



Course Syllabus

Division: Computer Science

Course name: Computer Science 901 - Introduction To Computers And Their Uses

Section: 0699 – 3 units / **Semester** Fall 2013

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Class Hours: Mon & Wed
11:10 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.

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MyITLab.com Course ID: CRSKLJA-6007568

Welcome

We will be studying Word 2010, Excel 2010, Access 2010 and PowerPoint 2010. The exercises will be accessed through MyITLab.com. However, you will have Drop Box Assignments that will require you to create a document using the Office 2010 software. You can get access to this software through the campus computer labs or from a computer outside of campus. The free trial, download of Office 2013 (Office 365) is available from Microsoft for 30 days. If you would like to use the free trial, here is the link: <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/try>

The skills you learn here will help you succeed both in and out of class. However, your education is ultimately YOUR responsibility. YOU determine your level of success. Successful college students are self-motivated. Successful college students understand the importance of studying the material, coming to class prepared and practicing the skills learned. YOU CAN DO IT and I'm here to help. ☺

Course Description:

The course introduces students to fundamental 'Computer Literacy' concepts. Students will learn to use Windows 7 on the PC-compatible computers as well as MS Office 2010, a word processing program (MS Word), a spreadsheet program (MS Excel), MS PowerPoint and Database (MS Access). Windows 7 will be used to illustrate operating system concepts and disk organization. This class is intended for students requiring 'hands-on' knowledge of computer applications. This class will be accepted as a prerequisite for all advanced applications classes listed under CSIT and CAOT.

Required Texts:

TITLE: GO w/ OFFICE2010 V1 PKG WLAC by Gaskin. It's bundled with Technology In Action 10th Edition and MyITLab Access Code. ISBN 10: 1269431331.

MyITLab is an online assessment and training tool for MS Office 2010. It allows students to perform their MS Office assignments online without actually having MS Office 2010 installed on their computers. A student Access Code is required to use MyITLab.

Note: eText versions of both textbooks are available for purchase at www.myitlab.com. However, they are not included as a bundle discounted price. The eText can be viewed on an iPad or Android tablet/phone. The MyITLab course can be run on a laptop or tower computer.

Note: Your Myitlab access code is good for 1 year from the date of purchase. Used books do not include the access code to myitlab.com which costs \$88.

Hardware and Software: This is a Windows based course. You will need to access a PC compatible computer using Windows XP, Vista, or Windows 7 or Windows 8.

Windows 8 users will need to set the Internet Explorer 10 browser to compatibility mode. See instructions http://247pearsoned.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/10981/kw/windows%20%20and%20

MyITLab Mac users must use a Myitlab installation for Mac users only. The Safari browser may be used to run MyITLab.

http://wps.prenhall.com/wps/media/access/Pearson_Default/12943/13254172/login_mac.html

The Internet browser (Internet Explorer or Safari) requires certain settings in order for the MyITLab lessons to run properly. The following is a link with information on settings for each.

http://247pearsoned.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/241/kw/safari%20and%20

Required Materials:

- 2GB or higher capacity flash drive
- Headphones/earphones

Suggested Prerequisites:

Although, there are no formal prerequisites for this course, general use of Windows and use of the Internet is necessary to use MyITLab.com. Completion of CS 901 will fulfill a pre-requisite to enroll in other computer science courses leading to certificates that qualify for high-demand employment, associate degrees and transfer to a four year university. For more information go to:

<http://www.wlac.edu/csit>

Course Objectives:

- 1) Present the most-up-to-date technology in an ever-changing discipline,
- 2) Give students an in-depth understanding of why computers are essential components in business, education and society.
- 3) Introduce the fundamentals of computers and computer nomenclature, particularly with respect to personal use of computer hardware and software, the Internet, networking and mobile computing.
- 4) Provide hands-on use of Microsoft Office 2010 applications such as Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint. Completion of the assignments will result in a student's understanding and knowledge of applications.
- 5) Present course material using multimedia computer assisted instruction to support various learning styles in a traditional format.
- 6) Provide quality instruction through use of textbook-based MyITLab, a comprehensive student computer portal providing audio-video demonstrations, PowerPoint tutorials, interactive skill-based training and assessments.

Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) & SLOs

This course will also facilitate the following Institutional Learning Outcomes:

- A. Critical Thinking: Analyze problems by differentiating fact from opinions, using evidence, and using sound reasoning to specify multiple solutions and their consequences.
- B. Communication: Effectively communicate thought in a clear, well-organized manner to persuade, inform, and convey ideas in academic, work, family and community settings.
- C. Self-awareness/Interpersonal Skills: Apply self-assessment and reflection strategies to interpersonal, work, community, career, and educational pathways.
- D. Technical Competence: Utilize the appropriate technology effectively for informational, academic, personal, and professional needs.
- E. Cultural Diversity: Respectfully engage with other cultures in an effort to understand them.
- F. Ethics: Practice and demonstrate standards of personal and professional integrity, honesty and fairness; apply ethical principles in submission of all college work.

Course Student Learning Outcomes - SLOs

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able apply technical knowledge and perform specific technical skills, including:

1. Successful students will become computer literate in the workplace and in society by demonstrating knowledge of computer hardware, software, file and data management, operating systems, mobile devices, and Internet resources.
2. Successful students will demonstrate Word skills to create and edit documents: format paragraphs, organize text, insert graphics and use spell and grammar checker.
3. Successful students will demonstrate Excel skills to create and format a worksheet: use and creation of formulas, financial formatting, worksheet design and charting.
4. Successful students will demonstrate PowerPoint skills to create and edit a presentation: start and identify parts of a presentation, format slides and modify slide layout.
5. Successful students will demonstrate Access skills to identify and create basic elements of a database.

Course Drop Dates and Course Incompletes:

To drop a course, a student can go to the Admissions Office or login to the Student Information System (<http://www.wlac.edu> - click on Students).

Dropping without a "W" - Friday, September 6th

Dropping a course with a refund/no fee owed - Friday, September 6th

Dropping with a "W" - Friday, November 15th

After Friday November 15th, students still enrolled will appear on the final grade roster.

Incompletes may be considered only by students who have completed 75% of the coursework with a passing grade. Requests to the instructor for an INC or incomplete grade will be evaluated and determined on an individual basis.

Other Important Dates: College is Closed

Labor Day – September 2nd

Veterans Day – November 11th

Thanksgiving Holiday – November 28th-30th

Labs available on campus: Internet access and Microsoft Office 2010

Internet access is necessary to access the CS901 course. Internet access is available on campus in (2) locations: LIRL Lab located on the 2nd floor of the HLRC (Heldman Learning Resource Center - Library). The library also has copies of the course textbooks at the circulation desk for use in the library only. Note: Each student will need a myitlab.com student access code as it keeps track of the work submitted. Help is available for CS901 students in the LIRL Lab. Be sure to ask the scheduled lab assistant if you would like help with using MyITLab.

The Computer Science Department Lab is located in CE-101. Internet Access and Office 2010 software is available. WiFi or wireless access is available in most areas on campus.

The Fall 2013 lab hours are:

The LIRL Lab, 2nd floor of the HLRC Library:

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fridays and Saturdays 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Sundays - Closed

Login with your college id# and press "Enter" on the keyboard. On some computers, you'll need to enter a password which is mo/day of your birthday.

Computer Science Lab (CE 101): Friday/Sunday Closed

CE-101 Open Hours – Fall 2013 - subject to change

Monday – Thursday 2:00p.m. - 9:45p.m.

Saturdays 8:45a.m. – 1:00p.m.

You may also check the Division site for Lab Hours and other useful information: www.wlac.edu/csit

By visiting the division web site above, you will find useful information such as paid internships and Job placement assistance for students in the advanced classes like CISCO Network, Security, Web & mobile development, and Database. For more information, contact H1B coordinator: VegaWM@wlab.edu

If your major is in Computer Science Information Technology, you may also check the division site for degree and certificate requirements.

To login to the workstations, use the login name, **student**. There is no password and if necessary select Windows 7 as the preferred Operating System.

Assignments and Grading Scheme

There will be 4 exams, MyITLab assignments and a final. Each exam is worth 20 points.

Exam 1 will cover chapters 1, 2 and 6

Exam 2 will cover chapter 3

Exam 3 will cover chapters 4 and 5

Exam 4 will cover chapters 7 and 8

There are *No make-up exams*.

The final exam will be cumulative

Assignments and Exams	Points
Technology In Action Exam 1: Ch 1, 2 and 6	20
Technology In Action Exam 2: Ch 3	20
Technology In Action Exam 3: Ch 4 and 5	20
Technology In Action Exam 4: Ch 7 and 8	20
Technology In Action Final Exam	100
Skill-Based Trainings and Skill-Based Exams	
Word Ch 1 Project 1A, 1B Skill-Based Trainings and Skill-Based Exam	20
Word Ch 2 Project 2A, 2B Skill-Based Trainings and Skill-Based Exam	20
Word Ch 3 Project 3A, 3B Skill-Based Trainings and Skill-Based Exam	20
Excel Ch 1 Project 1A, 1B Skill-Based Trainings and Skill-Based Exam	20
Excel Ch 2 Project 2A, 2B Skill-Based Trainings and Skill-Based Exam	20
Excel Ch 3 Project 3A, 3B Skill-Based Trainings and Skill-Based Exam	20
Access Ch 1 Project 1A, 1B Skill-Based Trainings and Skill-Based Exam	20
Extra Credit Assignments	20
PowerPoint Ch 1 Project 1A, 1B Skill-Based Trainings and Skill-Based Exam	20
PowerPoint Ch 2 Project 2A, 2B Skill-Based Trainings and Skill-Based Exam	20
PowerPoint Ch 3 Project 3A, 3B Skill-Based Trainings and Skill-Based Exam	20
Application Grader Projects (Capstones)	
Word	35
Excel	35
PowerPoint	30

The final grade is based on all work for assignments and exams in both the Technology in Action 10th Edition and GO! Office 2010 - Introductory (Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint) material provided for in Myitlab, and the three grader projects (one for each application).

Grading Scheme: There's a total possible points of 500. Final Exam: 100 points

450 – 500 = A 90 – 100%

400 – 449 = B 80 – 89%

350 – 399 = C 70 – 79%

300 – 349 = D 60 – 69%

Below 300 = F 0 – 59%

Instructor's Incomplete Policy

I have a formal and consistent policy to determine whether an incomplete makes academic sense and is possible.

- 1) My position is that a student who has successfully completed more than 75% of the course work and has a justifiable explanation should be considered for an Incomplete.
- 2) A student who has not successfully completed 75% or more and does not have justifiable circumstances would either be dropped (if possible), failed or given a grade based on the course work submitted to date.

Computer Science 901 Honors

WLAC Honors students may take CS901 as an Honors course. Just maintain an A or B grade throughout the semester and satisfactorily complete additional Honors course assignments. Contact Honors Director, Helen Young, at transferhonors@wlac.edu to request an Honors contract for this course. WLAC Honors students must take 18 units of Honors courses to receive priority admissions at several colleges and universities.

If you have a GPA of 3.0 or better and are qualified to enroll in English 101, you may qualify as an Honors student. Obtain an application at the Honors office in the Student Services Building (SSB) or for more information and download an application visit the Transfer Honors Web Page at <http://www.wlac.edu/transfer/index.html#honors> and click on the Program Application link.

Be sure to include your essay and transcripts. Once you have been approved, request an Honors contract for CS901.

Be sure to act quickly. The contract must be signed by the 6th week of the semester. If you have any questions, email or contact the Honors Office at (310) 287-4289.

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Class and College Policies, Accommodations and Other Student Services

There will be no make-up exams, however, assignments may be accepted up to 1 week after the due date, but with a 10% deduction in points.

Technical glitches do occur. In some instances, an assignment may be re-submitted. Please post these requests in the MyITLab e-mail.

Reminder: More than THREE missed assignments or TWO missed exams may result in automatic exclusion. It is your responsibility to drop the class; failure to drop the class in a timely manner will result in a "W" or "F" on your record.

College Policies and Standards - from Student Services document

Professional Conduct in Our Classroom Community

The West LA College faculty, staff and administrators are dedicated to maintaining an optimal learning environment and will not tolerate any disruptive behavior in or outside of the classroom or any academic dishonesty. These standards apply to all students.

Note: These are the standards provided in the College Policies and Standards document. I will provide an electronic version of the entire text. Here is a paraphrased description of the standards applied to all students:

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory. Up to 3 absences are allowed. After that, you could be dropped. Students are expected to attend every class meeting, to arrive on time and stay throughout the class period. Students are expected to attend all classes they are registered for. Students are responsible for withdrawing from the class if unable to participate in the class.

Dropping a Class: Students are responsible to drop a class to prevent being issued a failing "F" grade. Dropping a class may affect eligibility for federal financial aid. Please see the dates posted in this syllabus on the last day to drop if you do not wish to receive a course grade.

Course Incompletes: Incompletes are granted only to students who have completed 75% of the course with a passing grade. Students must make a request for an incomplete to the instructor. The instructor will evaluate the student's work and circumstance as to why the coursework could not be completed within the semester. A determination of an Incomplete grade will be decided in a timely manner.

Special Instructional Accommodation: See policy stated below.

Academic Integrity: Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work. In MyITLab.com, this will be enforced. Cheating (use of materials or devices that give undue advantage when completing coursework), Collaboration (having another student or person complete your work) or Plagiarism (use of another student or person's work) is prohibited. A grade of "F" or "0" may be assigned to work that documents that a violation has taken place. Note: I will allow use of textbooks when completing exams, but collaboration or substitution by another person is prohibited. Elements in this exclusively web-based software have been designed to detect inconsistent submissions.

Standard of Student Conduct: Faculty members are charged with responsibility for building and maintaining a classroom atmosphere conducive to learning. Disruptive, disrespectful behavior will be dealt with in terms specific to this syllabus and in accordance with the LACCD Standard of Student Conduct. According to code 9803.15, disruption of classes or college activities is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Refer to the catalog and the Standards of Student Conduct in the Schedule of Classes for more information.

Note: The online classroom also requires an atmosphere conducive to learning. Disruptive and disrespectful behavior such as postings or communications to the instructor or other students will be subject to these same standards of student conduct. A Warning followed by Removal by the instructor for persistent behavior will be carried out.

Cell Phone and other Communication Devices and Classroom and Campus Cleanliness: These standards apply to the on campus classrooms.

Electronic Mail: Electronic mail is the official method of communication for delivery of college information. To access your account, visit www.wlac.edu, click on the "For Students" link and click on the Student Email button or type the URL on the address bar: <https://student.laccd.edu/sso>

Acceptable Accommodations

Students who believe they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact the campus DSP&S Office at (310) 287-4450. The instructor will receive advisement from the DSP&S representative on how best to accommodate the student for this course. The DSP&S Office is located on the 3rd floor of the Student Services Building.

If you have a personal emergency, contact me so I may evaluate it for an appropriate accommodation.

Student Services Available

West Los Angeles College provides many student services to support academic success. Here is the link to several Student Services available to you. <http://www.wlac.edu/services/index.html>

Here are few helpful links:

Financial Aid, Academic Counseling and Health Services

Financial Aid - <http://www.wlac.edu/financialaid/index.html>

Academic Counseling - <http://www.wlac.edu/counseling/counselor.html>

Student Health Center - <http://www.wlac.edu/services/brochures/healthcenter.pdf>

Walking In and Out of Class

When you arrive to class, make sure you have used the restroom, had a chance to eat, check your messages, etc. Walking in and out is rude and disruptive. If you need to leave early, or have some other problem, you need to notify me in advance. **Any student who makes a habit of walking in and out of class may be asked to leave.**

Food or Drinks are NOT permitted in the classroom/computer lab.

Cell Phones, iPods, etc.

Turn them off and put them away when class begins! Although it may not seem possible, you can survive without talking and texting on your cell phone, or listening to your iPod, for a little over an hour. Talking and texting on cell phones not only distract you, but they are a distraction for me and your peers.

Distractions interrupt/disrupt the class, and I will not tolerate interruptions. **You will be asked to leave if this occurs.**

Recording Devices

State law in California prohibits the use of any electronic listening or recording device in a classroom without prior consent of the instructor and college administration. Any student who needs to use electronic aids must secure the consent of the instructor. If the instructor agrees to the request, a notice of consent must be forwarded to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for approval (WLAC College Catalog).

For more information refer to the attached link:

http://www.wlac.edu/academics/pdf/WLAC_10-12Catalog_Policies.pdf

Contacting Me

If you have a problem, do not hesitate to contact me immediately. I'm in the Library 2nd Floor of the HLRC building Mon-Thu from 9:30am – 6:00pm. I consider this is the best and quickest way to contact me or E-mail. Students are expected to ask questions and obtain help from instructors via e-mail and/or during office hours.

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Campus Resources:

See example below:

As stated earlier in this syllabus, **if you are having problems, don't hesitate to ask;** come and talk with me and check out some of the campus resources available to you.

Office of Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S)

Location: Student Services Building (SSB 320); Telephone (310) 287-4450

Department Email
dsps@wla.edu

Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m. 4:30p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday: CLOSED

West Los Angeles College recognizes and welcomes its responsibility to provide an equal educational opportunity to all disabled individuals. The Office of Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSP&S) has been established to provide support services for all verified disabled students pursuing a college education. DSP&S students may qualify for: priority registration, registration assistance, special parking permits, sign language interpreters and assistive technology (WLAC College Catalog).

Instructional Support (Tutoring) & Learning Skills Center

Heldman Learning Resources Center (HLRC) | (310) 287-4486

Improve your reading, language, vocabulary, spelling, math fundamentals and chemistry knowledge with convenient, self-paced computer-aided courses in the Learning Skills Center. Increase your knowledge and learning success: sign up for tutoring in various college subjects (WLAC College Catalog).

Library Services

Heldman Learning Resources Center (HLRC) | (310) 287-4269 & (310) 287-4486

The WLAC Library provides instruction on how to use the online catalog, periodical and research databases. In addition to a large collection of books, periodicals and videos the WLAC Library has course textbooks which students may use while in the Library. Web access is available in LIRL as well as meeting rooms. The upper floors provide a beautiful view ideal for study (WLAC College Catalog).

for more information refer to the attached link:

http://www.wlac.edu/academics/pdf/WLAC_10-12Catalog_Services.pdf

Student Acknowledgment

(Please return this sheet to the instructor)

"I _____, have completely read this syllabus and understand and agree to the course requirements."

Please indicate below, any special needs or circumstances that may have some impact on your work in this class, and for which you may require special accommodations, including but not limited to physical or mental disabilities, inability to arrive to class on time or need to leave class early, observance of religious holidays, etc.

Special needs or circumstances:
