Intro to Programming

UC/CSU "d" approved/NCAA approval pending

Grade Level: 9-12

Estimated Work Outside of Class: 1 hrs per week

Course Description:

Semester 1 - This course is designed to introduce the student to the study and principles of computer programming using Python. Students will learn how to approach everyday problems and tasks scientifically and from a programmer's perspective. The class will focus on programming elements of Python, graphics, events, conditionals, functions, and motion. They will produce animated graphics using the Python programming language.

Semester 2 - This course will focus on building board games and will include local variables, random values, nested loops, parameters, as well as game design techniques. The final project will be the creation of a full board game.

The course will give students an introduction to programming logic and purpose.

Prerequisite:

None

Recommended Prerequisite Skills:

Problem solving skills, creativity, organization

Course Grade Categories:

- Independent Practice/Classwork: 80%
- Tests/Quizzes/Final Assessment: 20%

Major Assessments/Units/Topics:

Assessments per unit: 1-2 Quizzes, 1 Unit Test, In class Activities, Programming Projects

Unit 1: Creating drawings

- The Basics
 - Getting started
 - Position and Size
- Colors
 - Fills and Borders
 - Gradients
 - Opacity
- Shapes
 - o Rectangles, Ovals, Regular Polygons
 - Polygons
 - Labels
- Creative Project
 - Simple and Advanced creative tasks

Unit 2: Functions, Mouse Events and Properties

Functions

- Function basics
- Running, Testing and Autograding functions
- Multiple Parameters

Mouse Events

- Mouse press events
- Using and debugging events
- Variables
- Mouse release events

Properties

- General Shape Properties
- Shape Specific Properties
- Creative Exercises

Unit 3: Mouse Motion Events, Conditionals and Helper Functions

- Mouse motion events
 - onMouseMove and onMouseDrag

Conditionals

- o If statements
- Multiple else-ifs

• Helper Functions

Helper functions

Unit 4: More Conditionals, Key Events and Methods

• More Conditionals

o if-elif-else statement

Key Events

onKeyPress and onKeyRelease events

Methods

- Custom properties
- Shape Methods 1
- Shape Methods 2

Creative Exercises

Unit 5: Complex Conditionals and More key Events

• Complex Conditionals

- Compound Conditionals
- Nested Conditionals

• More Key Events

o onKeyHold

Unit 6: Groups, Step Events and Motion

Groups

- Groups
- Group properties

• Group Methods

- Group Methods
- Step Events and Motion

- Step Events
- Motion
- Special Types of Motion

Unit 7: New Shapes, Local Variables, and For Loops

- New Shapes
 - Arcs and Arrows
- Local Variables
 - Local Variables
- For Loops
 - For Loops
 - Looping through Groups

Unit 8: Math Functions, Random Values and Nested Loops

- Math Functions
 - More operators
 - More Math Functions
- Random Values
 - o Random Values
- Nested For Loops
 - More For Loops
 - Nested For Loops

Unit 9: Types, Strings and While Loops

- Types and Input
 - Types
 - o Input
- Strings
 - Looping and Indexing with Strings
- String Methods
 - String Methods
- While loops
 - While Loops

Unit 10: Lists and Return Values

- Lists
 - Lists
- List Methods
 - o List Methods
- Return Values
 - More functions that return values
 - Writing functions that return values

Unit 11: 2D lists and Board Games

- 2D Lists
 - o Creating and using 2D lists
 - More with 2D lists
- Board Games
 - Writing Board Games
 - o Tic Tac Toe
 - Battleship
 - o 2048

Unit 12: Final Project

• Final Project

- o Images
- Sounds
- o Final Project