

SE1011 Detailed Course Objectives

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You may bring one 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper with notes to the final exam.

1. Week 1

(a) Writing Computer Software

- i. Describe the steps involved in creating and running a Java program
- ii. Describe the contents of source (.java) and class (.class) files
- iii. Explain what happens (at a high level) when a Java program is compiled
- iv. Explain what happens (at a high level) when a Java program is run
- v. Describe the difference between compilation and execution errors
- vi. Explain why a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is required in order to run a Java program
- vii. Describe how bytecode makes Java programs portable
- viii. List the basic steps involved in software development

(b) Algorithms and Design

- i. Define the term algorithm
- ii. Explain the motivation for doing design before coding
- iii. Make use of variables and operations to perform calculations
- iv. Construct and interpret flowcharts representing sequential, conditional, and looping structures
- v. Construct and interpret pseudocode representing sequential, conditional, and looping structures
- vi. Use flowcharts and pseudocode to describe algorithmic solutions to simple problems

2. Week 2

(a) Primitive datatypes, Variables, Identifiers

- i. List the primitive types supported in Java: int, long, float, double, and char
- ii. Select the most appropriate primitive type to store a given piece of data
- iii. Use the assignment and compound assignment statements
- iv. Describe what happens in memory when a primitive variable is declared
- v. Describe what happens in memory when an object identifier (reference) is declared
- vi. Describe the differences between primitives and objects
- vii. Demonstrate how an instance of a class is created (new operator)

(b) Java Programming Basics

- i. Recognize code documentation in source code
- ii. Demonstrate at least two forms of syntax for adding comments to source code
- iii. Replace hard coded constants with named constants

(c) Standard Java Classes

- i. Demonstrate the use of `JOptionPane.showMessageDialog`
- ii. Demonstrate the use of `JOptionPane.showInputDialog`
- iii. Demonstrate the use of `String.substring`
- iv. Demonstrate the use of `String.length`

(d) Arithmetic expressions

- i. Demonstrate proper use of the following arithmetic operators: +, -, *, /,
- ii. Identify and avoid unintended integer division errors

- iii. Distinguish between binary and unary operations
- iv. Define operator precedence
- v. Interpret arithmetic expressions following operator precedence rules
- vi. Define and apply type casting
- vii. Interpret code that makes use of shorthand assignment operations: `*=`, `/=`, `+=`, `-=`, and `%=`
- (e) Standard input/output
 - i. Use wrapper classes to perform type conversion, e.g., `int num = Integer.parseInt("14");`
 - ii. Explain the source of data associated with the system input buffer: `System.in`
 - iii. Perform standard/console input using the `Scanner` class
 - iv. Explain the destination for data sent to the system output buffer: `System.out`
 - v. Perform standard/console output using the `System.out.println` method

3. Week 3

- (a) Selection statements
 - i. Define the functionality of the following relational operators: `<`, `<=`, `!=`, `==`, `>=`, `>`
 - ii. Use relational operators to control program flow
 - iii. Define the functionality of the following boolean operators: `&&`, `||`, and `!`
 - iv. Use boolean and relational operators to construct meaningful boolean expressions
 - v. Use boolean expressions to control program flow
 - vi. Describe the behavior of an `if` statement
 - vii. Describe the program flow through a series of nested `if` statements
 - viii. Use nested `if` statements to control program flow
 - ix. Use a `switch` statement to control program flow
 - x. Rewrite a `switch` statement with one or more (potentially nested) `if` statements
 - xi. Explain the purpose of the `case`, `break`, and `default` reserved words
- (b) Iteration statements
 - i. Interpret code that makes use of the following looping constructs: `while`, `do-while`, and `for`
 - ii. Design and write code that makes use of the following looping constructs: `while`, `do-while`, and `for`
 - iii. Describe how the following constructs differ: `while`, `do-while`, and `for`
 - iv. Rewrite a given `while` and `for` and vice versa

4. Week 4

- (a) Midterm exam review
- (b) Midterm Exam 1
- (c) More Standard Java Classes
 - i. Define an Application Programming Interface (API)
 - ii. Use Sun's Java documentation to ascertain the capabilities of a given standard Java class
 - iii. Use the Javadoc page for the `Math` class to perform calculations involving the following mathematical operations:
 - A. Absolute value
 - B. Trigonometric functions (in degrees and radians)
 - C. π - ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter
 - D. power functions
 - E. logarithmic functions
 - F. maximum/minimum of two numbers
 - G. Square root

5. Week 5

- (a) More Standard Java Classes
 - i. Use parsing methods in wrapper classes to convert text representations of numbers into numeric format
 - ii. Use the `toString` method in wrapper classes to convert from numeric format into text representations
 - iii. Be familiar with methods from the `Character` class such as `isDigit` and `toLowerCase`

- iv. Use methods from the `String` class such as `isEmpty`, `substring`, `indexOf`, etc
- v. Generate random numbers
- vi. Use `System.out.printf` to produce formatted output

(b) Java Packages

- i. Explain the purpose of a Java package
- ii. List at least two packages that are part of the Java standard library
- iii. Define the term fully qualified name
- iv. Explain the purpose of the `import` statement

(c) Coding Standards

- i. Explain the purpose of a coding standard
- ii. Be familiar with Sun's coding conventions.

6. Week 6

(a) Object Oriented Design / Object Oriented Programming

- i. Define the following object oriented concepts:
 - A. Object types (Classes)
 - B. Class instances (Objects)
 - C. Instance variables (Attributes/Fields)
 - D. Instance behaviors/actions (Methods)
- ii. Distinguish between classes and objects
- iii. Describe how objects interact with one another by sending messages
- iv. Demonstrate how to send a message to an object

(b) UML

- i. Correctly annotate and interpret fields (name and type) on a class diagram
- ii. Correctly annotate and interpret methods (with arguments and return type) on a class diagram
- iii. Generating class diagram from a verbal description of a class
- iv. Interpret UML sequence diagrams
- v. Use visibility modifiers to denote the visibility of a field or method

(c) Class creation basics

- i. Define and use classes with multiple methods and data members (fields)
- ii. Define and use value-returning and void methods
- iii. Properly use visibility modifiers in defining methods and fields
- iv. Define and use class constants
- v. Understand and apply accessor and mutator methods
- vi. Distinguish between instance variables and local variables
- vii. Explain what makes a predicate/boolean method unique
- viii. Define and use class methods and instance variables (attributes/fields)
- ix. Define and use methods that have primitive data types as arguments
- x. Understand the importance of information hiding and encapsulation
- xi. Declare and use local variables
- xii. Describe the role of the reserved word `this`
- xiii. Demonstrate use of `this` to disambiguate object fields from local variables

7. Week 7

(a) Defining your own classes

- i. Create and use class constructor methods
- ii. Define and use methods that have reference data types as arguments
- iii. Define and use overloaded methods
- iv. Draw and explain memory diagrams that illustrate the instantiation of objects
- v. Describe the role of the garbage collector
- vi. Compare the equality of two different objects

vii. Avoid redundant code by calling one constructor from a different constructor

8. Week 8

(a) Design Techniques

- i. Use helper methods to avoid redundant code
- ii. Be familiar with various design approaches such as top-down, bottom-up, and case-based

9. Week 9

(a) Class Members

- i. Use class variables/attributes appropriately
- ii. Use class methods appropriately

(b) Arrays

- i. Use an array to store primitive and object types
- ii. Create an array of a given size
- iii. Loop through an array
- iv. Pass an array as an argument

10. Week 10

(a) ArrayLists

- i. Use an *ArrayList* $\langle E \rangle$ to store objects type E
- ii. Use methods from the *ArrayList* $\langle E \rangle$ class such as `isEmpty`, `get`, `set`, `add`, `remove`, `size`, `indexOf`, and `lastIndexOf`
- iii. Design and write code that makes use of the enhanced for loop, a.k.a, the for-each loop
- iv. Describe the advantages of an *ArrayList* $\langle E \rangle$ over an `Array`