



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**  
*Proposal for a New Course*

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Bulletin # : _____
Academic Year : _____

- School/College Engineering and Computing  
Div./Dept. in Which Taught School of Computing and Information Sciences
- IDC X 1 CIP Code (Leave this blank): \_\_\_\_\_  

Alpha Prefix	1st Digit	Last 3 Digits	"C"-lec-lab "L"-Lab	Cr. Hrs.
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- Grading Method (select one):  Graded  Pass/Fail
- Course Title Community Service Outreach and Mentoring
- Abbreviated course Title (for computer class schedules, transcripts) Community Outreach Mentor  
LIMITED TO 25 Characters (including spaces)
- Statewide Course Numbering Subject Matter Area IDC (Interdisciplinary Computing)
- Catalog Description/Major Topics (not to exceed 200 characters including spaces)  
*College of Medicine and College of Law: Attach description not exceeding 1,000 characters including spaces.*  

Provide students with the experience of attending an annual conference for underrepresented minorities in CS/IT, and the experience of doing a community outreach of mentoring K-12 students.
- Attach detailed syllabus course outline and course justification on separate page(s).
- Prerequisite(s): None
- Corequisite(s): None
- Objective(s) of Course:  

1. Attend Underrepresented Minorities Conference on CS/IT  
 2. Share Conference Content with Fellow Students via Presentations and Panel Discussions  
 3. Mentor Middle and High School Students
- Does this course duplicate/overlap other courses at FIU?  No  Yes  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- What other closely related department(s) have been consulted about this course? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is this course used for the assessment of a program or a certificate (if yes, then send a notification to [assessment@fiu.edu](mailto:assessment@fiu.edu))?  No  Yes

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Submit one original form. Attach one copy of the course justification and course syllabus, course description, objectives, major topics and textbooks.

## **Community Service Outreach and Mentoring**

### **New Course Justification**

University students funded to attend underrepresented minorities conferences in CS/IT (e.g. Grace Hopper Conference), are asked to participate in community service by sharing what they have learned with other students at the university and in middle and high school. This sharing will serve to encourage broadening participation from underrepresented groups in CS/IT.

The conference attendees are also asked to mentor a middle or high school student in the creation of a mobile app, to give them experience developing software, and to be a role model for them when considering a career in CS/IT.

## School of Computing and Information Sciences

**Course Title:** Community Service Outreach and Mentoring

**Date:** Mar 20, 2019

**Course Number:** IDC XXXX

**Number of Credits:** 1

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Subject Area: Interdisciplinary Computing

Subject Area Coordinator: Mark Weiss  
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**Catalog Description:** Provide students with the experience of attending an annual conference for underrepresented minorities in CS/IT, and the experience of engaging in a community outreach of mentoring K-12 students for an entire semester, to encourage broadening participation from underrepresented groups.

Textbooks: *None*

Prerequisite Courses: None

Corequisites Courses: None

**Type: General Elective**

**Prerequisite Topics: (none)**

### Course Outcomes:

- O1. Be able to attend a resume and mock interview workshop for IT/CS/CE majors, to prepare for interviewing opportunities available at a conference for underrepresented minorities.
- O2. Be able to attend a 4-day conference for underrepresented minorities.
- O3. Be able to create, turn in, and deliver a presentation on the knowledge gained from attending multiple sessions at the conference.
- O4. Be able to serve on a panel of fellow conference attendees, to share knowledge and experiences gained by attending conference, with other FIU students.
- O5. Be able to provide 12 weeks of mentoring to at least one middle or high school student mentee, by participating in the following activities:
  - a. 1 full day, instructor-led workshop on mobile app creation with mentee
  - b. 12 weekly, 1-hour Skype/Google Hangout video conference calls with mentee
  - c. 12 weekly discussion board postings to report progress of mentoring activities
  - d. 1 full day at the annual CodeFest event at FIU, mentoring a middle or high school student, and providing feedback on mentees' final mobile app creation

This course should be taught by FIU faculty or staff that have previously attended a conference for underrepresented minorities, who have had experience with mobile app development, and have attended FIU's annual CodeFest event.

## Relationship between Course Outcomes and Program Outcomes

<b>BS in CS: Program Outcomes</b>	<b>Course Outcomes</b>
a) Demonstrate proficiency in the foundation areas of Computer Science including mathematics, discrete structures, logic and the theory of algorithms	
b) Demonstrate proficiency in various areas of Computer Science including data structures and algorithms, concepts of programming languages and computer systems.	
c) Demonstrate proficiency in problem solving and application of software engineering techniques	
d) Demonstrate mastery of at least one modern programming language and proficiency in at least one other.	
e) Demonstrate understanding of the social and ethical concerns of the practicing computer scientist.	
f) Demonstrate the ability to work cooperatively in teams.	O1, O2, O3, O4
g) Demonstrate effective communication skills.	O5

## Outline

Topic	Number of Lecture Hours	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Preparation of Resume and Mock Interviews               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Resume styles and formats</li> <li>○ Interviewing preparation and strategies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	4	O1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Attendance at Underrepresented Minorities Conference               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Selection of track sessions at conference</li> <li>○ Travel to/from conference</li> <li>○ Attendance of track sessions and taking notes</li> <li>○ Attendance of career showcase and interviews</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	18	O2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Presentation and Panel Discussion               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Summarization of attended conference track session notes</li> <li>○ Creation of presentation from bulleted notes and pictures</li> <li>○ Delivery of presentation and notes to panel</li> <li>○ Participation in panel discussion at FIU</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	4	O3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mentoring of Middle/High School Student(s)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 day participation in instructor-led workshop on a mobile app creation tool with high school/middle school mentee</li> <li>○ 12 weekly, 1-hour video conference calls with high school/middle school mentee, on progress of mobile app creation</li> <li>○ 12 weekly discussion board postings on status of mentee's app creation, and topics/issues addressed during each weekly conference call</li> <li>○ 1 day participation in CodeFest at FIU, providing mentoring to high school/middle school mentees</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	14	O4

## Course Outcomes Emphasized in Laboratory Projects / Assignments

Projects and assignments will interactive lessons presented by students, as well as programming, projects done individually and collaboratively. Teaching demonstrations should be completed in a laboratory environment that includes short lectures by the instructor.

Outcome	
O1	Students will be able to prepare resumes and practice interviewing skills
O2	Students will be able to experience attendance at a conference for underrepresented minorities in Computer Science.
O3	Students will be able to share their knowledge gained at a conference both verbally and in writing.
O4	Students will be able to develop leadership and mentoring skills by being a mentor to a middle or high school student for an entire semester.

### Oral and Written Communication:

- Written and oral discussions of social issues in computing

### Theoretical Contents:

- Abstraction
- Basic algorithmic thinking

### Problem Analysis Experiences:

None

### Solution Design Experiences:

- Weekly video conference calls, progress report discussion board postings, mobile app programming