

Course Objectives/Course Outline
Spokane Community College

Course Title: Introduction to Computer Applications

Prefix and Course Number: CIS 110

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Be able to identify the basic components of a personal computer system
- Have a basic understanding of how a PC operates
- Be able to demonstrate the ability to effectively use:
 - Windows XP features
 - File Management
 - Word Processing software
 - Spreadsheet software
 - Database software
 - Presentation software

Course Outline:

- I. Identify the basic components of a personal computer system and their function
 - a. Input devices
 - b. Processor
 - c. Output devices
 - d. Storage devices
 - e. Communication between computers
- II. Have a basic understanding of how a PC operates
 - a. Definitions of Hardware and Software
 - b. Understand the steps in the Machine Cycle
- III. Be able to demonstrate the ability to effectively use:
 - a. Internet tasks
 - i. Web site searching/browsing
 - ii. Extracting data from web sites with citations
 - iii. Understanding of URL's
 - iv. Utilizing E-mail
 - b. Windows XP features
 - i. Starting/ending applications
 - ii. Controlling the Desktop
 - iii. Document Management
 - iv. Formatting a disk
 - v. Create, Rename, Delete folders
 - vi. Navigating folder structure
 - vii. Copy, Rename, Delete Documents
 - c. Word Processing software
 - i. Create a document
 - ii. Formatting/Organizing text
 - iii. Use of Graphics and Tables
 - iv. Use of Columns
 - v. Printing a document
 - vi. Use of Spell Check
 - vii. Use of Thesaurus
 - d. Spreadsheet software

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- i. Create, Modify, Delete worksheets within a workbook
- ii. Change formatting of cells
- iii. Utilize formulas and functions within a worksheet
- iv. Create, modify charts from worksheet data
- e. Database software
 - i. Create a database
 - ii. Create, Modify tables/field properties
 - iii. Create relationships between tables
 - iv. Create, Modify, Use Forms
 - v. Create, Modify, Use Reports
 - vi. Create, Modify, Use Queries
 - vii. Use of Filters
 - viii. Add, Change, Delete data in tables
- f. Presentation software
 - i. Create, Use Slide layouts
 - ii. Create, Modify, Delete text
 - iii. Create, Modify, Delete bulleted lists
 - iv. Using Animation, Tables, Charts
 - v. Import Objects