

**Northwest Arkansas Community College**  
Business and Computer Information Systems Division

**Discipline Code**

PROG

**Course Number**

1503

**Course Title**

COBOL Programming

**Catalog Description**

(On Demand) COBOL (Common Business Oriented Language) is a high-level programming language used extensively in programming business applications. In this course students are expected to design, document, and write structured programs using COBOL. Emphasis will be placed on structure and correct design using typical business applications. Outside lab time will be required. Prerequisites: PROG 1003, or prior programming experience.

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PROG 1003, or prior programming experience.

**Credit Hours**

3 credit hours

**Contact hours**

45 Lecture/Lab contact hours

**Load hours**

3 load hours

**Semesters Offered**

On Demand

**ACTS Equivalent**

None

**Grade Mode**

A-F

**Learning Outcomes**

Students will:

- Demonstrate competence of programming concepts using COBOL.
- Design, create, code, update, and maintain programs written using a structured format
- Design a program for a given task

- Analyze a program's output for accuracy
- Use debugging techniques to find errors and fix in code
- Demonstrate an understanding of fundamental concepts of computer programming, including problem solving and algorithm development, procedural abstraction and software design.
- Use simple data types, control structures, array and string data structures.

## **General Education Outcomes Supported**

N/A

## **Standard Practices**

### **Topics list**

- Program Development
- Top Down Design – Hierarchy Charts
- Program Divisions
- IF, MOVE, and Data Validation
- Arithmetic Calculations
- Branching
- SORT and MERGE
- Tables and Control Breaks
- Data manipulation and Sequential File Maintenance
- Indexed Files

### **Learning activities**

- This course requires additional work that may need to be completed out of class or in a virtual or on-campus lab.

### **Assessments**

Chapter quizzes or programs

Exams

Programming projects

Final programming project

### **Grading guidelines**

- Exams, Quizzes, Homework, Programming assignments, and Final course programming project
- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- D = 60-69
- F = 59 & below