Course Goals
This course provides an in-depth study of current and historical issues in the design, implementation, and application of programming languages. Topics will vary from basic to advanced in areas such as syntax, semantics, binding, data abstraction, exception handling, concurrency, and functional, logic and object-oriented programming. A modest amount of programming will be required to help you get the feel for different types of languages. Sebesta provides the background information, but readings from current literature will also be required. Each student will be required to give an individual and group presentation and to participate in the discussion during other presentations.

Prerequisites
Minimally: an undergraduate course in the concepts of programming language, e.g. CS3304. If you do not meet this prerequisite, I will consider background experience that represents a working knowledge of multiple languages including one outside the procedural/imperative domain.

Grading
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Comments
There is a lot of very interesting material in this course, including many current research topics. I hope that you enjoy it!
I DO NOT ACCEPT LATE ASSIGNMENTS! Moreover, if you miss more than 2 (3 hour) class meetings, you will be assigned an “F” for the class.

**Tentative Schedule**

**Week 1:** Describing Syntax & Semantics (Chapter 3)

**Week 2:** Lexical & Syntax Analysis (Chapter 4)

**Week 3:** Binding, Type Checking and Scope (Chapter 5)

Data Types (Chapters 6)

**Week 4:** Subprograms: Design Issues (Chapter 9)

**Week 5:** Subprograms: Implementation (Chapter 10)

**Week 6:** Functional Programming Languages (Chapter 15)

**Week 7:** Logic Programming Languages (Chapter 16)

**Weeks 8 - 11:** Language Concept Paper Presentations

30 minutes per paper; 5 minutes for questions

2/3 students per group

**Weeks 12 - 14:** PLDI Conference Paper Presentations

60 minutes per paper; 10 minute for questions

4/5 students per group

**Week 15:** Wrap-up