

Reedley College

Summer 2020

June 22, 2020 – July 31, 2020

COURSE INFORMATION

IS-15 55247 – Computer Concepts

Meetings

Online – Weekly assignments

Class Cancellation

If class is cancelled unexpectedly, an announcement will be sent out via Canvas. Additional means, such as via email may also be employed.

Textbook

Bourgeois, David T. *Information Systems for Business and Beyond*. Saylor Academy, 2014.

This text is provided to the students online as part of the course at no charge.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Jason Boyer, BA/MBA

COURSE COMMUNICATION POLICY

Use the [Canvas Inbox Tool](#) to email questions about assignments and course content. As a backup, or for other questions, email me at jason.boyer@reedleycollege.edu or call (559) 638-0300 ext. 3410 (if there is no answer, please leave a detailed message.) For all communication inquiries, I will answer within 24 hours.

OFFICE HOURS

I will also meet with you via phone or virtually at mutually agreed upon times. Please email me to set up an appointment.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces computer and information systems concepts and terminology, an overview of hardware, and software (systems and applications including word processing, spreadsheet, database, presentation and programming), the history of the microcomputer, privacy and legal issues, and telecommunications (email and Internet).

Concepts in Information Systems require a great attention to detail and critical thinking skills to succeed, therefore much in this course will require you to demonstrate attention to detail and the ability to read and understand instructions.

PREREQUISITES, CO-REQUISITES, AND ADVISORIES

Advisory for MATH-201 (Elementary Algebra) and either ENGL-126 (Reading Skills for College) or ENGL-128 (Accelerated Reading)

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Describe existing and emerging technologies and their impact on organizations and society.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the development and use of information systems in business.
3. Solve common business problems using appropriate applications and systems.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate understanding of information technology concepts in hardware, software, networks, and the systems development life cycle.
2. Apply effective information technology skills to perform practical business functions that include word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and database management applications.
3. Demonstrate critical thinking to solve technology problems ethically and effectively.

LEARNING METHODS

- Required reading from presentations and documents found on Canvas
- Lecture
- Videos
- Canvas Assignments
- Hands-on projects (lab work)
- Exams

ATTENDANCE AND DROP POLICY

Regular attendance is required, and I use participation in weekly discussion topics in lieu of taking roll.

You will be dropped from the course under the following circumstances:

1. **If you do not attend the first day of class.** *Attendance the first day of class is by online check in via the discussion board. Look for the discussion titled "Welcome to IS-15."*
2. **If you miss three or more consecutive discussion board topics.**

READINGS, ASSIGNMENTS, HANDS ON PROJECTS, AND EXAMS

Academic Honesty

Assignments and Projects

Students are required to complete assignments and hands-on projects on their own. In other words, unless otherwise specified, you may not collaborate with fellow students.

Examinations

All examinations must be completed individually. Collaborative work will not be allowed during examinations. The use of books, notes, cell phones, and other electronic devices will not be allowed during examinations, unless specifically stated by the instructor prior to the examination.

Late Work Policy

Late work will not be accepted. If a student fails to submit an assignment or project on the day that it is due, then the student will lose points for that project. No excuses will be accepted. To summarize:

- No late work accepted!
- Absolutely no excuses will be accepted!

Make-up examinations are only granted with advanced notification for extenuating circumstances.

DUE DATES

You will find all work that is due organized into modules (folders) in Canvas.

Required reading is expected to be completed prior to the next class lecture. Therefore, it is recommended that you complete weekly reading assignments early. Due dates and times will be posted on Canvas.

OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

Below is an outline of assessments and assigned percentage of the final grade. Use this for determining your final grades.

Understand that this is approximate, and total points values may change as assignments change at the instructor's discretion.

| Assessments | Percent of Grade |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Assignments | 25 |
| Projects | 20 |
| Quizzes and Midterm | 30 |
| Final Exam | 15 |
| Participation | 10 |

Table 1 - Outcomes Assessments

The grading scale is: 90-100%=A, 80-89%=B, 70-79%=C, 60-69%=D, <60%=F

DROP DATES

- Friday, June 26th, for a refund
- Friday, July 1st, to avoid a "W" (in person)
- Friday, July 10th, to avoid a "Letter Grade"

It is each student's responsibility to drop the class if they are no longer attending or no longer interested, otherwise they risk obtaining a grade of "F" in the class.

POLICIES

Expectations

I have three expectations of students in my class. These expectations can be applied anywhere in your educational journey as well as in your career and will serve you well.

1. Be Where You Need to Be, When You Need to Be There

You may have heard it said the “early is on-time; on-time is late.” Punctuality and dependability is one of the most sought after qualities in employees. Showing up is important, but also, be present. Stay focused, on-task, and pay attention to whatever you are doing. If you are not present, you are not participating, and you will lose participation points.

In the online class, this looks like:

- Participating in online discussions. Answer fully and carefully and respond substantially to your classmates. “Great post” is not so great and will earn you zero points.
- Staying on task, beginning work early, and turning assignments in well ahead of established due dates. Plan ahead and pace yourself.
- Remember – late assignments are not accepted.

2. Dress for Success

What you wear reflects who you are. It is not just being properly attired, but the attitude you display too. Be respectful and professional always. Failing to maintain a proper attitude can be a distraction and could lead to discipline if it becomes a distraction to others.

In the online class, this looks like:

- Posts and interactions that are respectful to your classmates and yourself.
- Use proper grammar and professional language within the course.
- Maintaining a positive and pleasant learning environment.

3. Know and Do the Right Thing

Knowing what is right only has meaning if you do what is right. In the classroom, respect between classmates, respect for the school and school property, as well as respect between instructor and students is the key to a positive learning environment. Failing to respect each other will result in disciplinary consequences, from loss of participation points up to and including suspension and expulsion per State Center Community College policy.

In class, this looks like:

- Being respectful in all interactions with others, tolerant of different points of view and backgrounds, and using language that is respectful to others.
- Maintaining academic integrity in all assignments and interactions.

Personal and Academic Conduct

A student will be subject to discipline if she or he:

- Prevents other students from pursuing their authorized curricular or co-curricular interests.
- Interferes with or disputes faculty and administrators who are fulfilling their professional responsibilities.
- Prevents classified employees from fulfilling their prescribed duties.
- Deliberately endangers the safety of persons or the security of college property.
- Violates Reedley College computers and networks usage policy.
- Violates Reedley College cheating/plagiarism policy.

ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e. Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact your instructor as soon as possible.

CHEATING

Cheating is the act or attempted act of taking an examination or performing an assigned, evaluated task in a fraudulent or deceptive manner such as having improper access to answers, attempting to gain an unearned academic advantage.

Cheating may include but is not limited to:

- Copying from another's work
- Supplying one's work to another
- Giving or receiving copies of examinations without an instructor's permission
- Using or displaying notes or devices inappropriate to the conditions of the examination
- Allowing someone other than the officially enrolled student to represent the student
- Failing to disclose research results completely.

Incidents of cheating may result in any of a variety of sanctions and penalties, which may range from a failing grade on an examination, assignment, or hands-on project in question to a failing grade in the course, at the discretion of the instructor and depending on severity and frequency.

CLASS SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

| Week | Week of | Topic | Assignments |
|------|---------|--|---|
| 1 | 6/22/20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syllabus Review Class Intro Intro to Canvas Intro to Information Systems Binary Number system Hardware Operating Systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Profile Project Practice Test Email Project "What is an Information System" "Binary Numbering System" "Hardware and Operating Systems" Decimal Binary Project "Let's Go Shopping" Project Quiz 1 |
| 2 | 6/29/20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Software Computer Networks Security Ethics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Application Software" "Internet" "Security" "Ethics" Quiz 2 Midterm Practice Exam |
| 3 | 7/6/20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Word | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midterm Exam "Important Instructions" & Proper Steps/Starting a Project Introduction to Word Word A Word B Word C Word D Word D2 Word Quiz (Matching) Word Quiz (Hands On) |
| 4 | 7/13/20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Excel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Excel Excel A Excel A2 Excel B Excel C Excel D Excel Quiz (Matching) Excel (Hands On) |
| 5 | 7/20/20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft PowerPoint Databases | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PowerPoint A PowerPoint B Access (Part 1) Access (Part 2) |
| 6 | 7/27/20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Internet and the Web Programming Final Exams | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web A Web B Programming Word Final (Hands On) Excel Final (Hands On) Final Exam Matching (Word and Excel) Final Exam Matching (PowerPoint, Access, Web and Programming) |