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.
Reading: King, chapters 14 and 24.

**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.

Reading: King, chapter 20.

**March 2**: Debugging.

Reading: King, chapter 11.

**March 4**: Pointers.

Reading: King, sections 12.1 through 12.3 and 13.1 through 13.6.

**March 7**: Characters and Strings.

Reading: King, chapter 3 and section 7.3.

**March 8**: The `stdio` Library.

Reading: King, sections 8.2 and 8.3.

**March 9**: Two-Dimensional Arrays.

Reading: King, section 13.7.

**March 11**: Command-Line Arguments.

**March 14**: Mid-Semester Examination.

**March 15**: Module 011 Project.

Reading: King, chapter 16.

**March 16**: Structures.

Reading: King, sections 19.1 through 19.3.

**March 18**: Opaque and Transparent Structure Types.

Reading: King, sections 12.4 and 12.5.

**April 4**: Transforming Pictures.

**April 5**: Sorting by Insertion.

**April 6**: Module 100 Project.

Reading: King, sections 17.1 through 17.4.

**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).

Reading: King, section 19.4.

**April 25:** Stacks.

Reading: King, section 19.5

**April 26:** Queues.

**April 27:** Buffers.

**April 29:** (pause for breath)

**May 2:** Shell Scripts.

**May 3:** Module 110 Project.

Reading: King, chapter 22.

**May 4:** Files.

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

**May 6 and 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.

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