

I. Course and Instructor Information

CIS 276 Business Languages Software, 3 credits

Instructor: Susan Pfeifer

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Course Materials:

1) *Visual Basic 2005 for Windows, Mobile, Web, Office, and Database Applications* by Shelly, Cashman, and Hoisington

2) *Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 Professional Version, 180-day trial*

Important Course dates: January 8, 2008 – May 9, 2008

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:00 – 11:50am

Last day to Drop with a Refund: January 18, 2008

Last day to Drop: March 28, 2008

Final: Wednesday, May 7, 2008 10:00 – 11:50 am

II. Course Purpose and Goals:

- Introduce students to event-driven programming and the logic and syntax included.
- Provide hands-on opportunities to create applications that solve business problems.
- Analyze requirements and complete programs that meet those requirements.
- Test completed programs to ensure coding accuracy and verify that requirements have been met.
- Demonstrate problem-solving skills by completing a comprehensive project building on all skills learned.

III. Course Philosophy and Policies (include ADA statement, plagiarism statement, explanation of what “learner-centered” means in your class, attendance policy, late work, use of technology, etc.):

Students are expected to attend class and complete all assignments including but not limited to labs, papers, presentations, and projects. Attendance is required and students must notify the instructor *before* class begins if they will not be in attendance. Students are expected to hand in all assignments by the due date. Late work will not be accepted. Quizzes and exams will also be used to evaluate a student’s knowledge.

Academic Integrity: <http://www.vcsu.edu/academics/academicissues.htm#integrity>

Students will be subject to VCSU policy 424 dealing with academic integrity. Students may lose credit for the assignment, course, or be suspended if they “cheat” or plagiarize

in the class. It is up to the instructor to decide the appropriate sanctions for the student's actions. Please see the above link for further explanation of the policy.

IV. Learning Activities:

Exams: Students will be given exams on the information provided in the textbooks and lecture. Questions may include information from previous class discussions, so attendance is important!

Lab Exercises: The labs provide a hands-on method for students to program solutions to real business problems.

Projects: The programming projects will challenge students to apply what they have learned in the classroom and possibly previous labs.

V. Evaluation/Assessment:

A. Evaluation of Student Work:

Lab Exercises	20
Exams	40
Final Project	40

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
0-59%	F

The instructor reserves the right to lower the % required for each letter grade. The % ranges will never be raised.