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## **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**

**Information**

**Name:**

**Office:**

**Room:**

**Email:**

### **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++, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*

Publisher: Scott Jones Inc.

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### **Other Resources**

### **Use of Technology (if applicable)**

### **Evaluation & Requirements of Students**

Written Examination 50%

Programming Projects (10-12) 50%

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## **Outline of Topics**

<b><u>WEEK</u></b>	<b><u>TOPIC</u></b>	<b><u>CHAPTER (S)</u></b>
1	Introduction to computer architecture and languages; Flowcharting fundamentals; IPO Input, Processing, Output) sequence	1, 2
2	Linear programs; Variable, Arithmetic operations; Math functions, and Input/Output	2, 3
3	File handling, keyboard input; Relational operators; Simple IF and IF-ELSE structure	3, 4
4	Looping structures (simple, nested)	5
5	Switch statement; Functions	6
6	Functions	6
7	Applications; Method of Least Squares; Numerical Integration, File Operations	6, 11
8	Numeric Arrays; Random Numbers	7
9	Multidimensional Arrays	7
10	Matrix Manipulations (Addition, Multiplication); Gaussian Elimination, Sorting; Monte Carlo Method	7
11	Pointers	8
12	Characters, Strings, and the string Class	9
13	Structured Data	10
14	Introduction to Classes	12
15	Final Examination	

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