Schedule of topics
CSC 161, “Imperative Problem Solving and Data Structures”
Department of Computer Science · Grinnell College
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Reading: General Information

January 25: Introduction and Overview.

Reading: Command-Line Navigation; Editing with Emacs

January 26: GNU/Linux Basics; Text Editing.

Reading: King, chapters 1 and 2.


February 1: Programming the Scribbler2 Robot.

February 2: Module 000 Project.

February 3: Walking Through MyroC.h.

Reading: King, chapter 4.

February 5: Types, Variables, and Arithmetic Operations.

Reading: King, chapter 5.

February 8: Conditionals.

Reading: King, chapter 6.

February 9 and 10: Loops.

February 12: Module 001 Project.

Reading: King, sections 7.1, 7.2, and 7.4 through 7.6.

February 15: Coercions and Casts.

Reading: King, section 8.1.

February 16: One-Dimensional Arrays.

Reading: King, chapter 9.

February 17: Functions.

February 19: Array Parameters.

Reading: King, chapter 10 and sections 15.1 and 15.2.

February 22: Header Files and Inclusion.
February 23: Testing and Verification

February 24: Module 010 Project.

February 26: Representation of Integers.

February 29: Binary, Octal, and Hexadecimal Numeration.

March 1: Floating-Point Representations.

March 2: Debugging.

March 4: Pointers.

March 7: Characters and Strings.

March 8: Input with `scanf`.

March 9: Input with `getchar` and Output with `putchar`.

March 11: Module 011 Project.

March 14: Mid-Semester Examination.

March 15: Two-Dimensional Arrays.

March 16: Structures.

March 18: Opaque and Transparent Structure Types.

April 4: Transforming Pictures.

April 5: Sorting by Insertion.

April 6: Module 100 Project.

April 8: Dynamic Storage Allocation and Deallocation

April 11: Memory Management Techniques.
Reading: King, section 17.5.

April 12: Scheme-Like Lists.

April 13: Mutable Linked Lists.

April 15: Linked-List Variations.

April 18: Abstract Data Types; Interfaces and Implementations.

Reading: King, sections 15.3 and 15.4.

April 19: Makefiles.

Reading: King, chapter 18.

April 20: Module 101 Project (day 0).

April 22: Module 101 Project (day 1).

April 25: (pause for breath)

Reading: King, section 19.4.

April 26: Stacks.

Reading: King, section 19.5

April 27: Queues.

April 29: Buffers.

May 2: Shell Scripts.

May 3: Module 110 Project.

Reading: King, section 13.7

May 4: Command-Line Arguments.

Reading: King, chapter 22.

May 6: Files.

Reading: King, chapters 21, 23, and 25 through 27.

May 9: Standard Libraries.

May 10: Module 111 Project (day 0).

May 11: Module 111 Project (day 1).

May 13: Review; End-of-Course Evaluations.

May 19, 2 p.m.: Final Examination.