

Course Outcomes for each required course in the BSU CS major:

Comp151 Computer Science I:

. At the end of the course students should be able to:

- understand the fundamental syntax & computer programs
- understand the fundamental control and loop (iteration) structures
- program simple algorithms, such as counting, summing, and finding maximum/minimum
- Implement, test, and debug simple recursive functions and procedures
- understand the basic data structures used in programming (such as arrays and array lists).
- Demonstrate knowledge of OOP concepts: instance variables, methods, objects and classes.
- argue effectively about the merits and possible unintended consequences of a computing implementation
- effectively write or present about the impact of computing on society. Students should extrapolate from historic lessons learned from unintended consequences of computing to the current computer solutions.

Comp152 Computer Science II:

After taking this course the student should be able to:

- Design, implement, and test the implementation of “is-a” relationships among objects using a class hierarchy and inheritance
- Design and implement programs that require a) multiple classes and structures b) hierarchies of classes that use inheritance and polymorphism
- Develop code that responds to exception conditions raised during execution
- Design, code, test, and debug simple event-driven programs that respond to user events
- Create classes with methods
- Discuss the consequences of software piracy on software developers and the role of relevant enforcement organizations
- Understand the uses and limitations of trademark, copyright and patents for intellectual property protection.

Comp 206 Introduction to Computer Organization:

After taking this course the student should be able to:

- Design a simple circuit using fundamental building blocks.
- Appreciate the effect of AND, OR, NOT and EOR operations on binary data
- Understand how numbers, text, images, and sound can be represented in digital form and the limitations of such representations
- Understand how errors due to rounding effects and their propagation affect the accuracy of chained calculations.
- To understand the relationship between instruction set architecture, microarchitecture, and system architecture
- and their roles in the development of the computer.
- Be aware of the various classes of instruction: data movement, arithmetic, logical, and flow control.
- Appreciate the difference between register-to-memory ISAs and load/store ISAs.
- Appreciate how conditional operations are implemented at the machine level.
- Understand the way in which subroutines are called and returns made.
- Understand how, at the assembly language level, how parameters are passed to subroutines.

Comp330 Data Structures and Algorithms:

After taking this course the student should be able to:

- Implement abstract data types in multiple ways recognizing the various strengths and weaknesses of those implementations.
- Contrast different implementations through objective means, such as asymptotic analysis of the primitive functions.
- Apply the concept of algorithmic efficiency to understand that different implementations may be “best”, depending on the requirements of the required task.

Comp340 Programming Languages:

After taking this course the student should be able to:

Course Objectives:

- . Explain the differences between different programming paradigms
- . Describe history and evolution of programming languages
- . Explain the abstractions (e.g., grammars) of programming languages
- . Demonstrate how control structures differ among languages
- . Describe the advantages/disadvantages of implicit versus explicit variable declarations
- . Explain the advantages/disadvantages of strong versus weak type checking
- . Describe how different languages implement encapsulation

- . Understand the OO paradigm and how it contrasts to non-OO languages
- . Explain how different languages (e.g., Java vs. C++) implement object orientation (single vs. multiple inheritance, polymorphism, etc.)

Comp350 Operating Systems:

After taking this course the student should be able to:

- . Understand the fundamental concepts of operating systems
- . Understand the concepts of process and thread provided in the modern operating systems with examples from Unix
- . Understand process scheduling in a multi-programming environment and implement a process scheduling algorithm.
- . Have practical experience with software tools available in modern operating systems such as semaphores and monitors for process synchronization
- . Understand memory management techniques, including virtual memory .in the modern operating systems
- . Understand file system structure and implement a file system such as FAT

Comp430 Computer Networks:

After taking this course the student should be able to:

- . Understand the basic concepts in computer networking
- . Apply the knowledge of Mathematics in Computer Networking problems
- . Understand the need for and structure of the OSI, TCP/IP network models
- . Gain experience in the design and analysis of network protocols
- . Develop solid client-server applications using TCP/IP
- . Learn the principles of computer security and data protection

Comp 435 Analysis of Algorithms

After taking this course the student should be able to:

- recognize and use standard algorithms, adapt them to different problems, and analyze the efficiency of such adaptations.
- discuss the limitations of these algorithms, including any cases in which they fail as well as their worst-case behaviors.
- choose appropriate data structures to optimize algorithm performance.
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COMP 442 - Object-Oriented Software Engineering

After taking this course the student should be able to:

- Use the wide range of possible software development models and their adaptive and hybrid application to specific cases.
- Demonstrate a practical understanding of the evolvability of user needs, and the challenges of communicating with software customers.
- Apply techniques for extracting user needs and creating semi-formal user needs analyses.
- Demonstrate practical experience with creating use cases, and considering both anticipated and unanticipated impacts.
- Formulate functional requirements based on current understanding of user needs.
- Understand principles and practices of good team management, collaboration, planning, and communication.
- Demonstrate experience with mapping functional requirements into alternative designs using available software development tools and environments, and assessing these alternatives.
- Demonstrate practical experience with implementing a complex, user-oriented software system.
- Apply iterative, agile software development practices.
- Understand the benefits of version control.
- Document their work, during design, and prior to delivery. And understand why this is necessary.
- Work effectively in teams
- Communicate effectively to other computer scientists.

COMP 470 - Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

After taking this course the student should be able to:

- Understand fundamental concepts and techniques in artificial intelligence, as well as a knowledge of the origins of the subject, its recent trends, and its ethical and societal implications.
- Demonstrate effective expository writing.

- Describe, design, and implement programming solutions to selected problems, involving intelligent agents, planning, knowledge representation, logic, probabilistic reasoning, learning, pattern recognition, natural language processing, and information extraction.
- Compare alternative procedural and non-procedural programming solutions.