

**CS 81.41 Course Outline as of Fall 2025****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: CS 81.41 Title: PYTHON PRGRAM ESSENTIAL

Full Title: Programming Essentials in Python for Networking

Last Reviewed: 9/27/2021

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 81.41A

**Catalog Description:**

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

Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

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

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**Transfer Credit:** CSU;

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

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	<b>Effective:</b> Fall 2021	<b>Inactive:</b>
<b>UC Transfer:</b>		<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>

**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. Describe the principles of structured programming and be able to describe, design, implement, and test structured programs using currently accepted methodology.
2. Explain what an algorithm is and its importance in computer programming.

**Objectives:**

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

1. Construct correct and efficient algorithms.
2. Describe the software-development life cycle.
3. Employ the basic elements of the Python language.
4. Implement algorithms using Python flow-control constructs.
5. Write descriptive and helpful program documentation.
6. Implement algorithms using lists.
7. Create Python scripts and programs for network management.

**Topics and Scope:**

- I. Introduction to Python and computer programming
- II. Setting up your Python environment
- III. Data types, variables, basic input-output operations, basic operators
- IV. Boolean values, conditional execution, loops, lists and list processing, logical and bitwise operations
- V. Functions, tuples, dictionaries, and data processing
- VI. Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) networks and Python networking
- VII. Modules, Packages, and Package Installer for Python (PIP)
- VIII. Strings, String and List Methods, Exceptions
- IX. Object-Oriented Programming, software-development life cycle, flow-control, and program documentation
- X. Owning the network with Scapy

**Assignment:**

Reading assignments include:

1. Online research of Python 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 (5 - 10)
4. Creation of programming assignments using the Python programming language

Other assignments include:

1. Skills demonstration examinations
2. Classroom scenario-based exercises
3. 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
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Writing 5 - 10%
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**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Homework problems, assignments for Python programming

Problem solving  
15 - 30%

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

Class performance of Python programming and skills demonstration examinations

Skill Demonstrations  
20 - 30%

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

Exams, 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:**

Python for Everybody: Exploring Data in Python 3. Severance, Russell, Charles. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform: 2016 (Classic)

Python Programming: The Complete Crash Course for Beginners to Mastering Python with Practical Applications to Data Analysis & Analytics, Machine Learning and Data Science Projects - 4 Books in 1. Park, Andrew. Independently published; Illustrated edition: 2020

Violent Python: A Cookbook for Hackers, Forensic Analysts, Penetration Testers, and Security Engineers. O'Connor, TJ. 1st ed. Waltham, Mass: Elsevier, 2014. (Classic)