

University of Texas at El Paso
Course Syllabus

COURESE DESCRIPTION

Dept., Number	CS3360	Course Title	Design and Implementation of Programming Languages
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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Design and Implementation of Programming Languages (3-0) Design features of modern programming languages, including flow control mechanisms and data structures; techniques for implementation of these features.

TEXT BOOK

Robert W. Sebesta. Concepts of Programming Languages, 11^h edition, Pearson, 2016.

COURSE OUTCOMES

Level 1: Knowledge and Comprehension:

Level 1 outcomes are those in which the student has been exposed to the terms and concepts at a basic level and can supply basic definitions.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- a. Describe broad trends in the history of development of programming languages.
- b. Explain the stages of programming language interpretation and compilation.
- c. Understand data and control abstractions of programming languages.
- d. Understand how attribute grammars describe static semantics.
- e. Describe ways to formally specify the dynamic semantics of small subsets of programming languages, such as expressions and control structures.

Level 2: Application and Analysis:

Level 2 outcomes are those in which the student can apply the material in familiar situations, e.g., can work a problem of familiar structure with minor changes in the details.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- a. Define syntax of a small context-free grammar in BNF and EBNF
- b. Define the syntax of a small subset of a programming language in BNF and EBNF.
- c. Compare different approaches to naming, storage bindings, typing, scope, and data types.
- d. Analyze design dimensions of subprograms, including parameter passing methods, sub-programs as parameters, and overload subprograms.
- e. Be able to write programs to solve simple problems in a purely functional language.

Level 3: Synthesis and Evaluation

Level 3 outcomes are those in which the student can apply the material in new situations.

This is the highest level of mastery.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- a. Evaluate modern, representative programming languages critically w.r.t. design concepts, design alternatives and trade-offs, and implementation considerations for scope, binding, data types, expressions, control structures, subprograms, abstract data types, objects, concurrency structures, and exception handling.
- b. Choose a suitable programming paradigm and language for a given problem or domain.

ABET STUDENT OUTCOMES MAPPING

Course outcomes	Student outcome
None	1
3a-b	2 (ABET 1)
3b	3 (ABET 2)
None	4 (ABET 5)
None	5 (ABET 4)
None	6 (ABET 3)
None	7
3a	8
3b	9
1b,1c, 2c, 3a, 3b	10 (ABET 6)

PREREQUISITES BY TOPIC

CS 2302 with a grade of C or better

