

Course Syllabi

1. *Course number and name*
COSC 4327: UNIX Shell Programming
2. *Credits and contact hours*
3 Credit Hours
3. *Instructor's or course coordinator's name*
Instructor: Leonard Brown
4. *Textbook, title, author, and year*
 - *Shell Programming in Unix, Linux, and OS X*, Christopher Negus, 4th Edition, Addison-Wesley, 2017, ISBN 0-13-449600-0
 - a. *Other supplemental materials*
None
5. *Specific course information*
 - a. *A brief description of the content of the course (catalog description)*
Introduction to programming in the UNIX shell; directory structure and manipulating files, built-in functions, control structures, utilities, and sublanguages.
 - b. *Prerequisites or co-requisites*
COSC 1336
 - c. *Indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective course in the program*
Elective course
6. *Specific goals of the course*
 - a. *Specific outcomes of instruction, The student will be able to:*
 - Understand the concepts and features that characterize UNIX
 - Understand general features of UNIX commands
 - Break up a command into arguments and options
 - Know how to use the man command and understand the organization of the documentation, especially the way the syntax is explained
 - Know general purpose utilities in UNIX systems (passwd, who, w, tty, stty, script, uname, date, cal, calendar, bc)
 - Be able to create and edit files using vi/vim or emacs

- Understand UNIX file system and know how file and directory manipulation commands (such as pwd, cd, mkdir, rmdir, cp, rm)
- Understand file attributes and know commands to list or change them (ls, chmod, umask, chown, chgrp, touch, find)
- Understand the concept of UNIX shell
- Understand the meaning of wild-card characters in UNIX commands
- Understand the difference between single, double, and back quotes in a UNIX command
- Understand streams and be able to redirect standard input/output/error stream to a file
- Be able to set up a pipeline for connecting two or more commands
- Use command substitution
- Understand the properties of shell and environmental variables and be able to use both types of variables
- Be able to use simple filters of the system
- Understand the concept of a process and its creation
- Be able to run jobs in the background
- Understand the general environment-related features of popular UNIX shells and be able to customize user environment in their favorite shell by configuring the startup files
- Be able to create and execute shell scripts
- Be able to describe general duties of UNIX system administrator

b. *Explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed by the course*

Course address ABET Student Outcome(s):

7. *Brief list of topics to be covered*

- Introduction to UNIX
- General purpose utilities
- UNIX editors
- UNIX file system and file attributes
- The shell
- Simple filters
- The process
- Filters using regular expressions
- Customizing the environment
- Shell programming
- System and network administration

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General Information

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Exams: There will be three midterm exams and one final exam given for this class. All exams will be held in the class lecture room. The midterm exams will be during the regular class time. The *tentative* dates of the exams are:

Exam I	September 28, 2020
Exam II	October 23, 2020
Exam III	November 20, 2020
Final Exam	(See University Schedule)

You will be notified in advance of any change in the above dates or exam location.

Grading: There are several components to the course grade totaling 1000 points. The point distribution is as follows:

Exam I	100 points
Exam II	100 points
Exam III	100 points
Homework Assignments/Quizzes	400 points
Final Examination	300 points

Course grades will be assigned based on the following scale.

900-1000	A
800-899	B
700-799	C
600-699	D
599 and below	F

Late Policies: All homework assignments are due at 11:59 p.m. on the date specified in the assignment. Assignments submitted after the due date (even if it is by one minute) are considered late. There is a 10% penalty for each day an assignment is late. Assignments will not be accepted after 5 days.

Plagiarism: Unless otherwise specified, all work submitted for a grade must be completed by yourself. You are not to submit another person's work and claim it as your own. Plagiarism will result in disciplinary actions. To spare yourself accusations of plagiarism-

1. Do not show another student a copy of your work before it has been graded. The penalties for permitting your work to be copied are the same as the penalties for copying someone else's work.
2. Do not leave printouts of your work where other students may pick them up.

Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories: Students are required to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth, and follow social distancing guidelines, at all times in public settings (including classrooms and laboratories), as specified by [Procedures for Fall 2020 Return to Normal Operations](#). The UT Tyler community of Patriots views adoption of these practices consistent with its [Honor Code](#) and a sign of good citizenship and respectful care of fellow classmates, faculty, and staff.

Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, or a higher than normal temperature will be excused from class and should stay at home and may join the class remotely. Students who have difficulty adhering to the Covid-19 safety policies for health reasons are also encouraged to join the class remotely. Students needing additional accommodations may contact the Office of Student Accessibility and Resources at University Center 3150, or call (903) 566-7079 or email saroffice@uttyler.edu.

Recording of Class Sessions: Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.

Additional Policies: <http://www.uttyler.edu/academicaffairs/files/syllabuspolicy.pdf>

Academic

Calendar: <https://www.uttyler.edu/schedule/files/academic-calendar-20-21.pdf>

Final Exam

Schedule: <https://www.uttyler.edu/schedule/files/final-exam-schedule.pdf?rand=1>