COURSE SYLLABUS
Summer II 2017
July 11 – August 10

COSC 1301 (3Cr) – Intro to Computing
Section 46001 MTWR 9:40am - 11:10 L311

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
Overview of computer systems hardware, operating systems, and microcomputer application software, including
the Internet, word processing, spreadsheets, presentation graphics, and databases. Current issues such as the
effect of computers on society, and the history and use of computers in business, educational, and other modern
settings are also studied. This course is not intended to count toward a student's major field of study in business
or computer science. This course will fulfill DCCCD’s degree requirements only if this course has been
successfully completed and the date of completion does not exceed 10 years. (2 Lec., 2 Lab.)

PREREQUISITES
None.

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS
Office 2007, 2010, or 2013 - Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint (available on EFC classroom and lab computers)

COURSE OUTLINE
All homework and the class schedule is located on the class web site: http://ecampus.dcccd.edu
Homework assignments are due by the date listed on the class website. Late assignments are accepted, but 5
points will be deducted for each day late. No late assignments will be accepted after August 9, 2017.

EVALUATION PROCEDURES
Four exams (lowest will be dropped)     500 points
Five Homework Assignments     500 points

900 - 1000 = A    800 - 899 = B    700 - 799 = C    600 - 699 = D    0 - 599 = F

Note: If you miss an exam for any reason, then this will be the one that is dropped. No make-up exams will be
given.
CLASS CALENDAR
Note: Calendar is subject to change - see Ecampus for the updated calendar

CORE CURRICULUM INTELLECTUAL COMPETENCIES
- Reading: the ability to analyze and interpret a variety of printed materials – books, documents, and articles.
- Writing: the ability to produce clear, correct and coherent, and persuasive language appropriate to purpose, occasion, and audience.
- Speaking: ability to communicate orally in clear, coherent, and persuasive language appropriate to purpose, occasion, and audience.
- Listening: analyze and interpret various forms of spoken communication, possess sufficient literacy skills of writing, reading.
- Critical Thinking: think and analyze at a critical level.
- Computer Literacy: understand our technological society, use computer –based technology in communication, solving problems, acquiring information.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
1. Discuss computer and communication terminology.
2. Evaluate the effects and implications of computers and communication technology on society.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the impact of technology on the individual’s privacy, security, lifestyle, work environment, standard of living, and health.
4. Gather information for decision-making.
5. Participate in global communities using available technology
6. Create quantitative and qualitative data presentation.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
- Organize, manage, and communicate information using software applications such as word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and database software.
- Identify and describe the key components and the relationships between computer hardware, networks, system and application software.
- Recognize and evaluate ethical, privacy, and security issues related to using computers in society.

Obtaining Final Course Grades Using eConnect
Final Grade Reports are no longer mailed. Convenient access is available online at www.econnect.dcccd.edu. Use your identification number when you log onto eConnect, an online system developed by the DCCCD to provide you with timely information regarding your college record. Your grades will also be printed on your Student Advising Report, which is available in the Admissions Office.

Eastfield College Email Policy
Faculty and students must have and use a DCCCD account for all correspondence relating to academic coursework. For information on setting up a DCCCD student email account go to: http://www.dcccd.edu/netmail/home.html

ATTENDANCE POLICY
Students are expected to attend regularly all classes in which they are enrolled and to consult with the instructor when an absence occurs. If a student is unable to complete a course (or courses) in which he/she is registered, it is the responsibility of the student to withdraw; the instructor will assign a performance grade, which is based upon the performance of the student for the entire semester.

Students who are receiving any form of financial aid should check with the Financial Aid Office prior to
withdrawing from classes. Withdrawals may affect your eligibility to receive further aid and could cause you to be in a position of repayment for the current semester. Students who fail to attend or participate after the drop date are also subject to this policy.

**Financial Aid Statement for Distance Learning Classes**
If you are receiving Financial Aid grants or loans and are enrolled in a Distance Learning class, you must show participation in this class prior to the certification date by either e-mailing or contacting the instructor or logging on to eCampus. Do not drop or stop attending any class without consulting the Financial Aid Office. Changes in your enrollment level and failing grades may require that you repay financial aid funds.

**Repeating This Course: (Third Attempt to Enroll in a Course)**
Effective for Fall Semester 2005, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge additional tuition to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. All third and subsequent attempts of the majority of credit and Continuing Education/Workforce Training courses will result in additional tuition to be charged. Developmental Studies and some other courses will not be charged a higher tuition rate. Third attempts include courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community Colleges since the Fall 2002 Semester. See Third Attempt to Enroll in a Course at: [http://www.dcccd.edu/thirdcourseattempt/](http://www.dcccd.edu/thirdcourseattempt/)

**Academic Honesty Statement**
Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. As a college student, you are considered a responsible adult. Your enrollment indicates acceptance of the DCCCD Code of Student Conduct published in the DCCCD Catalog at [http://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0506/ss/code.cfm](http://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0506/ss/code.cfm)

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on tests, plagiarism and collusion. **Cheating** includes copying from another student’s test or homework paper, using materials not authorized, collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test, knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, or soliciting the contents of an unadministered test, and substituting for another person to take a test. **Plagiarism** is the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one’s own written work. **Collusion** is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements. Academic dishonesty is a serious offense in college. You can be given a failing grade on an assignment or test, can be failed for the class, or you can even be suspended from college.

**Food and Drink Policy**
Food, drinks, and tobacco products are prohibited in Eastfield College classrooms.

**ADA Statement**
Students requiring accommodations due to the presence of a disability must identify themselves thirty days before the semester begins and demonstrate/document the need for accommodation at the Disability Services Office. For information regarding the rights and responsibilities of students with disabilities, contact the DSO at 972-860-8348. [http://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/SSI/DSO/](http://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/SSI/DSO/)

**Religious Holidays**
Absences for observance of a religious holy day are excused. Notification of the absence must be given to the instructor in writing at least two weeks prior to the date of the holy day. A student whose absence is excused to observe a religious holy day is allowed to contract with the instructor to take a make-up examination or complete an assignment within at a mutually agreed upon time after the absence.

**Withdrawal Policy**
If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar’s Office by [August 3, 2017]. Failure to do so will result in your receiving a
performance grade, usually an “F.” If you drop a class or withdraw from the college before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a “W” (Withdraw) in each class dropped. For more information about drop deadlines, refer to the current printed Credit Class Schedule, contact the Admissions/Registrar’s Office at 972-860-7167 (Room C119), or contact the division office.

STOP BEFORE YOU DROP
For students who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop. You may drop no more than 6 courses during your entire undergraduate career unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information on the allowable exceptions.

Remember that once you have accumulated 6 non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a “W”. Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas public institution of higher learning, including all seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access: https://www1.dcccd.edu/coursedrops

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)
In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the College may release information classified as “directory information” to the general public without the written consent of the student. Directory information includes: (1) student name, (2) student address, (3) telephone numbers, (4) date and place of birth, (5) weight and height of members of athletic teams, (6) participation in officially recognized activities and sports, (7) dates of attendance, (8) educational institution most recently attended, and (9) other similar information, including major field of student and degrees and awards received. Students may protect their directory information at any time during the academic year. If no request is filed, directory information is released upon written inquiry. No telephone inquiries are acknowledged. No transcript or academic record is released without written consent from the student, except as specified by law.

Developmental Courses
The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is a statewide program designed to ensure that students enrolled in Texas public colleges and universities have the basic academic skills needed to be successful in college-level coursework. The TSI requires assessment, remediation (if necessary), and advising of students who attend a public college or university in the state of Texas. The program assesses a student’s basic academic skills in reading, writing, and math. Passing the assessment is a prerequisite for enrollment in many college-level classes such as English 1301/1302, History 1301/1302, Math 1414, etc. Students who do not meet assessment standards may complete prerequisite requirements by taking developmental courses in the deficient area and passing them with a grade of C or higher. In some cases retesting will also be required. It is up to each student to be aware and informed about requirements that are subject to change. Additional information is available from the TSI Office: https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0910/admiss/tsi.cfm?loc=4

Classroom Etiquette
In the classroom, all phones should be kept on silent mode. If a student has an emergency call then he or she should step outside the classroom.

Children on Campus
The institution strives to protect an environment most conducive to teaching and learning for all enrolled students. Children who are taking part in organized scheduled activities or who are enrolled in specific classes are welcomed. Minor children, however, should not be brought to the institution unless closely supervised by their parent. Minor children should not be brought into classrooms, laboratories or other facilities of the college. This practice is disruptive to the learning process. In the case of an emergency where the student-parent has no alternative but to bring the child to campus, classroom faculty or the administrative heads of other units have full discretion as to whether a child may be allowed to quietly stay in the location. These individuals may require that children be removed by the student-parent from the setting if, in their opinion, the presence of the
child is deemed to be disruptive to the learning process. For reasons of security and child welfare the institution will not permit unattended children to be left anywhere on the premises. Parents who have problems with childcare should visit the Counseling and/or Advisement Center to receive referrals to childcare services in the area.

INSTITUTIONAL EQUITY
The Office of Institutional Equity, in coordination with DCCCD colleges, has the primary responsibility for reviewing, updating and implementing compliance policies and procedures. The Institutional Equity and Compliance Officer and the Office of Institutional Equity will ensure compliance with College District policies, federal and state laws related to sexual assault, Title IX, Title II (Americans with Disabilities Act) and the Military Veterans Full Employment Act to support diversity and inclusion.

Students with Disabilities
If you are a student with a disability and/or special needs, or if you think you may have a disability, please contact the college Disability Services Office (DSO). Please note that all communication with DSO is confidential. If you are eligible for accommodations, please provide or request that the DSO send your accommodation letter to me as soon as possible (students are encouraged to contact DSO at the beginning of the semester). For more information regarding the College Disability Services Office, please visit the Student Services website: https://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/services/Disability/Pages/default.aspx or contact DCCCD Office of Institutional Equity at (214) 378-1633.

College Disability Services Office 972-860-8348

A Note on Harassment, Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct
We are committed to assure all community members learn and work in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Title VII, Title IX and DCCCD policy prohibit harassment, discrimination and sexual misconduct. If you encounter harassment, sexual misconduct (sexual harassment, sexual assault, stalking, relationship violence, stalking), retaliation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression, please contact your College Title IX Coordinator or the Office of Institutional Equity. We treat this information with the greatest degree of confidentiality possible while also ensuring student welfare and college safety.

We are concerned about the well-being and development of our students, and are available to discuss any concerns. There are both confidential and non-confidential resources and reporting options available to you. If students wish to keep the information confidential, please contact the college Counseling or Student Health Services. As required by DCCCD policy, incidents of discrimination and/or sexual misconduct shared with faculty will be reported to the College Title IX Coordinator or District Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator will contact the student and determine if further investigation is needed. For more information about policies, resources or reporting options, please contact your college Title IX Coordinator or visit https://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/au/fastfacts/legal/TitleIX/Pages/default.aspx.

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Disclaimer: The instructor has the right to change the syllabus during the semester. If this happens, students will be notified and the new syllabus will be posted.