

Virginia Western Community College
ITE 152
Introduction to Digital Literacy and Computer Applications

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Develops understanding of digital literacy. Introduces basic computer concepts in hardware, software, cyber, cloud, database, and operating systems. Includes hands-on experience developing word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation documents. Evaluates the reliability of sources. Covers creating a simple web page. Examines topics such as social, legal, and ethical issues. This is a UCGS transfer course.

Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0**Course Materials**

Required Software: Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus. Virginia Western offers **free software**. Please go to the following Virginia Western website to download Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus if you need it:

<http://viriniawestern.edu/iet-services/student-tutorials-training/microsoft-office-365-proplus-for-students/>.

You will then click on <http://office.vccs.edu/>. The login will be your full MyVWCC e-mail address (e.g. student123@email.vccs.edu) and your password is your MyVWCC password.

Note: Access to the Internet and a Windows-based computer is required. Chromebooks and Apple MacBooks are not compatible with the software required in these courses. AST/ITE courses are required in all Business and Professional Services programs and ITE 152 is a required course in almost all Virginia Western transfer programs.

Required eTextbook: Technology for Success and Shelly Cashman Series Microsoft® Office 365 & Office 2019 1st Edition. Online eTextbook and Mindtap with SAM is **purchased at the time of registration for the ITE 152 Class, unless student opts-out**. Students will access MindTap in Canvas; **this will include** the Online eTextbook and MindTap/SAM. We will use MindTap/SAM for assignments.

Optional Loose Leaf Copy: If you would like a physical copy of the eTextbook, you may purchase a loose leaf copy at VWCC's Bookstore. This does NOT replace the MindTap/SAM component required for this course.

IA LL National ISBN: 9780357119280

Recommended Miscellaneous Items:

Folder and a USB (for in person courses)

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- **Civic Engagement**
 - Communicate information legally and ethically using a variety of channels directed at a range of audiences
- **Critical Thinking**
 - Demonstrate the ability to determine the nature and extent of the information needed.
 - Demonstrate the ability to identify and evaluate information for credibility, currency, reliability, validity, accuracy, usefulness, relevance, and biases. (For example: CRAAP model)
 - Demonstrate the ability to distinguish between assumption and fact.
 - Demonstrate the ability to incorporate information literacy skills into one's own knowledge base and work.
- **Written Communication**
 - Demonstrate the ability to collaborate with other students to manage information using information technology
 - Demonstrate competency in creating and delivering a presentation, as well as linking and embedding data in a presentation.
- **Quantitative Literacy**
 - Demonstrate the use of logical formulas to reach a better understanding of the importance of becoming a logical thinker in the world of computers or the 21st century.
- **Professional Readiness**
 - Recognize the importance of an Internet presence
 - Demonstrate the use of productivity using application software
 - Explain the importance of Cyber and Information Security
 - Identify the role the computer plays across professional areas of expertise
- **Scientific Literacy**
 - Demonstrate the use of scientific or mathematical formulas to have a better understanding how a computer can assist with computations.
- **Current Software Applications**
 - Demonstrate the use of formatting for research papers using a writing style guide. (For example: APA or MLA)
 - Demonstrate the creation of various documents using word processing formatting and editing tools
 - Develop worksheets and charts incorporating formulas, functions, and formatting
 - Apply spreadsheet design principles to worksheets, tables and utilize data analysis
 - Demonstrate the use of conditional, logical, and cell referencing using spreadsheet software
 - Create and modify presentations enhancing the presentation with pictures, shapes, media and animation
 - Identify and describe database key principles: primary key, tables, fields, records, row, creating, modifying and maintaining
- **Operating Systems**
 - Recognize the different versions and capabilities of multiple operating systems
 - Demonstrate the use of an operating system, i.e. create folders, create nested folders, save files and organize files
- **Basic Computer Concepts**
 - Explain the importance of the history of computers

- Define and identify computer hardware and software
- Recognize the specifications for purchasing PC hardware and software
- Describe the benefits of protecting systems while online or working remotely
- Describe computing systems and how they are used to support and promote organizational goals
- Recognize how computers are used in different careers
- Define key terms: router, modem, app, input device, output device, storage device
- **Digital and Information Literacy**
 - Define, understand, and explain the need and impact of information literacy in today's society
 - Self-assess and identify information needs
 - Identify different types of information sources
 - Develop and use search strategies to effectively perform searches to acquire sources from various platforms
 - Apply techniques to fact-check and evaluate information and sources, i.e. CRAAP test
 - Describe intellectual property, copyright, and fair use, and how they relate to using information legally and ethically
 - Recognize various forms of plagiarism and utilize skills and techniques to avoid plagiarism
 - Distinguish between credible and non-credible digital sources
- **Cyber Awareness and Information Security**
 - Define cyber security and explain why it is important, personally, on the Internet, for the computer and for mobile devices
 - Describe the challenges of securing information
 - Identify types of attackers that are common today
 - Describe the different types of attacks
 - Define different types of defenses
- **Web Technologies**
 - Identify introductory web design and/or development concepts
 - Identify top level domain (i.e. .gov, .edu, .com, .net, .org) use and purpose
 - Describe what responsive design means and explain HTML, CSS, Javascript and tags as it relates to developing websites
 - Define hosting and publishing in web development
 - Develop a simple webpage using a text editor or html editor that contains basic tags, such as title, headers, links, multimedia and images
 - Explain the importance of web development in world technology and the importance of having a basic knowledge of website creation
- **Cloud Computing and Emerging Technologies**
 - Define cloud computing
 - Explain the Cloud Computing Stacks
 - Identify advantages and disadvantages of Cloud Computing
 - Define the Internet of Things (IoT)
 - Explain the current version of global Cellular standard
 - Define Blockchain and the components of a block within every blockchain
 - Discuss how blockchain could be used within different types of industry
 - Compare Progressive Web Apps and Traditional Web Apps
 - Compare the Internet to Internet2
 - Discuss the different aspects of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - Identify other emerging technologies and Career in Computers
 - Give examples of how data science incorporates technology

Major Topics to be Included

- Current Software Applications
- Operating Systems
- Basic Computer Concepts
- Digital and Information Literacy
- Cyber Awareness and Information Security
- Web Technologies
- Cloud Computing and Emerging Technologies

ITE 152 Tentative 16-Week Course Calendar	
1	Syllabus/Required Orientation Assignment/Access MindTap - SAM Account Technology for Success: Modules 1 and 2
2	Technology for Success: Modules 3 and 4; Test 1 (on Modules 1-4 – 10% of your overall grade and REQUIRED to pass this course)
3	Read Word Module 1: Creating and Modifying a Flyer SAM Assignment: Word Module 1 SAM Project A
4	Read Word Module 2: Creating a Research Paper SAM Assignment: Word Module 2 SAM Project A
5	Read Word Module 3: Creating a Business Letter SAM Assignment: Word Module 3 SAM Project A
6	Career Readiness Module SAM Assignment: Word 2019 Resume Project 1a Word Test (10% of your overall grade)
7	Read Excel Module 1: Creating a Worksheet and a Chart SAM Assignment: Excel Module 1 SAM Project A
8	Read Excel Module 2: Formulas, Functions, and Formatting SAM Assignment: Excel Module 2 SAM Project A
9	Read Excel Module 3: Working with Large Worksheets, Charting, and What-if-Analysis SAM Assignment: Excel Module 3 SAM Project A Excel Test (10% of your overall grade)
10	Read PowerPoint Module 1: Creating and Editing Presentations with Pictures SAM Assignment: PowerPoint Module 1 SAM Project A Read PowerPoint Module 2: Enhancing Presentations with Shapes and SmartArt SAM Assignment: PowerPoint Module 2 SAM Project A
11	Read PowerPoint Module 3: Inserting WordArt, Charts, and Tables SAM Assignment: PowerPoint Module 3 SAM Project A PowerPoint Test (10% of your overall grade)
12	Technology for Success: Modules 13 and 6
13	Technology for Success: Modules 10 and 9 Networking Project Based Assessment (5% of your overall grade)
14	Web Development Project (5% of your overall grade)
15	Technology for Success: Modules 12 and 14
16	Test 2 (Technology for Success: Modules 6, 12, 13 and 14) (10% of your overall grade)

Notes to Instructors

- MindTap/SAM Assessment, Training, and Projects v1.0, will be used for tests, training, and homework assignments, starting in the fall 2019 semester.
- All ITE 152 instructors must administer the same MindTap/SAM Word, SAM Excel, and SAM PowerPoint core homework.
- All ITE 152 instructors must administer the same MindTap/SAM Word, MindTap/SAM Excel, MindTap/SAM PowerPoint tests, as well as the same Technology for Success Tests, Tests 1 & 2.
- All MindTap/SAM core assignments (as well as some added optional activities) and MindTap/SAM tests are detailed in the ITE 152 Master Sandbox Course.
- All core curriculum, suggested pacing, modular structure, and instructor resources can also be found in the ITE 152 Master Sandbox Course.
- No Final Exam will be administered in the ITE 152 class.