

Full Title	Programming and Scripting		
Status	Uploaded to Banner	Start Term	2017
NFQ Level	08	ECTS Credits	10
Module Code	COMP08049	Duration	Semester - (13 Weeks)
Grading Mode		Department	Comp Science & Applied Physics
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Module Description

An introduction to automating computer tasks using scripting languages and solving problems using programming languages, with a focus on data.

Learning Outcomes	
☰	<i>On completion of this module the learner will/should be able to:</i>
1.	Automate computer tasks using a scripting language.
2.	Write configuration files for a variety of software applications.
3.	Setup and configure a software development environment and toolchain.
4.	Develop an algorithm to solve a computational problem.
5.	Write a computer program in a high-level programming language.
6.	Construct a complex computer program from a series of simpler computer programs.

Indicative Syllabus

Scripting

- Command Line Interfaces
- Read, Evaluate, Print, Loop environments
- Command line arguments
- Scripts to automate tasks
- Environment variables
- Input/Output redirection
- Background and foreground jobs

Development environments and toolchains

- Compilers and interpreters
- Programming text editors
- Integrated development environments
- Distributed version control software

Programming

- Reading documentation
- Statements
- Comments
- Constants and variables
- Conditionals
- Loops
- Functions

- File Input/Output

Teaching and Learning Strategy

Weekly lectures will cover the high-level concepts and the theory, while hands-on practical sessions will be used to develop students' software development skills.

Assessment Strategy

Students will complete a mixture of assignments and project, with an emphasis on building an online portfolio of programming work.

Repeat Assessment Strategies

Students will complete a comprehensive individual project that assesses all learning outcomes.

Indicative Coursework and Continuous Assessment:		100 %		
Form	Title	Percent	Week (Indicative)	Learning Outcomes
Assignment	Problem sheet based assignment	50 %	Week 6	1,2,4,6
Individual Project	Programming assignment	50 %	Week 13	3,4,5,6

Full Time Delivery Mode Average Weekly Workload:			6.00 Hours		
Type	Description	Location	Hours	Frequency	Weekly Avg
Lecture	Lecture	Not Specified	2	Weekly	2.00
Practical	Computer practical	Not Specified	2	Weekly	2.00
Practical	Computer practical	Not Specified	2	Weekly	2.00

Online Learning Delivery Mode Average Weekly Workload:			6.00 Hours		
Type	Description	Location	Hours	Frequency	Weekly Avg
Online Learning	Online (Asynchronous)	Not Specified	4	Weekly	4.00
Online Learning	Online (Synchronous)	Not Specified	2	Weekly	2.00

Recommended Reading Book List

van Rossum, G., (2016). *Python 3.6 Tutorial*. Samurai Media Limited.
ISBN 9888406906 ISBN-13 97898888406906

Online Resources

<https://www.python.org/>
<https://www.gnu.org/software/bash/>
<https://git-scm.com/>

Programme Membership

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