SYLLABUS CS 120 FALL 2005

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10:00; Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 12:00; and by appointment.

Prerequisite: MA 100 (with a grade of C- or better) or satisfactory math placement score.

Text: *GUI Java, Part 1* by Peterson and Ellerbruch (dated August 2005)

This course is designed to teach general principles about computer programming using Java. It has a large laboratory component. Expect to spend about 10 hours each week outside of class working on programming assignments. There will be a tutor available several hours a week.

Grading:

Programming assignments	35%
Hour exams (3)	35%
Quizzes	15%
Final Exam	15%

Programming assignments will lose points if they are late. All programs for each assignment will be graded at one time (and none can be turned in after that time).

Hour Exams: The tests will be approximately four weeks apart and the date of each will be announced about a week before it is given. No make-up tests will be given unless you talk with me BEFORE the test is given to the class and have a valid excuse for not taking the test with the class.

Quizzes: Some quizzes will be announced, but others will not be. No make-up quizzes will be given, but if you have a valid excuse for missing a quiz your average score for quizzes will be used for the missed quiz. The lowest quiz score will be dropped.

Final exam: A comprehensive two-hour final exam will be given on Thursday, December 15, at 8:00 am, the time scheduled for this class.

A grade of C- or better is required to be admitted to any CS course for which this course is a prerequisite.

Grading scale:

A: 90 - 100%
B: 80 - 89%
C: 70 - 79%
D: 60 - 69%

Collaboration: The programming assignments in this class are individual, not group, projects. Nonetheless, students are encouraged to work together to increase understanding. Programs turned in must be substantially produced and understood by the individual seeking credit. In particular, it is unacceptable to submit a program that is identical to another's except for identifier names. If there is any question about the production, performance, or understanding of a program, the instructor reserves the right to question an individual about this. Inability to explain the program or lack of understanding of the program will be considered evidence for no credit on the program.

Sanctions for excessive collaboration range from a failing grade on the program to expulsion for the University. You are reminded that it is academically dishonest to *give* or to *receive* excessive help.

Liberal Studies Credit: Division V – Formal Communication Studies: These courses are designed to introduce students to the ways in which information and ideas are expressed using a communication system other than English. Such courses should foster the student's ability to conceptualize and communicate in an orderly, rational manner. Characteristics of a communication system include: (1) possession of a grammar; (2) operation from an established set of rules; (3) reasoning properties such as deduction, inference drawing, and problem solving. This includes courses in languages and those in which the central focus of the course is on statistics, computers or formal logic.

Disability Services: If you have a need for disability-related accommodations or services, please inform the Coordinator of Disability Services in the Disability Services Office at 2001 C.B. Hedgcock (227-1700; TTY 227-1543). Reasonable and effective accommodations and services will be provided to students if requests are made in a timely manner, with appropriate documentation, in accordance with federal, state and University guidelines.