Programming Languages

Accommodations:
If there is any student in this course who, because of a disability, may have a need for special academic accommodations, discuss this with me, or contact the Access Resource Centre located in Teaching & Learning 10-1048.

Web-page: `http://casper.unbc.ca/Semesters/2019-05F/320.php`

Prerequisites: A C^- or better in CPSC 242, and CPSC 200; or permission of instructor.

Who, Where, When?

ROOMS	Lectures are in 5-183
HOURS	16:00–17:20 M **W F**
	M: *only* -09-23, -10-21, -11-25.
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Text:
Recommended *Programming Languages*. by R. W. Sebesta. $(10/11)^{th}$ Edition. There is no required text.

Grading and Dates:

First Class		Wed, Sep 4
Thanksgiving		Mon, Oct 14
Exam 1	**25%**	Fri, Oct 18
last drop		Thu, Oct 25
Remembrance day		Mon, Nov 11
Exam 2	**25%**	Wed, Nov 20
Language Presentation	**20%**	???
Course Evaluation		Thu, Nov 27
Last Class		Fri, Nov 29
Participaton	**10%**	
Homework	**20%**	

Why?
Programming Language popularity and availability changes constantly, and most programmers learn multiple languages and paradigms. This course introduces introduces general ideas that underly programming languages and their design and description, giving a framework for reasoning about, learning, and designing computer languages.

What? Topics chosen from (*not necessarily in the order listed*):

- Syntax: Lexical analysis — tokens, Concrete syntax, Abstract syntax, Grammar descriptions, (E)BNF, Ambiguity, derivation trees.
- Formal semantics: Operational, Axiomatic, & Denotational Semantics. Small and big step semantics.
- Common semantics: bindings, scope, environments, allocation, lifetime. Lexical versus dynamic binding.
- Calling mechanisms. Lazy evaluation. Call by -value, -reference, -copy and return, -name, -textual substitution.
- Tyeps and data types. Mathematical models. Hindley-Milner type systems and HASKELL. Polymorphism. Type inference. Type equivalence and type checking.
- Control Structures. Selection, looping, and non-local flow. Procedures and Environments. Recursion. Parameter-passing mechanisms. Exception handling. Continuations.
- Programming in the large. Modules and packages. Information hiding, data abstraction. Object-based and object-oriented programming.
- Design principles. Simplicity, abstraction, orthogonality, reliability, ...