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Office: MCS 205C  
Office Hours: MWF 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and by appointment  
Class Times: Online except for announced meetings and exams held on TR 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
Classroom: Online; announced meetings and exams will be in MCS 111A  

Course Description  
This course teaches the fundamental principles of programming and object-oriented software design using Java to solve real-world problems.  

Course Goals  
The goal of this course is to master the basics of computer programming and the foundations of object-oriented programming using the Java programming language.  

Student Learning Outcomes  
When you complete this course, you should be able to:  
• Explain the basic syntax of the Java programming language,  
• Create, compile, and run a Java program,  
• Construct a program using one or more of the following structures: sequence, selection, and repetition,  
• Define and utilize methods and arrays,  
• Define classes and instantiate objects,  
• Solve problems and create solutions using the Java language.  

Course Delivery  
This course is predominately online with learning resources and supplemental materials posted in Blackboard. Exams and any announced meetings will be held in the MCS 111A classroom. If you are unable to take an exam in person, please inform me of the situation as soon as possible so an alternative testing solution can be prepared.  

Required Materials  
Textbook: Online zyBook: Java Programming (subscription is $77 and will last until December 10, 2020):  
1. Click on your zyBooks link in your learning management system (Do not go to the zyBooks website and create a new account)  
2. Subscribe  
Software:  
1. Eclipse IDE for Java Developers  
   - Available on the machines in the MCS computer labs.  
   - You can download Eclipse free of cost. Details will follow in class.  
2. Web browser for zyBooks  
3. Respondus Lockdown Browser using Respondus Monitor (download is available through Blackboard)  
Blackboard: You are required to study and learn all material posted on Blackboard.  

Technology: You must have access to an adequate computer or laptop (Chromebook is insufficient) with a webcam and Internet connectivity to participate in the class. Remote access to exams will be through Respondus Lockdown Browser and will be video recorded via Respondus Monitor. For best results, use an Ethernet cable to connect to your Internet source instead of relying on Wi-Fi. ASU provides computer labs for your use. A table describing supported browsers can be viewed on Blackboard’s support site.
COVID Related Requirements (for on-campus meetings)

**Face Coverings:** The Texas Tech University System has implemented a mandatory [Facial Covering Policy](#) to ensure a safe and healthy campus experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests that there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person-to-person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Because of the potential for transmission of the virus, and to be consistent with the University’s requirement, students on campus are to wear a mask/facial covering. Observing safe distancing practices while on campus by spacing out and wearing a mask/facial covering will greatly improve our odds of having a safe and healthy campus experience. **Exemptions:** Students requesting an exemption may need to wear a clear plastic face shield instead of a face mask. Students needing this accommodation should register with Student Disability Services and provide the appropriate documentation supporting this request. No accommodation exists that would exempt a student from wearing a mask/facial covering at any university-sponsored activity or event. For religious or any other exemption-related questions, students should contact the Office of Student Affairs.

**Sanitation:** Wipes will be provided for students to wipe down keyboards and other surfaces before class begins. **Wellness Screening:** The ASU daily wellness screening must be completed prior to coming on campus.

**Communication**
You are responsible for checking your ASU email account and Blackboard frequently throughout the duration of this course. Email communication will be done exclusively through your ASU email address. Please include your course name and section number in the subject line of your email. I will respond to email messages within 24 hours during working hours Monday through Friday. Weekend messages may not be returned until Monday.

**Activities Assessing Learning Outcomes**

**Assignments**
- **Participation and Challenge Activities**
  Videos, Powerpoint slides, zybook textbook material, participation activities, and challenge activities will be assigned via Blackboard. This material will help build the knowledge and skills needed to complete the programming assignments.
- **Programming assignments**
  Programming assignments will reinforce Java concepts and teach problem-solving skills and will be assigned via Blackboard. Programming assignments will become more complex as Java concepts are mastered. Programming assignments must be submitted through your zyBook subscription
- **Sufficient time is allowed for assignment completion. No late assignment will be accepted. No e-mail submission is accepted.**

**Exams**
There will be three exams in online format. Exams may make use of Blackboard using Respondus Lockdown browser using Respondus Monitor for remote testing. All students must take all the exams on the scheduled dates. If you are unable to take an exam in person, please inform me of the situation as soon as possible so an alternative testing solution can be prepared. See table under [Course Outline](#) for dates and [Class Policies](#) for exam policies.

**Grades**
Your course grade will be based on the following:

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### Activity | Percentage
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Exam 1 | 15%
Exam 2 | 15%
Final Exam | 20%

ASU employs a letter grade system. Grades in this course are determined on a percentage scale:

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**Incomplete Grade Policy**

It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 [Grading Procedures](#) for more information.

**Course Outline**

Weekly tentative schedule (subject to change)

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<td>Memory Management</td>
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<td><strong>Final Exam on Saturday, 11/21, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</strong></td>
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**Class Policies**

All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- [Angelo State University Student Handbook](#)
- [Angelo State University Catalog](#)

**Academic Integrity**

- Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.
- The College of Science and Engineering adheres to the university’s [Statement of Academic Integrity](#).
- All assignments should be the product of the student alone. Cheating occurs when a student either submits work for a grade that is not entirely due to his/her own effort or allows others to use his/her work.

**Exam Policies**
There are no makeup exams. Only exception will be student absence for observance of religious holy day (see Additional Policies below).

If one exam is missed, the final exam will count double to make up for the missed exam. Only one missed exam can be made up this way. If more than one exam is missed, a grade of zero will be given for the additional missed exam.

The final exam must be taken on its assigned date. For students taking all three exams, the final exam grade can replace a lower grade on one of the first two exams if the final exam grade is higher. Only one regular exam grade can be replaced in this way.

Additional Policies

Accommodations for Disability
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:

Dallas Swafford
Director of Student Disability Services
Office of Student Affairs
325-942-2047
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu
Houston Harte University Center, Room 112

Student Absence for Religious Holidays
A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information.

Title IX at Angelo State University
The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance.

Students are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU’s Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator at:

Michelle Boone, J.D.
Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator
Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
325-942-2022
michelle.boone@angelo.edu

You may also file a report online 24/7 at www.angelo.edu/incident-form.

If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the University Health Clinic and Counseling Center at 325-942-2173 or the ASU Crisis Helpline at 325-486-6345.

For more information about Title IX in general you may visit www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

Modifications to the Syllabus
The instructor and the university reserve the right to modify or change the syllabus (schedule, course requirements, grading policy, etc.) as the curriculum and/or program require(s).

3 https://www.eclipse.org/
2 https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/GettingStarted/Browser_Support
3 https://greenteapress.com/wp/think-java-2e/
4 https://www.angelo.edu/covid-19/face-coverings/
5 https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures
6 https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/
7 https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/
8 http://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/community-policies/academic-integrity.php
9 https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/
10 https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of
11 www.angelo.edu/incident-form
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