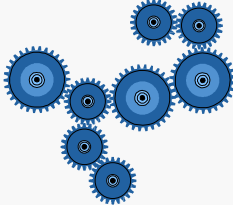


CS 1044 Course Administration 1

**Welcome to
Computer Science 1044
Introduction to Programming
in C/C++**



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Instructor and Course Information Course Administration 2


Instructors:
 Instructor: William D McQuain
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 Office Hours: 8:00 – 9:15 MTWRF
 and by appointment


Course Description
 Credits: 3
 Prerequisites: None but computer/web literacy is assumed.


Objectives:
 The purpose of this course is to teach the fundamentals of structured programming and problem solving in the C/C++ programming language.

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Texts & References Course Administration 3


Required:
 *Programming and Problem Solving with C++, 2nd Ed.*, by Nell Dale, Chip Weems and Mark Headington, Prentice-Hall, ©2000

Recommended:
 *CS 1044 Course Notes, Fall 2000 Edition*, by McQuain and Barnette, ©2000
 (available for purchase at A-1 Copies in University Mall)

Other Useful Sources of Information:
 Visual C++ Online Help
 CS 1044 website: <http://courses.cs.vt.edu/~cs1044/summer01/mcquain/>
 C/C++ Usenet group: alt.comp.lang.learn.c-c++


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Evaluation Course Administration 4

Evaluation and Grading: 

Point Distribution
 Final grades will be based on the average achieved over the following :

Item	Weight	Tentative Dates
Homework and Quizzes	10%	Varied
Project Testing and Software Engineering	50%	Varied
Midterm Test	15%	TBA
Final Exam	25%	10:30-12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30

Grade Scale:
 The usual 10-point scale will apply (subject to any curve). A final average of 90% will guarantee an A-, 80% will guarantee a B-, and so forth. 

Curve
 A grade curve may or may not be employed in this course. The application of a curve is dependent upon class performance on tests and homework. The decision to utilize a curve rests entirely with the course instructor.


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Class Organization

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Sources for Help/Questions etc.


- CS 1044 Classmates:
 - CS 1044 Listserv for questions, announcements by instructor, etc.
- CS 1044 TAs & Instructor



General C++ Language Help


USENET Newsgroup: alt.comp.lang.learn.c-c++

A panel of "experts" will respond to questions.
We DO monitor the group.



Lecture Instruction

Lectures will consist of presentations, applications, problems and solutions interspersed with classroom discussion.





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Development System

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Test Environments

- All programming assignments submitted are required to compile under either Microsoft Visual C++, version 6.0.
- Programs will be tested under Windows 2000/NT.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that his/her programs execute correctly in the appropriate environment; programs that do not will receive substantial deductions.

Program Evaluation

- Students are required to submit their source code files to the Curator system.
- Be sure to read the *Student Guide to Submitting* in the course notes pack. It describes how to prepare to submit a program to the Curator and discusses how the Curator scores your submissions.
- All submissions to the Curator are subject to the Virginia Tech Honor Code. Read the online Course Contract for a detailed discussion.


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Damage Control

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Backups

- Students are responsible for making backup copies of all their work in this course.** Loss of work due to hard drive failure is **NOT** an acceptable excuse. Backup copies of files on the same hard drive are not backup copies. Backup copies of files on second hard drives are also risky. Backup copies should be maintained on two separate distinct storage mediums, (e.g., hard drives and floppies).
- Backup copies should be maintained until after the end of the term and students have received their course grade. (The Army lives by triplicate for a reason.)
- Remember: Computer systems are mechanical devices. Systems fail. Plan for it. It is inevitable!



Deadlines

- Assignments have deadlines.**
- Deadlines are temperamental little beasts, hug one too tightly and it is likely to bite.**



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