

Course Description

COP2333 | Advanced Programming Concepts using Visual Basic | 4.00 credits

This course provides Microsoft Visual Basic developers with the knowledge and skills needed to develop Microsoft. Net-based applications using Visual Basic. NET. Students use advanced programming and object-oriented tools to create enterprise applications for the .NET Platform and to create more traditional Visual Basic applications that take advantage of the enhancements to the language. Prerequisite: COP1332.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the Microsoft .NET platform by:

- 1. Listing the main elements of the .NET Platform
- 2. Describing the .NET Framework and its components
- 3. Listing the significant enhancements to Visual Basic .NET

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the .Net development environment features by:

- 1. Describing the overall benefits of the new IDE
- 2. Describing the different types of Visual Basic.NET
- 3. Describing project components and their structures, including their file structures
- 4. Referencing external applications from a project
- 5. Viewing and setting the properties of a project
- 6. Using the various windows in the IDE, including Server Explorer, the object browser, and the task
- 7. Listing to create and debug a project
- 8. Debugging a simple application
- 9. Building and compiling a simple application

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the .NET language and syntax enhancements by:

- 1. Describing the changes to data types in Visual Basic .NET
- 2. Declaring and initializing variables and arrays
- 3. Using shorthand syntax to assign values to variables
- 4. Implementing functions and subroutines
- 5. Calling the default properties of an object
- 6. Using the new "Try...Catch...Finally" statement to implement structured exception handling

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate an understanding of object-oriented design for Visual Basic.NET by:

- 1. Describing the basics of object-oriented design
- 2. Explaining the concepts of encapsulation, inheritance, interfaces, and polymorphism
- 3. Defining classes
- 4. Creating classes based on Using cases
- 5. Using Visio to model classes in Visual Basic. NET

Competency 5: The student will demonstrate how to apply principles of object-oriented programming in Visual

Basic.NET by:

- 1. Instantiating objects from classes
- 2. Using objects in client code
- 3. Creating classes that use inheritance
- 4. Defining interfaces and using polymorphism
- 5. Creating shared members
- 6. Creating class events and handling them from a client application

Competency 6: The student will demonstrate an understanding of how to use Windows Forms by:

- 1. Describing the benefits of Windows Forms
- 2. Using the new properties and methods of Windows Forms
- 3. Writing event-handling code
- 4. Using the new controls and control enhancements to improve the performance and capability of a project
- 5. Adding and editing menus
- 6. Adding and editing toolbars and status bars
- 7. Adding help files to programs
- 8. Creating a form that inherits from another form

Competency 7: The student will demonstrate an understanding of how to build multiple-tier applications using classes by:

- 1. Listing the benefits of multiple-tier applications
- 2. Identifying and describing the three basic tiers
- 3. Creating applications by using classes to implement multiple-tier applications
- 4. Creating reusable objects

Competency 8: The student will demonstrate an understanding of how to process sequential text files by:

- 1. Listing the structure of sequential test files
- 2. Identifying and describing the stream reader and stream writer objects
- 3. Using advanced string manipulation for processing sequential text file fields
- 4. Creating applications to create, update, and read sequential text files

Competency 9: The student will demonstrate an understanding of how to use ADO.NET by:

- 1. Listing the benefits of ADO.NET
- 2. Listing the main ADO.NET objects and their functions
- 3. Creating applications by using ADO.NET
- 4. Explaining how XML integrates with ADO.NET
- 5. Using Visual Studio .NET data designers and data binding

Competency 10: The student will demonstrate the ability to develop components in Visual Basic.NET by:

- 1. Creating components that managed and unmanaged client applications can use
- 2. Creating serviced components
- 3. Creating component classes
- 4. Creating Windows Forms controls
- 5. Using threading to create multi-threaded applications
- 6. Creating class libraries
- 7. demonstrate an understanding of issues relating to upgrading to Visual Basic.NET
- 8. Describe the various upgrade options available
- 9. Analyzing specific job requirements and recommending whether to upgrade an application

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Use computer and emerging technologies effectively