STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

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MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	C++ Development		
Module Code	UFCFK4-30-2	Level	Level 5
For implementation from	2018-19		
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15
Faculty	Faculty of Environment & Technology	Field	Computer Science and Creative Technologies
Department	FET Dept of Computer Sci & Creative Tech		
Contributes towards			
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	Entertainment Software Development 2018-19, Programming in C 2018-19		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
Overview: Pre-requisites: students must take one out of UFCFWA-30-1 Entertainment Software Development or UFCFF6-30-1 Programming in C. **Educational Aims:** See Learning Outcomes **Outline Syllabus:** Software development process: Unified Modelling Language diagrams: Use-case, Class and Sequence. Source/Version Control. Software Testing procedures. Test-Driven Design Rationale for using C++ in Software Development C++ language features: Memory allocation / deallocation. Object orientation: inheritance and polymorphism. Exception handling.

Templates.
Operator overloading.
Compiler directives.

Software development using C++:
Compilation process (trivial vs non-trivial projects).
Compiler representation of language features.
Runtime behaviour / call-stack behaviour.
Using basic and advanced debugging facilities (dump files, expressions, exception handling,
memory examination and tracing).
Practical considerations – IDEs, libraries and SDKs.
Plug-ins / interfacing with existing applications.

Unmanaged code:
Automatic vs dynamic memory handling.
Standard Template Library.
Measuring and analysing performance.
Memory alignment, bit manipulation, packing, pooling.

Threading:
Concepts, libraries and implementation approaches.

Teaching and Learning Methods: Contact time: 72 hours
Assimilation and development of knowledge: 148 hours
Exam preparation: 20 hours
Coursework preparation: 60 hours
Total study time: 300 hours

Lectures will be used to introduce relevant programming concepts whilst being practically
explored within supervised studio sessions guided by tutorial tasks.

A set number of the tutorial tasks are to be completed to form individual lab logbooks.

Aside from the tutorial tasks, students will be set a small number of more challenging tasks to
implement taught concepts, using supplied designs / code / libraries / SDKs where appropriate. It
is expected that the majority of this work will be carried out independently, outside of taught
sessions, though specific sessions will be organised to provide targeted help with these tasks
prior to hand-in.

Part 3: Assessment

Formative assessment:
The tutorial tasks set for the module will be peer and tutor reviewed regularly in studio/practical sessions.
Completed tasks will contribute to a logbook, which forms part of the students' portfolios. While this logbook
contributes to the summative assessment, it is assessed on a pass/fail basis only, and is designed to encourage
student engagement.

Summative assessment:
In addition to the tutorial tasks, a small number of more challenging tasks will be set. These tasks form the
summative part of the portfolio for the module, and will be set in order of increasing complexity/weighting. The
reason behind this strategy is to align assessed tasks with the topics being taught, and distribute workload for the
module across the year.

A final examination for the module will assess detailed understanding of language mechanisms that form part of
several learning outcomes but cannot easily be assessed through practical tasks.

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First Sit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Portfolio - Component B		75 %	Portfolio of practical exercises and lab logbook
Examination - Component A	✓	25 %	Examination (120 Minutes)
Resit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Portfolio - Component B		75 %	Portfolio of practical exercises
Examination - Component A	✓	25 %	Examination (120 Minutes)

	Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods	
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will be able to:	
		Module Learning Outcomes
	MO1	Analyse the impact of using various C++ language features on the compilation process for non-trivial software projects
	MO2	Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the run-time behaviour of a C++ application, and the significance of the call-stack
	MO3	Deconstruct a programming problem into a set of functional requirements and create basic object-orientated design solutions using an appropriate diagramming technique
	MO4	Implement and test C++ applications based on an object-orientated design solution that make appropriate use of mechanisms such as polymorphism and templates
	MO5	Discuss the role and significance of external libraries and Software Development Kits (SDKs), their relationship to C++ and their role in cross-platform development
	MO6	Apply their understanding of issues surrounding memory management within C++, to develop object oriented applications which avoid issues such as memory leaks, pointer errors and undefined behaviour
	MO7	Recognise issues related to efficiency and organisation of memory resources within unmanaged code and apply strategies to reduce their impact on run-time performance
	MO8	Implement simple threaded applications that avoid typical race / synchronisation issues
Contact Hours	**Contact Hours**	
	Independent Study Hours:	
	Independent study/self-guided study	228
	Total Independent Study Hours:	228

	Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	
	Face-to-face learning	72
	Total Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	72
	Hours to be allocated	300
	Allocated Hours	300
Reading List	*The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:* https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ufcfk4-30-2.html	