

**CS 63.12 Course Outline as of Spring 2011****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: CS 63.12 Title: MS ACCESS AND VBA

Full Title: Microsoft Access and Visual Basic for Applications

Last Reviewed: 5/10/2010

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	4	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: CIS 69.33

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**Recommended Preparation:**

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

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective: Fall 1997	Inactive: Fall 2015
<b>UC Transfer:</b>		Effective:	Inactive:

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Certificate Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Explain and implement programming logic constructs.
2. Design relational database applications using the rules of normalization.
3. Create database applications using tables, forms, reports, and queries.
4. Automate the database application using macros and VBA (Visual Basic for Applications).

### **Topics and Scope:**

1. Overview of the Access objects
  - a. Tables
  - b. Queries
  - c. Forms
  - d. Reports
  - e. Macros
  - f. Modules
2. Definition of relational database
3. Normalization
  - a. Goals of normalization
  - b. First normal form
  - c. Second normal form
  - d. Third normal form
  - e. Fourth normal form
  - f. Fifth normal form
4. Names: The Leszynski-Reddick (L\_R) convention
5. Primary keys and indexes
6. Relationships
  - a. Rules for creating relationships

- b. Referential integrity
- 7. Queries
  - a. Review of simple queries
  - b. Dynasets and snapshots
  - c. Joining tables
    - 1) equi-joins
    - 2) outer-joins
    - 3) the not-in query
    - 4) self-joins
  - d. Parameter queries
  - e. Calculations in queries
  - f. SQL (Structured Query Language)
    - 1) history of SQL
    - 2) syntax conventions
    - 3) select query syntax
    - 4) action query syntax
- 8. Forms
  - a. Controls
    - 1) bound
    - 2) unbound
    - 3) calculated
  - b. Main and subforms
    - 1) designing
    - 2) properties
    - 3) the event trigger cycle
  - c. Drill down forms
    - 1) macros
    - 2) visual basic
  - d. Switchboards
- 9. Macros
  - a. The user interface
  - b. Organizing the tasks
  - c. Documenting your application
  - d. Macro groups
  - e. Starting up your application
  - f. Conditions in macros
  - g. Macro loops
  - h. Macro errors
  - i. Troubleshooting
  - j. Single stepping through macros
  - k. Autokeys macros
  - l. Automating switchboards
  - m. Looking up information in tables and queries
    - 1) combo boxes
    - 2) dlookup
    - 3) autolookup query
  - n. Navigating to controls and records
  - o. Data entry operations
    - 1) validating data
    - 2) adding records
    - 3) changing data
    - 4) deleting records

- p. Controlling the user interface
  - 1) custom menu bars
  - 2) custom tool bars
  - 3) custom key assignments
- 10. Visual Basic or Macros
- 11. Event driven programming
  - a. Event driven vs traditional methods
  - b. Handling events with VBA
- 12. Modules and procedures
  - a. Forms and reports modules
  - b. Standard modules
  - c. The general object
  - d. VBA handlers
  - e. Compiling code
- 13. Procedures
  - a. Subroutines and functions
  - b. Procedure declaration
- 14. Variables
  - a. Variable types
  - b. Declaring variables
  - c. Constants
  - d. Variable scope and lifetime
- 15. Making decisions
  - a. If...Then
  - b. If...Then...Else
  - c. Else If
  - d. Logical operators with the If Statement
  - e. Operator precedence
- 16. Repetition
  - a. Loops
  - b. Nested control structures
  - c. Exiting a control structure
- 17. Arrays
  - a. Static arrays
  - b. Dynamic arrays
- 18. Object Oriented Programming
  - a. Objects
    - 1) properties
    - 2) methods
    - 3) classes
  - b. Collections
    - 1) containers and documents
    - 2) forms container
    - 3) errors collection
    - 4) default collections
- 19. Recordsets
  - a. Opening
  - b. Refreshing
  - c. Moving through recordsets
  - d. Counting records
  - e. Looking for specific records
  - f. Bookmarks

- g. Editing records in recordset
- 20. Queries at run-time
  - a. Drill down forms
  - b. SQL
- 21. Displaying selected records at run-time
- 22. Working with external data
- 23. Error handling
  - a. Planning for errors
  - b. Types of errors
  - c. VBA (Visual Basic Application) errors
  - d. Form and report errors
  - e. DAO (Data Access Object) errors
- 24. Debugging
  - a. Program execution
  - b. The debug window
- 25. Data access in a multi-user environment
  - a. Chaining databases
  - b. Attachment managers
  - c. Setting the default environment
  - d. Locking schemes
- 26. Security
  - a. Activating the security system
  - b. Creating groups
  - c. Creating users
  - d. Assigning permissions
- 27. Managers and add-in utilities
  - a. Database splitter
  - b. Add-in utilities

### **Assignment:**

- 1. Written quizzes
- 2. Performance exams on computer
- 3. Read 20-30 pages per week
- 4. Answer end-of-chapter questions
- 5. Computer tutorial labs
- 6. Case studies done on the computer

### **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.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because problem solving assessments are more appropriate for this course.

Writing  
0 - 0%

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

Homework problems (reading, end-of-chapter questions), project

Problem solving  
20 - 30%

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

Performance exams, lab tutorials

Skill Demonstrations  
20 - 30%

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

Quizzes: multiple choice, true/false, matching items, completion

Exams  
40 - 50%

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

Attendance, class participation

Other Category  
10 - 20%

### **Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

New Perspectives: Microsoft Access 2003 With Visual Basic For Applications, by Briggs.  
Course Technology, 2005 (or most current in field).