CS 181.3 Course Outline as of Fall 2025

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: CS 181.3   Title: LINUX ADMINISTRATION 2
Full Title: Linux Administration 2
Last Reviewed: 2/14/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	8	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00   Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable
Grading: Grade or P/NP
Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP
Also Listed As:
Formerly: CS 181.23B

Catalog Description:
In this course, students will prepare for the Linux Professional Institute LPIC-1 certification.
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Professional Institute (www.LPI.org) LPIC-1 Linux Administrator first certification exam.
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management, interfaces and desktops, administrative tasks, essential system services, network
fundamentals and system security. Linux has been around since the mid-'90s and is widely
adopted across products, markets and industries. Mastering Linux installation, configuring and
maintenance is key to securing an IT administrator job.

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Recommended Preparation:
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Transfer Credit:
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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

			Effective:	Inactive:
AS Degree:	**Area**		Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	**Transfer Area**		Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	**Transfer Area**		Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:	
UC Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:	

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:
Not Certificate/Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:
At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:
1. Use current best pratice encryption methods to secure data and communications.
2. Configure basic network services, using virtual machines running Linux.
3. Demonstrate knowledge and awareness of accessibility technologies.

Objectives:
At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:
1. Configure and implement general networking methods and security policies.
2. Maintain the system time and synchronize the clock via Network Time Protocol (NTP).
3. Perform basic forward and alias configuration on a client host using Mail Transfer Agent (MTA) programs.
4. Localize a system in a language different than English.
5. Review and modify system configuration to ensure host security in accordance with local security policies.
6. Customize existing scripts or write simple new Bash scripts.
7. Add, remove, suspend and change user accounts in accordance with local security policies.

Topics and Scope:

I. Advanced Shell Features
   A. Shell scripts
   B. Bash scripts

II. Administering the Display
   A. X window
   B. Graphical desktops
   C. Accessibility

III. User and System Administration
   A. User and group accounts
   B. Scheduling jobs
   C. Localization

IV. System Services
   A. System time
   B. System logging
   C. Email configuration
   D. Printer management

V. Networking
   A. Network fundamentals
   B. Network configuration
   C. Network troubleshooting

VI. System Security
   A. Account security
   B. Host security
   C. Encryption, including public & private keys

Assignment:

Reading assignments include:
   1. Online research of Linux programming methods
   2. Approximately 30 pages per week from the curriculum

Homework problems include:
   1. Weekly online discussion thread participation
   2. Hands-on exercises and class performances to demonstrate proficiency with topics
   3. Online exams (10-20)
   4. Computer configuration assignments using the Linux operating system

Other assignments include:
   1. Skills demonstration examinations
   2. Classroom scenario-based exercises
   3. Midterm
   4. Final exam

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Weekly written online discussions	Writing 5 - 10%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Homework problems, assignments for Linux configuration	Problem solving 15 - 30%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Class performance of Linux configuration and skills demonstration examinations	Skill Demonstrations 20 - 30%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Exams, Midterm, Final Exam and skill demonstration examinations	Exams 20 - 30%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation in scenario-based exercises	Other Category 5 - 20%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:
UNIX and Linux System Administration Handbook. 5th ed. Nemeth, Evi; Snyder, Garth; Hein, Trent R.; Whaley, Ben; Mackin, Dan. Addison-Wesley Professional. 2017 (classic)
Linux Bible. 10th ed. Negus, Christopher. Wiley Press. 2020
Linux Administration: The Linux Operating System and Command Line Guide for Linux Administrators. Cannon, Jason. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. 2016 (classic)