CMPS 1023: The Digital Culture

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Course Objective: Explore the history, current state, and cultural impact of the digital world. This course will prepare students to understand and relate to others in an increasingly online world and be productive members of a global digital society. Topics include history of computing from a global perspective, accessibility and the digital divide, computer security issues, evaluation of online materials, big data and the need for high performance computing, and an introduction to using productivity software and programming constructs to analyze and communicate these issues.

Text: No text is required for this course.

Additional Material: A USB or online data storage will be necessary for saving documents. Supplemental material will be provided (e.g. articles and web sites relating to cultural digital issues). In addition, Open Educational Resource (OER) may be utilized. OERs are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use or re-purposing by others. OERs include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge. (Hewlett Report)

Course Grade:

Semester Exams (3)	45%
Assignments	20%
Programs	20%
Final Project/Presentation	15%

Course Content: The material includes text reading assignments, lectures, programs, and homework. Students are responsible for all material regardless of attendance.

Recording of Class Lectures: Permission must be requested in writing and obtained from the instructor before recording of class lectures. If permission is granted, the recording may only be used by the student making the recording. Recordings (or any class materials) may NOT be posted on any internet source without written permission of the instructor. Failure to adhere to the policy may result in removal from the course with a grade of F or other appropriate punishment.

Late Policy: Assignments and programs will be accepted late up to two weeks after the due date with a penalty of 5 points per day. Quizzes will not be accepted late.

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). The Department of Computer Science had adopted the following policy related to cheating (academic misconduct). The policy will be applied to all instances of

cheating on assignments and exams as determined by the instructor of the course. (See below for link to MSU definitions.)

- 1st instance of cheating in a course: The student will be assigned a non-replaceable grade of zero for the assignment, project or exam. *If the resulting grade does not result in a letter grade reduction, the student will receive a one letter grade reduction in course.*
- 2nd instance of cheating in a course: The student will receive a grade of F in course & immediately be removed from course.
- All instances of cheating will be reported to the Department Chair and, in the case of graduate students, to the Department Graduate Coordinator.

See Also: MSU Student Handbook: Appendix E: Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures.

Student Resources: Quick access to several student resources can be found at Student Resources.

Research and Creative Opportunities at MSU: Enhancing Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (EURECA) is a program that provides opportunities for undergraduate students to engage in high-quality research and creative activities with faculty. EURECA provides incentives and funding through a system that supports faculty and students in a cooperative research process. For more information contact the Office of Undergraduate Research, (940) 397-6275 or eureca@mwsu.edu. Information and resources are available at www.mwsu.edu/eureca.

Disability Policy: In accordance with the law, MSU provides academic accommodations to students with documented disabilities. Students with disabilities must be registered with Disability Support Services before classroom accommodations can be provided. The DSS office is located in Clark Student Center, Room 168, phone 397-4140.

Counseling Center: MSU offers personal, group, career, and academic counseling. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these **free** services by contacting the Counseling Center: Room 108 Clark Student Center, 397-4618, counseling@mwsu.edu.

Policy on Concealed Handguns on Campus: Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information, please refer to the Policy on Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus. If you have questions or concerns, please contact MSU Chief of Police Patrick Coggins at patrick.coggins@msutexas.edu.