

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

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COURSE OUTLINE

Course Outline: INTRODUCTION TO MICROCOMPUTERS  
Code No.: EDP 219  
Program: PROGRAMMER  
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INTRO TO MICROCOMPUTERS

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**TIME:** 4 hours/week

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

1. To provide an opportunity to develop an understanding of microcomputer hardware and operating system software.
2. To provide an opportunity to enhance BASIC programming skills drawing upon previous knowledge gained in earlier semesters in BASIC and COBOL.
3. To provide an opportunity to introduce and develop practical skills in the use of one or more application software products.

**TEXT:** "IBM PC - An Introduction to the Operating System, BASIC Programming and Applications"

**STUDENT EVALUATION:**

Term Tests (3 x 20%)	-	60%
Assignments (5 x 3%)	-	15%
Independent Research Project	-	15%
Additional Assignments	-	10%
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**BINDERS DUE:**

**RESEARCH PROJECT: Due December 15, 1986**

**October 13, 1986**

**November 10, 1986**

**December 15, 1986**

- NOTES:**
- 1) Students are advised to maintain a backup of all files on diskette. Loss of output due to a lost or damaged diskette will not be acceptable for a late or incomplete assignment.
  - 2) Assignments received after the due date are subject to a grade of '0'.

**MODULE 1 - MICROCOMPUTING: A FIRST LOOK**

- Ch. 1&2 & Notes
  - Introduction to the IBM PC
  - Historical developments
  - Diskette and hard disk concepts
  - Loading DOS and BASIC

**MODULE 2 - OPERATING SYSTEM: AN INTRODUCTION**

- Ch. 3 & Notes
  - Operating System Functions
  - Microcomputing Operating Systems Reviewed
  - MSDOS - Fundamental Commands
    - Additional Commands
  - File names and file specifications
  - Disk directories

**MODULE 3 - OPERATING SYSTEMS - MSDOS ADDITIONAL FEATURES**

- Ch. 3 MSDOS Manual & Notes
  - Paths, Directories and Subdirectories
  - Batch Files - Creating Your Own
  - AUTOEXEC.BAT
  - CONFIG.SYS

**MODULE 4 - OPERATING SYSTEMS - MSDOS - ADVANCED FEATURES**

- Ch. 2 MSDOS Manual & Notes
  - Comparing Files
  - Using the Editor
  - Debugging
  - Lower-Level Programming
  - Building Programs
  - Converting Program Formats
  - DOS Editing Keys

**MODULE 5 - BASIC PROGRAMMING - BASIC COMMANDS & STATEMENTS REVIEWED**

- Ch. 5-10 & Notes
- BASIC Versions on the IBM PC
  - Loading and Using BASIC
  - Function and Editing Keys
  - BASIC Commands
  - BASIC Statements
  - Input and Output Alternatives
  - Structured Programming Style

**MODULE 6 - BASIC PROGRAMMING - ADVANCED FEATURES**

- Ch. 11-18 & Notes
- File Processing Concepts
  - Using Sequential or Random Files
  - Sorting Techniques
  - Using Graphics and Sound
  - Building a System with BASIC and DOS

**MODULE 7 - APPLICATION SOFTWARE**

- Notes
- Predominant Types of Application Software
  - Copyright Issues
  - Software Installation Procedures
  - Application Software - Operating Methods
  - Memory-Based versus Disk-Based Programs and Files
  - File Handling Approaches

**MODULE 8 - WORD PROCESSING - INTRODUCTORY CONCEPTS**

- Notes
- Word Processing History
  - Word Processing Basics
  - Comparison of Several Word Processing Products

**MODULE 9 - WORD PROCESSING - ENTERING AND EDITING**

- Notes
- Utilizing Advanced Word Processing Techniques
    - correcting errors
    - screen formatting
    - text manipulation methods
    - libraries and spelling checkers

**MODULE 10 - WORD PROCESSING - PRINTING**

- Notes
- Formatting Text for Printing
  - Document Printing Control Techniques
  - Printer Control - Device Drivers

