

ICS 101 – Digital Tools For The Information World

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Credits: 3

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WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

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Catalogue Description

ICS 101 Computing Literacy and Applications (3)

Fundamental information technology concepts and computing terminology, productivity software for problem solving, computer technology trends and impact on individuals and society. Emphasizes the utilization of operating systems and the production of professional documents, spreadsheets, presentations, databases, and web pages. (3 hr. lecture).

ICS 101 Classes & Times

<i>Course Alpha & No.</i>	<i>CRN</i>	<i>Days & Time</i>	<i>Room</i>
ICS 101	62155	1/8/18 - 5/11/18	WWW

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Utilize the appropriate computing applications to produce professional documents, spreadsheets presentations, databases, and web pages for effective communication (major content area).
2. Utilize operating system interfaces to manage computing resources effectively and securely.
3. Extract and synthesize information from available Internet resources using intelligent search and discrimination.
4. Define, explain, and demonstrate proper computing terminology usage in areas such as hardware, software, and communications to effectively interact with other computer users and to prepare for higher-level computer courses.
5. Describe ethical and security issues involved in the use of computing technology.

Assignment and Student Learning Outcomes Alignment

Student Learning Outcomes	Simnet	Projects	Laulima Discussions
Utilize the appropriate computing applications to produce professional documents, spreadsheets presentations, databases, and web pages for effective communication (major content area).	X	X	
Utilize operating system interfaces to manage computing resources effectively and securely.		X	
Extract and synthesize information from available Internet resources using intelligent search and discrimination.		X	X
Define, explain, and demonstrate proper computing terminology usage in areas such as hardware, software, and communications to effectively interact with other computer users and to prepare for higher-level computer courses.	X	X	X
Describe ethical and security issues involved in the use of computing technology.	X	X	X

Assignments, Tasks, and Grading

<i>Course Content</i>	<i>Percent of Final Grade</i>
Simnet: Simnet is an online interactive course management system that will be used extensively in this course. The Simnet lessons, projects, and exams will account for 57% of your final grade. <i>All Simnet Activities must be submitted by the assigned due dates. Late work will not be accepted.</i>	57%
Projects: There will be a total of 3 Projects assigned this semester. The Projects which will account for 25% of your final grade. <i>All Projects must be submitted by the assigned due dates. Late work will not be accepted.</i>	25%
Laulima Discussions: There will be a total of 5 <i>Laulima Discussions</i> assigned this semester. The <i>Discussions</i> will account for 20% of your final grade. <i>All Discussions must be submitted by the assigned due dates. Late work will not be accepted.</i>	20%
Total	100%

Grading

Your Final Grade will be calculated from a 100-point grading system.

Grade	Percentage Points
A	90%-100% of 100 possible points
B	80%-89% of 100 possible points
C	70%-79% of 100 possible points
D	60%-69% of 100 possible points

F

Below 60% of 100 possible points

Attendance & Active Participation

Attending class regularly is essential to succeeding in this course. If you are absent, check the *Announcements* page in *Laulima* to see what was covered on the day/s you missed. For distance learning courses, attendance consists of logging into *Laulima* at least once a week to check the weekly announcements. **Important Note:** *At the end of the semester, students bordering in-between grades will automatically be given the higher grade if they have attended class regularly and have been actively participating during class discussions.*

Incompletes & N grades

No *Incomplete* or *N* grades will be given in this course. You must take responsibility to complete the course or withdrawal.

Important Dates

- January 8, 2018 - *First Day of Instruction*
- January 15, 2018 - *HOLIDAY – Dr. Martin Luther King Day*
- February 19, 2018 – *Presidents Day*
- March 26-30, 2018 – *Spring Break*
- April 2, 2018 - *Last day to with a “W” grade*
- May 2, 2018 - *Last Day of Instruction*

Learning Resources

Simnet

Simnet (\$90 approximate)

Simnet is an online interactive learning and course management system that will be used extensively in this course. You will need to purchase a Simnet access code by the first week of instruction in order to complete the assigned lessons, project, and exams. The combined scores for Simnet lessons projects, and exams will account for 57% of your final grade. *All Simnet lessons and exams must be completed by the assigned due dates posted on the course schedule.* [The access code may be purchased online](#) or from the WCC bookstore. [Please keep in mind that you will save approximately \\$20 by purchasing the code online.](#) **Important Note:** If you were in my ICS 100 course in the spring of 2018, you do not have to purchase a new access code and will be able to use the same code from the previous semester.

Laulima: *Laulima* is an online course management system and will be used extensively in this course. The class schedule, assignments, and announcements will be posted and administered through *Laulima*. <https://laulima.hawaii.edu/portal> The class *Announcements* will also include the *Due Dates* for any course work that may be due at the end of each week. It is **CRUCIAL** to check your *email*, the *Course Schedule*, and the *Announcements* page regularly to make sure you are keeping up with the requirements and pace of the course.

Computer Platform

This course is designed to be completed using a PC. **Important Note:** *Although it is possible to complete portions of this course using a Mac, technical support for Mac users will be available on a limited basis.*

Required Software

The majority of the assigned work for this course focuses using the software applications in Microsoft Office 2016 or above. **Important Note:** If you do not have a copy of the Microsoft Office Software, you [click here to download free version of Office 365 that is available to WCC students.](#)

Computer Lab Paper

The Academic Computing Services grants each new Windward Community College student an initial paper allowance for printing documents. Once it is used, students have to pay for paper usage at the Library. This policy will be discussed in the first week of our class. Please arrange for paper credit at the Library to avoid last-minute dashes to the Library during exams. **Important Note:** *Although it is possible to complete this course using a Mac, technical support for Mac users will be available on a limited basis.* (<http://www.wcc.hawaii.edu/students/Downloads/Uniprint.htm>)

Policies

Late Work Policy

All Course Work must be completed by the assigned due dates. (See **Assignments, Tasks, Grades on Page 2**).

Exceptions will be made at the discretion of the instructor in the event of unforeseen circumstances (e.g. illness, housing, death in family) that may occur during the semester.

Disabilities Accommodation Statement

If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached at 235-7448, lemke@hawaii.edu, or you may stop by Hale 'Akoakoa 213 for more information.

Academic Dishonesty - Cheating and Plagiarism

Students assume full responsibility for the content and integrity of the academic work they submit. The guiding principle of academic integrity shall be that a student's submitted files, work, examinations, reports, and projects must be that of the student's own work. See the Windward Community College catalog for details. Students shall be guilty of cheating if they:

- Represent the work of others as their own (plagiarism).
- Use or obtain unauthorized assistance in any academic work.
- Give unauthorized assistance to other students.
- Modify, without instructor approval, an examination, paper, record, or report for the purpose of obtaining additional credit.
- Misrepresent the content of submitted work.

Important Note: If you are caught cheating in any area of the course, you may be placed on probation for a semester.

Title IX

Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Specifically, Title IX prohibits sex discrimination; sexual harassment and gender-based harassment, including harassment based on actual or perceived sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; sexual assault; sexual exploitation; domestic violence; dating violence; and stalking. For more information regarding your rights under Title IX, please visit: https://windward.hawaii.edu/Title_IX/.

Windward Community College (WCC) is committed to the pursuit of equal education. If you or someone you know has experienced sex discrimination or gender-based violence, WCC has resources to support you. To speak with someone confidentially, contact Karla Silva-Park, Mental Health Counselor, at 808-235-7468 or karlas@hawaii.edu or Kaahu Alo, Designated Confidential Advocate for Students, at 808-235-7354 or kaahualo@hawaii.edu. To make a formal report, contact the Title IX Coordinator at 808-235-7393 or wcctix@hawaii.edu.

A Note from the Instructor

Please feel free to contact me anytime during the semester ([email is best](#)) if you have any questions, problems, or concerns regarding the course. I check my email multiple times a day and respond to all emails promptly. I am also available to meet through face-to-face, over the phone, and through online appointments. You may also contact me if there are *unforeseen circumstances* (e.g. *illness, housing, death in family*) that may occur during the semester. If I do not have the knowledge or resources available to help you, I will refer you to a specific department or faculty member that does.

Additional Information

Login to WCC Network Computers, UH e-mail, and Lulima	Same as UH e-mail
Password for WCC Network computers, UH e-mail, and Lulima	May be the same as UH e-mail password unless you create another 6+character password
WCC's Website	http://www.wcc.hawaii.edu or http://windward.hawaii.edu
Lulima	https://lulima.hawaii.edu
MyITLab	https://windwardcc.MyITLabonline.com/sp/
Library Learning Commons	http://library.wcc.hawaii.edu/