



Java Programming & Application Development

Instructor: Calvin Thompson
Location: NTCC (Bean Center) Room T-209

About the Program

Java is perhaps the most versatile and popular programming language in the world. Students in the Java Programming and Application Development program prepare for high-skill/high-wage careers in software development, web application development, or as an enterprise Java developer.

The program introduces students to computer science with fundamental topics that include problem solving, design strategies and methodologies, organization of data (data structures), approaches to processing data (algorithms), analysis of potential solutions, and the ethical and social implications of computing. The curriculum is taught primarily through projects that involve the creation of software applications employing object-oriented programming techniques. They will also learn how to use Java to develop applications for the mobile environment.

The program consists of four high school courses which include a credit in AP Computer Science and a three-course series that qualifies students for the State of Florida Gold Seal Scholarship. All courses in the program are graded on a weighted, 5.0 grading scale. Students are also prepared to take the Oracle Certified Java Associate examination and the Nassau County School District covers the testing fees.

Cook Systems International, a world-renowned technology company, is a primary partner for the program, lending curriculum support and providing instructor training. In addition to Cook Systems, the program enjoys outstanding leadership that includes technology experts from Wells Fargo, Florida Blue, Rayonier, Feature 23, and the STEM² Hub.



About the Instructor

Kalvin Thompson has been working with computers since 1987 and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer and Information Science from the University of Florida. In 2015, he participated in Cook Systems' Fast-Track'D; an elite-level developer program that includes instruction in Java, JavaScript, HTML, SQL, Spring, and many other technologies. He has worked in both mainframe and client server development environments, including executive experience as Director of IT Development for a national radio broadcasting and media company. Mr. Thompson has been teaching the Games, Simulation, Animation and Programming class since its inception in January of 2011, and began teaching the Java program in the fall of 2015. He is well-known locally for his ability to teach advanced programming concepts to students of all ages.

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1st Semester

9007210
Foundations of Programming
(1 Credit, Weighted GPA)

9007220
Procedural Programming
(1 Credit, Weighted GPA)

2nd Semester

9007230
Object-Oriented Prog. Fundamentals
(1 Credit, Weighted GPA)

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AP Computer Science A
(1 Credit, Weighted GPA)

- Available to all Nassau County high school students
- Students may earn college credit through articulation with Oracle Java Certification or by passing the AP Computer Science course
- Successful students will earn four honors-weighted high school credits
- Course curriculum provides a foundation for careers as a software developer, Enterprise Java Developer, or mobile application development



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