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.
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 and 27: Queues.

April 29: Buffers.

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.