Develop basic skills in Windows, word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and presentation applications by using a tutorial text, training software, the Internet, campus e-mail system, Canvas instructional website, and computerized testing software.

Prerequisites: None  
Credits: 3

All citizens must be computer literate. This course, Computer Applications, is designed to develop preliminary skills in word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and database applications, as well as the Internet, the campus e-mail program, an instructional website, and computerized testing software, so that students become more computer literate. The outcomes of this course are consistent with the University’s mission, “by teaching we learn;” the General Education Program’s goals “to cultivate thoughtful and responsible persons and citizens, prepare them for the world of work, and teach them to pursue knowledge for its own sake;” the college’s mission, “to prepare enlightened leaders for the professions and for society;” and the department’s mission; “to produce competent, confident, and independent lifelong learners for a diverse world through a caring, creative, supportive, and technologically-rich learning environment.”

Students will be able to . . .

Use Windows to find, open, and save files.

Use Microsoft Word to create, edit, and format documents, including the use of graphics and tables

Use Microsoft Excel to create, edit, and format worksheets and cells; create and use basic formulas; and create and format charts

Assessments

Proper submission of saved homework files

Homework projects using Word to create, edit, and format documents, including the use of graphics and tables

Word skills exam

Homework projects using Excel to create, edit, and format worksheets and cells; create and use basic formulas; and create and format charts
Excel skills exam

Use Microsoft Access to create databases, tables, forms, and reports; and query databases

Homework projects using Access to create databases, tables, forms, reports, and queries

Access skills exam

Use Microsoft PowerPoint to create and format slide presentations

Homework projects using PowerPoint to create and format slide presentations

PowerPoint skills exam

Describe basic Office terminology and concepts

Objective concepts exams

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University Policy on Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity is a standard set for this course. Students are expected to complete all of their coursework and assignments using their original words and ideas and will properly cite the words and ideas of others.

Students are also expected to be honest in their interactions with the instructor. A student found to have not upheld these expectations is subject to failing this course and shall be subject to disciplinary action or sanction. The University catalog defines the term “academic dishonesty” in all its forms including, but not limited to:

- cheating on tests;

University Policy on Special Needs

If you have a disability that may prevent you from meeting course requirements, contact the instructor immediately to file a Student Disability Statement and to develop an Accommodation Plan.

Course requirements will not be waived but reasonable accommodations will be developed to help you meet the requirements. You are expected to work with the instructor and the CWU Disability Support Specialist to develop and implement a reasonable Accommodation Plan. For more information please visit: www.cwu.edu/disability-support/
• copying from another student’s test paper;
• using materials during a test not authorized by the person giving the test;
• collaboration with any other person during a test without authority;
• knowingly obtaining, using, buying, selling, transporting, or soliciting in whole or in part the contents of an un-administered test or information about an un-administered test; bribing any other person to obtain an un-administered test or information about an un-administered test; substitution for another student or permitting any other person to substitute for oneself to take a test; plagiarism” which shall mean the appropriation of any other person’s work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one’s own work offered for credit;
• "Collusion" which shall mean the unauthorized collaboration with any other person in preparing work offered for credit.

The TurnItIn feature of Canvas helps students learn to use sources and citations appropriately. TurnItIn matches the material in student papers against material on the Internet and in our database of CWU papers. Representing the words or ideas of someone else as your own is a violation of the CWU Student Conduct Code and a serious infraction in this course. If you have questions about appropriate ways to include the words or ideas of other people in your papers, contact the instructor. Papers submitted to TurnItIn are added to the database of papers. Your instructor has the option of what papers and assignments may be submitted and/or randomly submitted to TurnItIn.

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