1 Instructor

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2 Office Hours

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Other times by prior appointment (please call or send e-mail)

3 Objective

Overview of the computing field to students, research programs and career options.

4 Textbook

There is no textbook for this course. Materials from different sources will be used in the classes.

5 Topics

• Degree programs in the computing field  
• Undergraduate program overview  
• Research opportunities for undergraduate students  
• Graduate program overview  
• Career opportunities in computing field  
• Peer support and computing related student groups in SCIS  
• How to prepare for a successful career in computing and IT  
• Introduction to research and SCIS research centers  
• Discovering opportunities in SCIS  
• Industry lecture

6 Grading Policy

• There is no examination in this course.  
• The grade will be Pass or Fail. A student will pass this course if he/she doesn’t miss more than 2 classes. Class attendance will be checked in each class.
Notes

• University drop date: October 16, 2009.
• Students should attend all the classes.
• Academic misconduct will not be tolerated by the University, nor will it be tolerated in the classroom.
• On November 28, 2001, Student Government Council voted to endorse a Code of Academic Integrity:
  “Florida International University is a community dedicated to generating and imparting knowledge through excellent teaching and research, the rigorous and respectful exchange of ideas, and community service. All students should respect the right of others to have an equitable opportunity to learn and honestly to demonstrate the quality of their learning. Therefore, all students are expected to adhere to a standard of academic conduct, which demonstrates respect for themselves, their fellow students, and the educational mission of the University. All students are deemed by the University to understand that if they are found responsible for academic misconduct, they will be subject to the Academic Misconduct procedures and sanctions, as outlined in the Student Handbook.”