Course: PROGRAMMING PARADIGMS AND LANGUAGES (CSc 600)

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in CSc 413 (510 desired). Strict enforcement of prerequisites is the policy of CS Dept.


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Goals: Learn programming paradigms, develop respectful and tolerant approach to various programming languages, learn to always recognize and support components of software quality, develop critical thinking in the software area, and prepare for a long professional life in a permanently changing computational problem solving area. After completing CSc 600 students can write in their resumes “I am familiar with SW development using procedural, logic, functional and object-oriented programming paradigms.”

Contents: 1. Syntax and semantics of programming languages. BNF, EBNF, syntax diagrams, and parenthetic notation.
Syntax errors and semantic errors. Interaction of syntax and semantics.


Grading: The first two segments are covered by HW1 and Midterm MT1. Segment 3 is covered by HW2 and MT2. Segments 4 and 5 are covered by HW3 and final exam FE. All grade points are in the range from 0 to 100%. The total class points are P=0.04*HW1+0.04*HW2+0.04*HW3+0.28*MT1+0.2*MT2+0.4*FE. In order to pass this class, each of five segments must have a positive grade. The safe passing level is P>=60%. The final letter grades and passing decisions significantly depend on the final ranking in the class and the presence of segments that are graded close to the failing level; we expect a uniform distribution of segment grades. CSc 600 is not a prerequisite for other classes, and consequently the minimum acceptable passing grade is D-.

Attendance: The attendance of lectures is mandatory and randomly checked.

Homework: Homework is designed to develop programming skills in various languages and to prepare for exams.

Notes: Please take notes in the class and write them in the Reader Class notes are very useful for preparing for exams.

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