

Syllabus: COP 1009: Beauty and Joy of Computing

Course Information

- **Course Number and Title:** COP 1009: Beauty and Joy of Computing
- **Credit Hours:** 2
- **Academic Term:** SP2026
- **Class Meeting Day, Time & Location:** M/W 12:00PM to 12:50PM BARC-2220

Instructor Information

- **Instructor:** Chrisitan Navarro
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Course Description

- **Official Catalog Course Description:** This course serves as an engaging introduction to computer science for students with no prior programming experience. It emphasizes both the creative and practical aspects of computing while exploring its societal impacts. Students will gain a foundational understanding of the principles that drive computer science, including abstraction, algorithms, and modularity, as well as develop skills in block-based (snap!) and text-based (python) programming. Key topics include algorithmic thinking, problem-solving, data structures, and the ethical dimensions of computing, such as privacy, equity, and bias. Through hands-on activities and projects, students will explore how computing shapes modern society and their personal and professional lives.
- **Course Pre and/or Co-Requisites:** Basic computer skills
- **Required Texts and Materials:**
Reference textbook:
 - **Abelson, Hal, Ken Ledeen, and Harry Lewis. Blown to bits: your life, liberty, and happiness after the digital explosion. Addison-Wesley Professional, 2012. [pdf](#)**
 - **Severance, Charles. Python for everybody: Exploring Data using python 3. Charles Severance, 2016.**
 - **Laptop with internet connection**

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

- CLO-1 Correctly apply computational principles in problem solving.
- CLO-2: Use basic programming constructs.
- CLO-3: Create interactive programs using visual and textual programming environments.
- CLO-4: Demonstrate effective communication for technical concepts and collaboration with peers on projects.
- COL-5: Describe the fundamental principles and architecture of the Internet.
- COL-6: Analyze the ethical and societal implications of computing in a global context.

Alignment with Program Outcomes (ABET)

The Computer Science program at Florida Polytechnic University has aligned its Program Outcomes with the ABET Students Outcomes 1-6 from the ABET General Criterion 3 and the ABET Program Criteria. The table shown below summarizes how the CLOs stated above align with the Program Outcomes (ABET 1-6).

These outcomes are:

1. **Analyzing a Problem:** Analyze a complex computing problem and apply principles of computing and other relevant disciplines to identify solutions
2. **Implementing a Solution:** Design, implement, and evaluate a computing-based solution to meet a given set of computing requirements in the context of the program's discipline
3. **Communicating Effectively:** Communicate effectively in a variety of professional contexts
4. **Performing Legal & Ethical Analysis:** Recognize professional responsibilities and make informed judgments in computing practice based on legal and ethical principles
5. **Collaborating as a Team:** Function effectively as a member or leader of a team engaged in activities appropriate to the program's discipline
6. **Applying theory:** Apply computer science theory and software development fundamentals to produce computingbased solutions.

Program Outcome (ABET)	CLO-1	CLO-2	CLO-3	CLO-4	CLO-5	CLO-6
Analyzing a Problem	X				X	X
Implementing a Solution		X	X			
Communicating Effectively				X		
Performing Legal & Ethical Analysis						
Collaborating as a Team		X				
Applying theory	X		X			

Course Policies Attendance

- Students in face-to-face courses are expected to attend all of their scheduled University classes and to satisfy all academic objectives as defined by the instructor. (University Policy, FPU-5.0010AP) (see also [University Policy](#)).
- *A+ Attendance* will be used to track attendance.
- Exceptions to any attendance requirements may be made on a case-by-case basis.
- Note: Falsifying attendance for yourself or for another student is an act of academic dishonesty and is considered a violation of the university's academic integrity policy.

Participation

Students are expected to participate in the classroom experience. The use of earbuds/headphones during class is specifically not allowed and students who engage in this behavior may be asked to leave the class for the day (noting exceptions for authorized accommodations). In addition, students who routinely do not bring materials to class that are required for participation, will not be given credit for class attendance, and if this becomes a pattern of behavior, may be asked to leave the class for the day. Persistent problems with participation may result in a [code of conduct](#) referral.

Late Work/Make-up work

Late submission will be graded out of 90% of the total in the first 24 hours, out of 80% of the total in the second 24 hours, and finally out of 70% of the total in the third 24 hours. No late submission is allowed after 72 hours. No exception. No late submissions are allowed that have a due date during or after last week of the semester. In

general, there will be no make-up assignments or quizzes. Make-up for a missed exam will be provided given that an official excuse is presented.

Grading Scale

A	above 93%	B	83% - 86%	C	73% - 76%	D	63% - 66%
A-	90% - 92%	B-	80% - 82%	C-	70% - 72%	D-	60% - 62%
B+	87% - 89%	C+	77% - 79%	D+	67% - 69%	F	below 60%

Assignment/Evaluation Methods

Attendance	5%
Oral and written communication assignment	5%
Quizzes	25%
Lab	15%
Homework	15%
<u>Final projects with presentation</u>	<u>35%</u>
TOTAL	100%

Course Schedule (tentative)

- Important Dates: <https://floridapoly.edu/academics/academic-calendar/index.php>

Week	Monday	Wednesday
1	Lecture 1 Intro to Programming	Lab 1 HW 1 - Snap! Program
2	Lecture 2 Building Abstraction	Lab 2 Polygons
3	Labor Day	Discussion Protecting Privacy
4	Lecture 3 Data Structures Quiz #1	Lab 3 Shopping List App HW 2 Snap! Program
5	Lecture 4 "Cookies"- Internet	Lecture 5 Control Structures Lab 4 - Making Decisions
6	Lecture 6 Problem Solving	Lab 5 Tic Tac Toe HW3 Snap! Program
7	Lab 5 Tic Tac Toe Continued	Lab 5 continued Quiz #2
8	Lecture 8 Data Representation - Binary/ascii	Discussion Cyberbullying/Social Eng HW 4 Snap! Program
9	Lecture 9 Intro to Python - Input/Output Data Types Conditionals Ch 1-3	Lab 6 Python - String Manipulation
10	Lecture 10 Python Functions Regular Expressions Python Project	Lab 7 Algorithm Python Functions Quiz #3 HW 5 Python Program

11	Lecture 11 Python File Operations Data Frames	Lab 8 Python Pandas with menu interface w/colab menu Quiz #4
12	Lecture 12 Agile	Lab 9 Python RegEx HW 6 Project Deliverable
13	Lecture 13 Debugging Python	Lab 10 Json -Dataframe
14	Lecture 14 AI and Prompt Engineering	AI Architect Challenge Quiz #5
15	Project Q&A Review	Reading Day
16	Project Presentation	
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Academic Support Resources

- **Library:** Students can access the Florida Polytechnic University Library through the University website and [Canvas](#), on and off campus. Students may direct questions to library@floridapoly.edu.
- **Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC):** The Tutoring and Learning Center (The TLC) provides tutoring to all Florida Poly students who may need additional academic support. The TLC is staffed by students who have excelled in the courses they tutor. They offer support by reviewing concepts and materials from class, clarifying points of confusion and providing assistance with learning strategies. While the focus of TLC is to provide support to students in freshman-level courses, upper-level courses are also tutored at the Center. The TLC is located in the IST Commons (second floor).
- **Knack Tutoring:** Students looking for additional assistance outside of the classroom are advised to consider working with a peer tutor through Knack. Florida Polytechnic University has partnered with Knack to provide students with access to verified peer tutors who have previously aced this course. To view available tutors, visit floridapoly.joinknack.com and sign in with your student account.
- **Academic Success Coaches:** All students at Florida Poly are assigned an Academic Success Coach. Your Academic Success Coach can assist you with academic success strategies. Please visit the Student Success Center on the second floor of the IST building to meet with an Academic Success Coach.
- **Writing Center:** Located on the second floor of the IST (2059/2061), the Writing Center helps students to develop their writing and presentation skills. Consultations are available in person and virtually. For more detail, visit <https://floridapoly.edu/writingcenter>.

University Policies Reasonable Accommodations

The University is committed to ensuring equal access to all educational opportunities. The University, through the Office of Disability Services (ODS), facilitates reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities and documented eligibility. It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as a student with disabilities and register with ODS to request accommodation.

If you have already registered with ODS, please ensure that you have requested an accommodation letter for this course through the [ODS student portal](#) and communicate with your instructor about your approved accommodations as soon as possible. Arrangements for testing accommodation must be made in advance. Accommodation is not retroactive.

If you are not registered with ODS but believe you have a temporary health condition or permanent disability requiring an accommodation, please contact ODS as soon as possible.

The Office of Disability Services (ODS):
DisabilityServices@floridapoly.edu
(863) 874-8770

Accommodations for Religious Observances, Practices and Beliefs

The University will reasonably accommodate the religious observances, practices, and beliefs of individuals in regard to admissions, class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and work assignments. (See [University Policy](#).)

Title IX

Florida Polytechnic University is committed to ensuring a safe, productive learning environment on our campus that prohibits sex discrimination and sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking. Resources are available if you or someone you know needs assistance. You may speak to your professor, but your professors have an obligation to report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator. Please know, however, that your information will be kept private to the greatest extent possible. You will not be required to share your experience. If you want to speak to someone who is permitted to keep your disclosure confidential, please seek assistance from the Florida Polytechnic University [Ombuds Office](#), BayCare's Student Assistance Program, 1-800-878-5470 and locally within the community at [Peace River Center](#), 863-413-2707 (24hour hotline) or 863-413-2708 to schedule an appointment. The [Title IX Coordinator](#) is available for any questions to discussion [resources and options](#) available.

Academic Integrity

The faculty and administration take academic integrity very seriously. Violations of [academic integrity regulation](#) include actions such as cheating, plagiarism, use of unauthorized resources (including but not limited to use of Artificial Intelligence tools), illegal use of intellectual property, and inappropriately aiding other students. Such actions undermine the central mission of the university and negatively impact the value of your Florida Poly degree. Suspected violations will be fully investigated, possibly resulting in an academic integrity hearing and sanctions against the accused student if found in violation. Sanctions range from receiving a zero on the exam or assignment, to expulsion from the university. Repeat offenders are subject to more severe sanctions and penalties.

Any "special" instructions that are appropriate for academic integrity and the course should go here.

(It is essential that a heading and a statement on what constitutes, includes, academic integrity be included in the syllabus, and that the students be made aware of academic integrity at the beginning of a course.)

Recording Lectures

Students may, without prior notice, record video or audio of a class lecture for a class in which the student is enrolled for their own personal educational use. Recordings may not be used as a substitute for class participation or class attendance. Recordings may not be published or shared in any way, either intentionally or accidentally, without the written consent of the faculty member. Failure to adhere to these requirements is a violation of state law (subject to civil penalty) and the student code of conduct (subject to disciplinary action).

*Recording class activities other than class lectures, including but not limited to lab sessions, student presentations (whether individually or part of a group), class discussion (except when incidental to and incorporated within a class lecture), and invited guest speakers is **prohibited**.*

Civility and Collegiality (optional statement)

Faculty and students come to the university for the same reason, which is to participate in a highly professional educational environment. To that end, both students and faculty are expected to treat each other with mutual regard and civility. Communication, written, oral and behavioral, between faculty and students must remain respectful. Within and outside of the classroom, students must refrain from derogatory comments toward the faculty member

and their fellow students, and faculty as well must refrain from derogatory comments toward their students. Faculty and students should address each other with respect, in accordance with the wishes of the faculty and the students: for example, no one should be addressed by their last name alone.

Faculty from the outset of a course can and should specify what constitutes activities and behavior that take away from, that diminish, the educational environment. An individual student's distracting behavior impedes the education of fellow students, which itself is a form of disrespect. Civility and collegiality also include respecting each other's time: for example, neither students nor faculty should arrive late to class (unless unforeseen, pressing circumstances prevail); faculty should be present at the posted office hours; and students and faculty should be punctual when meeting times are scheduled. In more general terms, collegiality means respecting the right of both faculty and students to participate fully and fairly in the educational enterprise.

Disclaimer:

This syllabus is tentative and may be subject to change. Everything in the syllabus might change except for 1) Course Description; 2) Textbook; and 3) Grading Scale.