

Introduction to the iSeries Syllabus

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Class Information

Beginning Date 8/21/2012
Number of Weeks 4

Prerequisites

Passing grade in Introduction to Programming Logic.
Consent of instructor.

Textbooks

Jim Buck and Jerry Fottral. *Mastering IBM i*. Edition: 1st. Publisher: MC Press. Year: 2011

Core Abilities

Apply technology to specific occupational tasks (MSTC)

Competencies

1. Understand how to communicate with the IBM i operating system using the different types of screens and menus.
2. Understand the CL commands and how the IBM i OS facilitates the preparation of commands for execution.
3. Understand the concept of Objects, how they are identified to the OS, where objects are stored when created and located when requested.
4. Understand how to handle spooled files once they reach output queues.

Grading Information

Grading Rationale

Your final grade will be determined from the following components:

Final Exam:	50%
Labs:	25%
Assignments:	15%
Quizzes:	10%

Grading Scale

A	96% - 100%
A-	92% - 95%
B+	88% - 91%
B	84% - 87%
B-	80% - 83%
C+	77% - 79%
C	75% - 76%
C-	73% - 74%
D+	72%
D	71%
D-	70%
F	Below 70%

Guidelines and Information

Assignments

Assignments will be due the class meeting specified. Any assignment is late if it is not turned in at the beginning of class on the assignment due date. Late assignments turned in the same day they are due will result in a 10% reduction in points. Any other late assignments (turned in after the due date) will only be worth a maximum of 75%. Any assignment which is more than 1 week late will be worth 0%.

Labs

Labs will be due the class meeting assigned. Labs will be graded on how many questions are answered correctly.

Tests

There will be several tests given throughout the semester. Exams must be taken on the day they are scheduled. If you know you will miss an exam, let me know so we can make arrangements. A day late exam will be assigned a 50% as a grade. Two days late the exam will be assigned a 25% as the grade. Three days late, the exam will be assigned a 0% as the grade.

If you fail to maintain a 70% average on your tests, you will receive a 0% for the test component of your grade.

Early or late exams may or may not be the same exam that the class takes on the test day.

Anyone caught cheating on exams will receive an 'F' or the class and be dropped from the class.

Quizzes

At various times throughout the semester, your instructor will give a quiz over the assigned reading material. Regardless of how many quizzes are actually given, your total score on all quizzes will be scaled to be worth 10% of your grade. If your quiz grade falls below 70%, you will receive a 0% for the quiz component of your grade.

Attendance Policy

Students must attend class regularly and actively participate in all class activities. Attendance will be taken. An absence is defined as being absent, tardy, or doing non-class work during class. If you are not in class, you will miss important information, thereby affecting your grade. Class lectures will not be repeated and it is your responsibility to make up any missed work. If you have unexcused absences that equal a week's worth of class, I will refer you to Student Services. If you have two weeks of unexcused absences, you may be dropped from class.

Academic Integrity

The Mid-State Technical College Board, administration, faculty, and staff believe that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental to the mission of higher education. All students are expected to maintain and promote the highest standards of personal honesty and professional integrity. These standards apply to all examinations, assigned work, and projects. Therefore, a student who is found to have been dishonest, fraudulent, or deceptive in the completion of work or is willing to help others to be so or who is found to have plagiarized (presented the work of others as his or her own) is subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

Referrals

Referrals to MSTC's Student Services may be made for inappropriate classroom conduct (including cheating), lack of academic progress or excessive absences. Disciplinary action, including being dropped from the course, will be taken for conduct issues.

Core Abilities

In addition to specific job-related training, MSTC has identified a set of core abilities which are transferable and go beyond the content of a specific course. The college supports the following skills for all graduates of MSTC:

Act with Integrity

Communicate Effectively

Demonstrate Effective Critical and Creative Thinking

Demonstrate Global Social Awareness

Tutors

If you find that you are having trouble with this course and need to rely too heavily on other students for help, consider using the IT tutor. The IT tutor is there to help you learn the material so that you can be successful in this class. Don't wait until it's too late.

How To Get The Most Out Of This Learning Experience

Take charge of your own learning. Raise questions, probe, explore, go after what you need.

Be open. Use your imagination, consider new possibilities, and create something new for yourself.

Give as well as receive. Give liberally to co-learners and be prepared to receive a great deal from them.

Have fun. Plan to thoroughly enjoy this opportunity to learn and to grow in your professional competence and satisfaction.