



**UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA**  
**CSC415: FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTER PROBLEM SOLVING**

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| <b>Course Name (English)</b>  | FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTER PROBLEM SOLVING <b>APPROVED</b>   |
| <b>Course Code</b>  | CSC415   |
| <b>MQF Credit</b>   | 3  |
| <b>Course Description</b>   | This course is an introduction to problem solving using computers. It emphasizes various aspects of problem solving, mainly consisting of the problem domain, phases of problem solving and basic techniques in designing a solution. The approach to problem solving is via structured programming. At this stage, the emphasis will be on computer problem solving rather than syntactical aspects of the chosen programming language. |
| <b>Transferable Skills</b>  | Demonstrate ability to analyse issues/problems from multiple angles and make suggestions   |
| <b>Teaching Methodologies</b>   | Lectures, Lab Work, Discussion   |
| <b>CLO</b>  | CLO1 Demonstrate an understanding on fundamental of computer problem solving.<br>CLO2 Construct algorithmic solution according to a given problem.<br>CLO3 Perform autonomous learning related to computer problem solving task.   |
| <b>Pre-Requisite Courses</b>  | No course recommendations  |
| <b>Topics</b>   |  |
| <b>1. Introduction To Computer Programs</b><br>1.1) A Brief History of Programming Language<br>1.2) Introduction to Programming<br>1.3) Program Development Life Cycle  |  |
| <b>2. Basic Elements Of A Computer Program</b><br>2.1) Identifier, variable, constant<br>2.2) Data variables, data types and rules for naming and declaring data variables<br>2.3) Basic data types<br>2.4) Arithmetic operators<br>2.5) Assignment statement<br>2.6) Input/output statement – fix data, keyboard, file<br>2.7) Arithmetic expression<br>2.8) Debugging and error handling<br>2.9) Sequential control structure |  |
| <b>3. Selection Control Structure</b><br>3.1) Boolean expression<br>3.2) Relational and logical operators<br>3.3) Decision Control Instructions   |  |
| <b>4. Repetition Control Structure</b><br>4.1) Counter-controlled structure<br>4.2) Sentinel-controlled structure<br>4.3) Flag-controlled structure<br>4.4) While Loop<br>4.5) For loop<br>4.6) Do While<br>4.7) Nested loop  |  |

**5. Functions**

- 5.1) Introduction to Functions
- 5.2) Function declaration/prototype
- 5.3) Function definition
- 5.4) Function call
- 5.5) Built in function – math and string function
- 5.6) User defined function
- 5.7) Pass by value, pass by reference

**6. Arrays**

- 6.1) Definition of array
- 6.2) Array Declaration
- 6.3) Array Initialization
- 6.4) Accessing individual elements of an array
- 6.5) Searching and sorting element in array

| Assessment Breakdown  | %      |
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| Continuous Assessment | 60.00% |
| Final Assessment      | 40.00% |

| Details of Continuous Assessment | Assessment Type | Assessment Description | % of Total Mark | CLO  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------|
|                                  | Assignment      | 4 lab assignments      | 25%             | CLO2 |
|                                  | Group Project   | Mini Group Project     | 10%             | CLO3 |
|                                  | Quiz            | 2 Quizzes              | 5%              | CLO1 |
|                                  | Test            | Test 1                 | 10%             | CLO1 |
|                                  | Test            | Test 2                 | 10%             | CLO1 |

| Reading List       | Recommended Text                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y. Daniel Liang 2013, <i>Introduction to Programming with C++</i>, 3 Ed., Pearson Higher Education [ISBN: 978-013325281]</li> <li>• Malik, D.S. 2014, <i>C++ Programming: From Problem Analysis to Program Design</i>, 7 Ed., Course Technology [ISBN: 978-128585274]</li> </ul>   |
|--------------------|---|---|
|                    | Reference Book Resources                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farrell, Joyce 2014, <i>Programming Logic and Design Comprehensive</i>, 8 Ed., Course Technology [ISBN: 978-12857767]</li> <li>• Zak, Dianne 2012, <i>An Introduction to Programming with C++</i>, 7 Ed., Course Technology [ISBN: 978-12850614]</li> <li>• Nell Dale, Chip Weems 2014, <i>Programming and Problem Solving with C++: Comprehensive</i>, 6 Ed., Jones &amp; Bartlett Publishers [ISBN: 9781284028768]</li> <li>• Stroustrup, Bjarne 2013, <i>The C++ Programming Language</i>, 4 Ed., Reading Mass, Addison Wesley [ISBN: 978-032156384]</li> </ul> |
| Article/Paper List | This Course does not have any article/paper resources |   |
| Other References   | This Course does not have any other resources         |   |