

**CS 5 Course Outline as of Fall 2024****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: CS 5                      Title: COMPUTER LITERACY  
 Full Title: Computer Literacy  
 Last Reviewed: 5/8/2023

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	1.00	4	Lab Scheduled	17.50
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	4.00		Contact Total	70.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 175.00

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: CIS 5

**Catalog Description:**

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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>
	B	Communication and Analytical Thinking	Fall 1983

<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>
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<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>
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<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	<b>Effective:</b>	Fall 1983	<b>Inactive:</b>
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<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Transferable	<b>Effective:</b>	Fall 1983	<b>Inactive:</b>
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### **CID:**

### **Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Evaluate components, capabilities, and limitations of computer technology.
2. Critically assess the social and ethical implications of computer technology in daily life.
3. Explore the ability to solve real-world problems using computer-based technology and tools.

### **Objectives:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify the components and function of the hardware used in a computer system.
2. Describe the functions of system and application software.
3. Describe the popular programming languages and the process of developing computer software.
4. Create a simple computer program.
5. Analyze the impact of computer technology and its ethical implications on society.
6. Demonstrate understanding and basic use of communication and productivity tools.
7. Explain basic computer networking concepts and architecture.
8. Discuss computer security and ethics and explain their importance for business and personal use of computers.
9. Explore career opportunities in computer-related fields.

### **Topics and Scope:**

- I. Computer Technology Literacy as a Necessary Skill in the 21st Century
  - A. Becoming a savvy computer user and consumer
  - B. Computers in today's careers
  - C. Understanding the challenges facing a digital society
- II. The History of Computer Technology
- III. Computer Hardware
  - A. Input devices
  - B. Processing (System Unit)
  - C. Central Processing Unit
  - D. The machine cycle
  - E. Random Access Memory
  - F. Output devices
  - G. Storage devices
- IV. Using the Internet and World Wide Web
  - A. Communicating through the Internet: e-mail and other technologies
  - B. Social media
  - C. Web entertainment: multimedia and beyond
  - D. Conducting business over the Internet: e-commerce
  - E. Managing malware and online annoyances
  - F. Accessing the web: web browsers
  - G. Searching the web: search engines
  - H. The Internet and how it works
  - I. The future of the Internet
  - J. Virtual reality
- V. The Cloud
  - A. What is the cloud
  - B. What it makes possible
  - C. When it makes sense to use
- VI. Information Technology Ethics
  - A. Copyright and intellectual property
  - B. Plagiarism
  - C. Fakes, hoaxes, and scams
  - D. Artificial Intelligence
- VII. System Software
  - A. Operating systems
  - B. Utility programs
  - C. File management
- VIII. Computer Networking
  - A. Networking fundamentals
  - B. Network architectures
  - C. Network components
  - D. Wireless and cellular networks
  - E. Home/small business networks
- IX. Computer Security
  - A. Computer threats (hackers, malware, and ransomware)
  - B. Computer safeguards (firewalls, antimalware, and other security measures)
  - C. Data privacy
  - D. The human element (training, awareness, and testing)
- X. Mobile Computing
  - A. Smartphones and mobile devices
  - B. Lost it! Now what?
  - C. Notebooks

- XI. Software Programming
  - A. The binary numbering system
  - B. Low level programming languages
  - C. High level programming languages
- XII. Databases and Information Systems
  - A. Database types
  - B. Data mining and data warehouses
  - C. The systems development lifecycle
  - D. Systems analysis
- XIII. Application Software
  - A. Word-processing software
  - B. Spreadsheet software
  - C. Presentation software
  - D. Database software
  - E. Graphics and multimedia software
  - F. Web design software

All items in the topics and scope are covered in the lecture and lab portions of the course.

**Assignment:**

1. Weekly reading from course materials (approximately 30 pages)
2. Written homework (5-15)
3. Reading report(s) (1-4)
4. Problem solving exercise(s) requiring the use of spreadsheets and database management software (1-3)
5. Laboratory exercise(s) (1-12) on topics such as:
  - A. Operating systems
  - B. Word processing
  - C. Spreadsheets
  - D. Database management
  - E. Other application software
6. Individual and/or team projects (5-15), such as:
  - A. Research and write-up of computer related articles on the web or technology magazines
  - B. Interviews and reports
  - C. Basic coding
  - D. Team presentations on current trends in technology
7. Quizzes (2-15)
8. Midterm
9. Final exam or project

All assignments are covered in the lecture and lab portions of the course.

**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.

Written homework; reading report(s); individual and/or team projects

Writing  
20 - 65%

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

Problem solving exercise(s); laboratory exercise(s)

Problem solving  
5 - 20%

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

Individual and/or team projects; final project

Skill Demonstrations  
5 - 20%

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

Quizzes; midterm; final exam

Exams  
20 - 65%

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

Attendance and participation

Other Category  
5 - 15%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Technology In Action. 18th ed, Evans, Alan. Poatsy, Mary Anne. Martin, Kendall. Pearson. 2023.

Instructor-prepared materials