PELLISSIPPI STATE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MASTER SYLLABUS

SPECIAL TOPICS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
CSIT 2490 (formerly CST 2490)

Class Hours: 3.0  Credit Hours: 4.0
Laboratory Hours: 3.0  Date Revised: Spring 02

NOTE: This course is not designed for transfer credit.

Catalog Course Description:

A directed study and utilization of specific hardware, applications and software products within business and industry. This course requires extensive utilization of specific computer resources. Students may expect a high degree of lab work and documentation.

Entry Level Standards:

Students must have a thorough understanding of the Windows PC operating system. Students must have an aptitude toward self-study, self-initiatives, comprehension of user manuals and the ability to work alone and in teams. The student must be able to use a word processor.

Prerequisite:

CSIT 1110 or departmental approval

Textbook(s) and Other Reference Materials Basic to the Course:

Lab Experiences Workbook -- Available the 2nd week of class -- Published at Pellissippi State. Reference books, specific to the area of concentration (optional, but suggested).

I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:

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<td>1</td>
<td>Introduction, Overview, Course and Project Requirements</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Introduction to equipment and software with reference sources. Workbook</td>
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<td>3-7</td>
<td>Learn and Demonstrate effective use of assigned products</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Produce first set of finished projects, Mid-Term Test</td>
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<td>9-15</td>
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II. Course Objectives*:

A. Use a desktop publishing and graphic output product. I, II, IV, VII, IX

B. Use and demonstrate understanding of the features of specified software products. I, II, IV, VII, IX
C. Write documents that could be used by others for the intended purpose. I, III, IV, VIII, VII, IX, X, XI, XII

D. Follow procedures, manuals, directions and diagrams to implement and complete a desired project outcome. I, II, III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII

E. Write a report outlining the specific activities accomplished during this course. I, VII, XI

F. Understand, demonstrate knowledge of and demonstrate use of each of the given hardware products to the degree required to utilize the product in the work place. I, II, VII, VIII, IX

G. Understand, demonstrate knowledge of and demonstrate use of each of the given software products to the degree required to utilize the product in the work place. I, IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX

*Roman numerals after course objectives reference goals of the CSIT program.

III. Expectations for Student Performance*:

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

1. Demonstrate use of software. A-F
2. Demonstrate use of hardware. A-F
3. Create documents that demonstrate in-depth knowledge of each product. A-F
4. Perform given tasks as assigned to demonstrate effective use of the specific products. A-F
5. Produce documentation as assigned to demonstrate procedures used, sources of information, results and conclusions regarding various products used. A-F
6. Set-up, follow recommended procedures, solve problems and produce results in accordance with predefined lab project expectations. A-F
7. Create application outcomes based on specific initial expectations. A-F

*Letters after performance expectations reference the course objectives listed above.

IV. Evaluation:

A. Testing Procedures:
   Midterm and final. Questions will be short answer or essay. Tests will count 100 points.

B. Laboratory Expectations:
   Students will learn, demonstrate effective use of and complete tasks associated with each of the units of study. Completion of all units with desired outcomes will count 400 points.

C. Field Work:
   Students will have to research and develop materials as part of the lab expectations above. Some of these experiences will be outside the class/lab environment.

D. Grading Scale:
   520-600 A
V. Policies:

Attendance Policy:

Pellissippi State Technical Community College expects students to attend all scheduled instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses must be present for at least 75 percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course.