

Syllabus

Web Development – COMP/CENG 250

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Course Description

This course provides a solid foundation of current Web development technologies including HTTP, HTML5, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, and MySQL. The Apache web server and Linux OS will be the primary platform used. Prerequisite: COMP 170 or 150/151.

Required online textbook: *Web Programming* by McCown, et al. from zyBooks.

To get your zyBook:

1. Sign up at zybooks.com
2. Enter zyBook code: **HARDINGCOMP250McCownFall2016**
3. Click *Subscribe*

Student Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course, students will be able to...

1. Identify important events, individuals, and organizations in Internet and Web history.
2. Describe how web browsers and web servers communicate using HTTP.
3. Construct web pages using HTML and CSS.
4. Write JavaScript code to respond to browser events, make asynchronous requests, and dynamically alter a web page.
5. Develop a website that uses PHP to store and retrieve data in a relational database.

Attendance

You are expected to be in class every day. You may enjoy two “free skips”, but each unexcused absence after that will result in a **1% deduction** from your final grade. If you are absent, you should check Easel for missing notes and homework assignments. Late work will be penalized unless your absence is excused.

Exams

There will be three regular exams and a comprehensive final exam that will also include all material covered after the third exam. If for **any** reason you are not able to take an exam, you must notify me **before** the exam (or as soon as you are physically possible). Failure to do so may result in a **zero** for the exam. Makeup exams for excused absences will be given, but a penalty of up to 75% will apply for unexcused absences, at the teacher’s discretion. If an official school function takes you out of class on an exam date, it is your responsibility to make arrangements one week prior to the exam as to when you will take the exam. Usually it will be given early, not late. **Phones must be turned off and put away.**

Reading Assignments, Homework Assignments, and Projects

Reading assignments require students to read and complete the interactive questions in the zyBook before class. Points are awarded based on the percent of completed questions. Students may complete the reading/questions one day late for half credit. No late credit is given for completing the reading/questions more than one day late.

Homework assignments are small assignments that are intended to give the student practice implementing a concept introduced in class. Homework assignments are to be completed *individually*, not in pairs or groups.

Three large projects will be assigned that involve significant effort and require students to integrate several weeks' worth of learning. Projects may be completed independently or in pairs (two people only) when permission is given. Pair programming has been shown to have a number of benefits including increased personal satisfaction and fewer errors¹. If you work in pairs, both of you must work together on a *single* computer, and both of you must write *approximately half* of the code. **No code can be written without the other partner present and watching.** Both of you should understand completely what is being written since you will have to complete your exams individually. When you submit a program to Easel that has been written in pairs, you must put comments in your code indicating the names of both programmers. Only one student needs to submit their solution to Easel.

Extra Credit

A maximum of 2% extra credit can be earned and applied to your final grade.

1. Computing Seminars: You will receive **0.1%** points extra credit to be added to your final grade for each Computing Seminar that you attend. Seminar meets every Friday at 7:00 am and sometimes on Thursdays at 4:00 pm in Science 113. The first seminar will begin around the 3rd week of the semester. There will be approximately 15 seminars, thus allowing you to increase your final grade by 1.5%. See <http://www.harding.edu/academics/colleges-departments/sciences/computer-science> for the complete schedule.
2. Giving blood: Donating at the Red Cross blood drives will earn you **0.2%** added to your final grade each time you donate. Donate as many times as you'd like, and give me a signed note confirming your donation each time you donate.
3. The McChallenge: **1%** will be added to your final grade for the completion of extra work on a project which will be made available to you later in the semester. The program will be due the last day of class. You can skip the project and still get the 1% added to your final grade if you defeat me in a game of basketball, tennis, racquetball, Halo, chess, Trivia Pursuit, or any other sport/game that I know how to play. If you lose, you may still complete the extra project work to get your 1%. Only one challenge per semester, and no challenges the final week of class. Come by my office to schedule a time to play.

Grades

Final grades are computed with the following weights:

Exams:	30%
Projects:	30%
Reading:	5%
Homework:	15%
Final Exam:	20%

Letter grades: A = 90-100%, B = 80-89% C = 70-79%, D = 60-69%, F = 0-59%

Late work: A maximum of 10% will be taken off *each day* (including weekends) an assignment is late, up to 50%. Nothing late more than 1 week will be accepted. Those with excused absences are still expected to turn in assignments as soon as you are physically capable of doing so.

Final grades are not rounded unless the student has given significant effort which is evidenced by regular attendance,

¹ See *All I Really Need to Know about Pair Programming I Learned in Kindergarten* (2000) for more information on effectively using pair programming.

completion of nearly all homework assignments, significant effort on projects, etc.

Miscellaneous

1. Notes for each day are available on Easel. If you want to print them out, please do so *before* class so you don't disrupt others.
2. To be successful in this course, be prepared to spend at least **two hours outside of class** for every hour in class studying, reading, completing quizzes and homework, working on projects, and preparing for exams. This works out to about 9 hours a week. If you do not have this much time to dedicate to the course, you should take it some other semester when you can make that commitment.
3. You must check Canvas **daily** for announcements and discussions. Canvas is where you can ask questions and give help to others on homework and projects.
4. Everyone is expected to hold to the **highest standard** of personal conduct and **integrity**. Cheating in all its forms is inconsistent with Christian faith and practice and will result in sanctions up to and including dismissal from the class with a failing grade. Homework assignments are to be completed **individually**. Only the projects can be written in pairs. It is considered cheating if you submit work performed by anyone but yourself. *Never* allow someone to view your source code as this often leads to cheating. Come by during office hours (or we'll arrange a time) for assistance on assignments. Also take advantage of the tutor in 201 who will be available throughout the week.
5. Please adhere to the **dress code** as spelled out in the Student Handbook. Shorts should not be worn to class, and men should not wear caps while in class. Please wear shoes to class (flip flops are OK).
6. There is **no food or drink** permitted in the lab. However, I will allow you to bring in a drink with a lid until we have a spill.
7. Lab computers may be used during class to **take notes and write programs** when specifically allowed by the instructor. Until the instructor gives you permission, your monitor is to remain **off**. Students who use lab computers for other purposes will not be allowed to use the lab computers.
8. Silence your phones, and **put them away**. It is very distracting to me and those around you when you text in class.

This course covers a wide range of material. Be prepared to devote a significant amount of time in order to master the concepts that will be covered. Students who do the best in this course attend class regularly, turn in homework on time (because they don't procrastinate), and seek help from the tutor or myself when in a rut. Remember that I am here to help you.

Assessment

Harding University, since its charter in 1924, has been strongly committed to providing the best resources and environment for the teaching-learning process. The board, administration, faculty, and staff are wholeheartedly committed to full compliance with all criteria of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The university values continuous, rigorous assessment at every level for its potential to improve student learning and achievement and for its centrality in fulfilling the stated mission of Harding. Thus, a comprehensive assessment program has been developed that includes both the Academic units and the Administrative and Educational Support (AES) units. Specifically, all academic units will be assessed in reference to the following Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose: **The University provides programs that enable students to acquire essential knowledge, skills, and dispositions in their academic disciplines for successful careers, advanced studies, and servant leadership.** Assessment of the knowledge, skills, and dispositions of each student for the purpose of assigning a letter grade at the completion of this course will be based on the projects, homework assignments, and exams that were described previously in this syllabus.

Students with Disabilities

It is the policy for Harding University to accommodate students with disabilities, pursuant to federal and state law. Therefore, any student with a *documented disability* condition (e.g. physical, learning, psychological, vision, hearing, etc.) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact the instructor and the Disabilities Office at the *beginning* of each semester. (If the diagnosis of the disability occurs during the academic year, the student must self-identify with the Disabilities Director *as soon as possible* in order to get academic accommodations in place for the remainder of the semester.) The Disabilities Office is located in Room 205 of the Student Center, telephone, (501) 279-4019.

Schedule

The following schedule is subject to change but gives you an idea of how the class will progress:

Week 1 Aug 22	Introduction Internet & Web history Terminology	Week 7	Event handling DOM, CSS, timers Project 2 – JavaScript <i>Fall Break on Fri</i>	Week 13	Project 3 – PHP <i>Thanksgiving Break</i>
Week 2	HTTP Intro to HTML5	Week 8 Oct 10	Canvas, audio, video Exam 2	Week 14	User authentication Uploading files Third-party Web APIs
Week 3	Links, images Lists, tables, misc. Taz - Linux Project 1 – Website	Week 9	Intro to PHP Data types, arrays, functions	Week 15	Mobile web dev
Week 4 Sep 12	Cascading Style Sheets Exam 1	Week 10	Submitting form data File I/O	Week 16	Final Exam Dec 12
Week 5	HTML forms Intro to JavaScript	Week 11	Cookies & sessions Ajax		“Whatever you do... do it all to the glory of God.” – 1 Cor 10:31
Week 6	JavaScript objects Debugging	Week 12 Nov 7	MySQL and SQL Exam 3		

