance is essential. Student who miss class are responsible for all occurrences on missed days. Students are expected to arrive for class and be in their seats by the scheduled beginning of class. Habitually late students will lose their bonus points at the instructor's discretion. Students exhibiting unconstructive academic behavior may also lose bonus points at the instructor's discretion. Unconstructive academic behavior includes but is not limited to sleeping in class, non participation, not having requested materials and leaving class early or frequently.
- Students with an excellent attendance record will receive 10 bonus points. The third excused/unexcused day will result in a reduction of 5 bonus points. The fourth excused/unexcused day will result in the remaining deduction of the bonus points. Subsequent **unexcused** absences will result in a 5 point deduction from your total points for each day missed. If you miss **less than** 6 days and you are not habitually late, some or all of these points (excluding bonus points) will be added back to your grade.

Makeup Exams

- There will not be make-up exams except for the most serious of reasons such as confinement in the hospital or other emergencies. Contact the instructor or the department office **immediately** if you will miss an exam. As an example, if your car breaks down without you reporting it to the instructor or the main office before the scheduled exam time, it will not merit a makeup exam. Makeup exam will be given in a different format (short answers, compare/contrast and explanatory questions), on a later date and may cover **new** material.
- For scheduled official events (such as competitions or conferences), discuss a makeup exam with the instructor in advance.

Programming Environment

- We will be using Personal Computers, running the Windows operating system, for our programming assignments. These computers are the Dell microcomputers in the labs on campus.
- Students are free to use their own computers. However, the programs must be transferred to the class folder which is only accessible through Windows computers connected to the network on campus.

Programming Assignments

- Programs will be graded on correctness, documentation, clarity and style. Completed programs will be copied into a turning folder on the university's network. It is the student's responsibility to correctly name the file so that it can be collected. Those files not named correctly will be treated as late assignments. A printed copy will be collected in class on the due date. .
- Late assignments will be accepted up to 48 hours after the original due date and time. The student must send the instructor an email within the 48 hour time period asking that the late assignment be accepted. These programs will receive a 30% penalty. Any assignment submitted after the 48 hour period will be graded at the instructor's discretion.
- Plan to start and finish early. Last minute problems can always be expected when writing programs.

Programming Assistance Available

- In the instructor's office during office hours or by appointment.
- From CS graduate assistants (consultants) who will be available in the Union lab and in Hayes 025. To get the most benefit out of a consulting session:
 - Bring a paper copy of your program
 - State clearly the problem you are having and how you have already tried to fix it.
 - If you are still having difficulties after making the suggested changes, attempt to resolve the remaining problem(s) yourself before returning for more consulting.
- As much as I like to receive emails, extensive programming questions through email are generally discouraged. On the other hand, problems that can be easily answered over via email are strongly encouraged.

BGNet E-mail

- It is important that you check your **bgnet** email every day since important information concerning this course will be sent to that email address.
- If you do not use your **bgnet** email regularly, you should have the email forwarded to your other email account. Follow the instruction at: <http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/compsci/docs/forward.html>
- Or go to Technology Support Center (Hayes 100) if you don't know how to forward emails.

Codes of Conduct and Academic Honesty

- The instructor and students in this course will adhere to the University's general Codes of Conduct defined in the *BGSU Student Handbook*. Specifically, the Code of Academic Conduct (Academic Honesty Policy) requires that students do not cheat, fabricate, plagiarize or facilitate academic dishonesty. For details, refer to:
 - *BGSU Student Handbook* (http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/book/Student_Handbook.pdf)
 - *The Academic Charter, B.II.H* (<http://www.bgsu.edu/downloads/file921.pdf>)
 - Student Discipline Programs (<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/judicial/academic/index.html>)
- Programming and other assignments are meant to be individual assignments. While a certain amount of collaboration is expected and encouraged, there is a fine line between collaboration and cheating. Collaboration should be use to find bugs in programs or to solve program syntax or general structure problems. This does NOT include duplication of programs or designs. Copying of code, regardless of the number of editor changes, renaming, and/or retyping is considered cheating, and a student's inability to describe the function of an assignment will be considered clear evidence of cheating. Providing another student with part or all of a solution is also clearly cheating.
- Cheating will result in failing the course, along with possible expulsion from the University. Any student suspected of cheating on an exam will be asked to turn in the exam immediately and/or will be reported to the University.

Disability Policy

- In accordance with the University policy, if the student has a documented disability and requires accommodations to obtain equal access in this course, he or she should contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester and make this need known. Students with disabilities must verify their eligibility through the Office of Disability Services for Students, 413 South Hall, 419-372-8495. (<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/disability/index.html>)

Religious Holidays

- It is the policy of the University to make every reasonable effort allowing students to observe their religious holidays without academic penalty. In such cases, it is the obligation of the student to provide the instructor with reasonable notice of the dates of religious holidays on which he or she will be absent. Absence from classes or examinations for religious reasons does not relieve the student of responsibility for completing required work missed. Following the necessary notification, the student should consult with the instructor to determine what appropriate alternative opportunity will be provided, allowing the student to fully complete his or her academic responsibilities. (As stated in *The Academic Charter*, B-II.G-4.b at: <http://www.bgsu.edu/downloads/file919.pdf>)

Tape Recording Policy

- Students are not authorized to make recordings during class without permission from the instructor.

Cell Phones, Pagers, and Personal Digital Assistants

- The use of cell phones, pagers, and personal digital assistants (PDAs) is not allowed in class. Cell phones, pagers and PDAs must be turned off and put out of sight during class.

Important Dates

Quizzes	9/17, 10/15 , 10/29, 12/3
Holiday (No class)	<u>9/7</u>, <u>10/12</u>,<u>10/13</u>, <u>11/11</u>, and <u>11/25</u> thru <u>11/27</u>
Exams	10/1, 11/17

Caveat: The above schedule and procedures in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.