This syllabus is provided as a general informational guide. Some of the information may vary depending on the specific course section and instructor. Different sections of the same course may require different textbooks. Verify the section specific textbook information in the CUNY’s Academic Course Schedule Web Page. Modifications of the grading system presented here will be communicated by the instructors of the sections when they meet the class.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
The City University of New York
Department of Science

Title of Course COMPUTER METHODS IN SCIENCE
SCI 120 Section __________

Credits 4

Class hours 3
Lab hours 2

Instructor

Name:
Office:
Room:
Email:

Semester:

Course Description
This course teaches a programming and emphasizes application of programming methods for the sciences and engineering. Numerical methods will be applied to examples gleaned from physics, chemistry and biology and engineering.

Prerequisites/Co-requisites
MAT 206

Student Learning Outcomes
1. Students will be able to acquaint the capabilities of computers and the types of problems that computers can solve.
2. Students will be able to learn the fundamentals of programming so that they can use the computer to solve problems that are encountered in both academic and nonacademic environments.
3. Students will be able to establish good problem-solving techniques that can applied to any problem, whether computer related or not.
4. Students will be able to use practical, real-word engineering and science problems while accomplishing the first three objectives.

Required Text & Readings
Author: Tony Gaddis
Title: Brief Edition of Starting Out with C++, 4th Edition
Publisher: Scott Jones Inc.
(BMCC Library Call #:)

Other Resources

Use of Technology (if applicable)

Evaluation & Requirements of Students
Written Examination 50%
Programming Projects (10-12) 50%
Outline of Topics

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**Class Participation**

Participation in the academic activity of each course is a significant component of the learning process and plays a major role in determining overall student academic achievement. Academic activities may include, but are not limited to, attending class, submitting assignments, engaging in in-class or online activities, taking exams, and/or participating in group work. Each instructor has the right to establish their own class participation policy, and it is each student’s responsibility to be familiar with and follow the participation policies for each course.

**BMCC Mask Mandate Policy for In-Person Classes**

CUNY has put in place a temporary mask mandate policy that requires the wearing of masks indoors in all campus buildings. See: [https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/university-updates/clarity-new-mask/](https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/university-updates/clarity-new-mask/)

Face masks help prevent the spread of COVID-19. As it is possible to have or carry the coronavirus without having or showing symptoms, it is necessary for every person in our community to wear a mask even if you are fully vaccinated and/or have tested negative for COVID19, or think you are completely healthy. For appropriate/acceptable masks and guidelines on use, see CDC guidelines at: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html).

While the mask mandate is in effect, the following will apply to all in-person classes (including in-person classes associated with hybrid courses):

- In a classroom, if a fully vaccinated instructor is teaching a class and can maintain social distance from all others in the classroom, he/she may choose not to wear a mask (subject to any additional Department guidelines regarding the use of face shields or other layers of protection).
- Students who attempt to enter a classroom without wearing masks will be asked by the instructor to put on their masks before entering. Students who remove their masks during a class session will be asked by the instructor to put on their masks. Masks will be available for distribution for those who need one.
- Students may remove their masks momentarily during class (to drink something quickly), in classrooms other than labs, but must replace their masks immediately after that. The consumption of food is not permitted in any classroom or lab.
- Students who are not fully vaccinated are also required to maintain social distancing between themselves and all others in a classroom.

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library has guides designed to help students to appropriately identify a cited work. The full policy can be found on BMCC’s Web site, www.bmcc.cuny.edu. For further information on integrity and behavior, please consult the college bulletin (also available online).

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