

# SU DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE SYLLABUS

## COSC 118 – Introductory Scientific Programming

**Description:** A first course for students interested in using computer programming for scientific applications. Design, implementation and testing of Python programs will be the central focus of the course. (Three hours lecture and two hours lab per week.)

**Textbook:**

- *Starting Out With Python (6th edition)*, by Tony Gaddis, Pearson.

	<i>Weeks</i>
<b><i>Introduction and Environment</i></b>	1.0
Programming concepts, program design, Anaconda, Spyder, Jupyter Notebook	
<b><i>Fundamentals of Python Programming</i></b>	2.0
Variables, basic data types, arithmetic calculations, input and output	
<b><i>Boolean Logic &amp; Branching</i></b>	2.0
Conditional test, logic operations, if statements, namespaces & scope	
<b><i>Functions &amp; Modular Design</i></b>	2.0
Built-in functions, imported functions, function design & parameter passing	
<b><i>Repetition</i></b>	2.0
While loop, for loop, break & continue, iterable sequence, nested loop	
<b><i>Advanced data types in Python</i></b>	2.0
List, tuple, dictionary, sets	
<b><i>File Processing &amp; Numerical Processing Modules</i></b>	1.0
File read, file write, with statement, exceptions, NumPy, Matplotlib	
<b><i>Object Oriented Programming</i></b>	1.0
Classes and instances	
<b><i>Exams</i></b>	1.0
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>14.0</b>

### Evaluation

Homework, labs, class participation: 20%  
 Projects and quizzes: 30%  
 Exams: 50%

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