

AP Computer Science syllabus correlation to *Introduction to Programming with Java*

This summary compares the AP Compute Science A/AB syllabus to Outsource Laboratories Press text, *Introduction to Programming with Java*. The table lists all the topics covered in the “A” and “AB” or the “AB only” syllabus. It details where the topic is covered and if a hands-on lab exercise is included. It also lists extended topics as potential enhancements to the curriculum.

Simple Language Features and Constructs					
Topic	A, AB	AB Only	Potentially Relevant to CS1 /CS2	OL302 Reference (Unit: page)	Example & exercise
Primitive Data Types	int, double, Boolean		short, long, byte, char, float	Unit 3: 12	Example & exercise
Arithmetic Operators	+ , - , * , / , % , ++ , --		Using the values of ++, -- expressions in other expressions	Unit 3: 45, 63	Example & exercise
Assignment Operators	= , += , -= , *= , /= , %=			Unit 3: 61	Example & exercise
Relational Operators	== , != , < , <= , > , >=			Unit 4: 4	Example & exercise
Logical Operators	&& , , ! and short-circuit evaluation		<< , >> , >>> , & , ~ , , ^ , ? :	Unit 4: 6, 7	Example & exercise
Primitive Data Type Casting	(int) , (double)		Other numeric casts such as (char) or (float)	Unit 3: 43	Example & exercise
Strings	String concatenation, Conversion of numbers to String by using toString() on objects		StringBuffer, processing string input, parsing using StringTokenizer	Unit 3: 32, Unit 7:9	Example & exercise
	Escape sequences \", \\, \n inside strings		Other escape sequences (\', \t, \unnnn)	Unit 7: 3,4	Example & exercise
I/O	System.out.print, System.out.println		System.in, Stream input/output, GUI input/output, parsing input, formatted output	Unit 3: 19, Throughout	Example & exercise
	Input mechanism adhoc			Unit 3: 15	Example & exercise
Arrays	1-Dimensional	2-Dimensional rectangular arrays	Arrays with 3 or more dimensions, ragged arrays	Unit 8: 1-31	Example & exercise
Control Flow	if, if/else, while, for, return		do/while, switch, break, labeled break, continue	Unit 4, Unit 5	Example & exercise
Comments	/* */, //		Javadoc comments /**	Unit 2: 20	Example

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Object Oriented Programming Features					
Topic	A, AB	AB Only	Potentially Relevant to CS1 /CS2	OL302 Reference (Unit: page)	Example & exercise
OO Concepts	Classes, inheritance, polymorphism, encapsulation			Unit 9: 3-14 Unit 11: 29-32	Example & exercise
Classes	Class design and implementation			Unit 9	Example & exercise
	Understand the concepts of abstract classes and interfaces.			Unit 9:15-16	Example & exercise
	Design and implement subclasses, modify interface and subclass implementations			Unit 9: 17-19 Unit 11: 1-53	Example & exercise
	Class variables and methods			Unit 11: 8-23	Example & exercise
	write interface and class declarations from problem description	define own interfaces and classes		Unit 9: 12, 27 Unit 11:40-41	Example & exercise
Visibility	Classes: <code>public</code> Instance Variables: <code>private</code> Methods: <code>public</code> or <code>private</code>		<code>protected</code> , <code>package</code>	Unit 10: 9 Unit 11:45-47	Example
Implementing Methods	method signature, method overloading			Unit 6: 1-22 Unit 10: 17 Unit 11: 12,	Example & exercise
Objects from classes	use of <code>new</code> operator to create objects			Unit 10: 8,	Example
	Constructors and constructor parameters			Unit 11:24-28	Example & exercise
	initialize instance variables		default initialization of instance variables, initialization blocks	Unit 10: 15	
	class constants are initialized with an initializer, e.g., <code>public static final int MAX_SCORE = 5;</code>			Unit 3:44	
	Accessor/getter and modifier/setter methods			Unit 9:10	Example & exercise
Final keyword	block scope constants, class scope constants		final parameters, instance variables, methods, classes	Unit 3:44	Example
Static keyword	static final variables, static methods, invoking through a class, when to use static methods			Unit 11	Example

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Object Oriented Programming Features (continued)					
Topic	A, AB	AB Only	Potentially Relevant to CS1 /CS2	OL302 Reference (Unit: page)	Example & exercise
Object Comparison	Object identity (==) and object equality (equals)		clone, implementation of equals	Unit 11:35	Example
Object casting	subclass to superclass, object to class casting, e.g., <code>Person p = (Person) people.get(i);</code>		<code>InstanceOf</code>	Unit 11:44	Example
Object reference	null reference			Unit 10: 25	Example
<code>this</code> keyword	restricted to passing the implicit parameter in its entirety to another method, e.g., <code>obj.method(this)</code>		<code>this.var=var,</code> <code>this.method(args),</code> <code>this(args)</code>	Unit 10: 13	Example
<code>super</code> keyword	to invoke a super class constructor (<code>super(args)</code>) and invoke a super class method, e.g., <code>super.method(args)</code>			Unit 11:33	Example
Class Nesting			nested classes, inner classes		
Threading			multi-threading		

Program Implementation					
Topic	A, AB	AB Only	Potentially Relevant to CS1 /CS2	OL302 Reference (Unit: page)	Example & exercise
Exceptions	understand simple exceptions- <code>NullPointerException,</code> <code>ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException,</code> <code>ArithmeticException,</code> <code>ClassCastException,</code> <code>IllegalArgumentException</code>	throwing standard unchecked exceptions- <code>IllegalStateException,</code> <code>NoSuchElementException</code> for ADT implementation	Checked exceptions, <code>try/catch/finally,</code> <code>throws modifier</code>	Unit 14:1-23 Unit 8: 15	Example & exercise
Packages	understanding packages, import statement, e.g., <code>import packageName.subpackageName.ClassName;</code>		<code>import packageName.subpackageName.*;</code>	Unit 3:15	Example
Main Method	very simple for case studies only		program invocation through main method, command-line arguments	Unit 2:19-20	Example

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Using Standard Classes and Interfaces With Their Required Methods			
Classes/Interfaces	Methods	OL302 Reference (Unit: page)	Example & exercise
class java.lang.String implements java.lang.Comparable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • int compareTo(Object other) // specified by java.lang.Comparable • boolean equals(Object other) • int length() • String substring(int from, int to) // returns the substring beginning at from // and ending at to-1 • String substring(int from) //returns substring(from, length()) • int indexOf(String s) // returns the index of the first occurrence of s; // returns -1 if not found 	Unit 7: 11-21	Example
Interface java.lang.Comparable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • int compareTo(Object other) // return value < 0 if this is less than other // return value = 0 if this is equal to other // return value > 0 if this is greater than other 	Unit 11: 11-40,42	Example
class java.lang.Object	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boolean equals(Object other) • String toString() • int hashCode() 	Unit 11: 11-35	Example
class java.util.ArrayList implements java.util.List	<p>Methods in addition to the List methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • void add(int index, Object x) // inserts x at position index, sliding elements // at position index and higher to the right // (adds 1 to their indices) and adjusts size • Object remove(int index) // removes element from position index, sliding elements // at position index + 1 and higher to the left // (subtracts 1 from their indices) and adjusts size 	Unit 13: 55-58	Example & exercise
class java.util.TreeSet implements java.util.Set		Unit 13: 67-69	Example & exercise
class java.util.LinkedList implements java.util.List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods in addition to the List methods • void addFirst(Object x) • void addLast(Object x) • Object getFirst() • Object getLast() • Object removeFirst() • Object removeLast() 	Unit 13: 65-68	Example & exercise

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Using Standard Classes and Interfaces With Their Required Methods (continued)			
Classes/Interfaces	Methods	OL302 Reference (Unit: page)	Example & exercise
interface java.util.Set	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boolean add(Object x) • boolean contains(Object x) • boolean remove(Object x) • int size() • Iterator iterator() 	Unit 13: 69	Example & exercise (TreeSet)
interface java.util.Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Object put(Object key, Object value) • Object get(Object key) • boolean containsKey(Object key) • int size() • Set keySet() 	Unit 13: 73	Example & exercise (HashMap & Hashtable)
interface java.util.ListIterator extends java.util.Iterator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods in addition to the Iterator methods • void add(Object x) • void set(Object x) 		No example/exercise
interface java.util.List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boolean add(Object x) • int size() • Object get(int index) • Object set(int index, Object x) // replaces the element at index with x // returns the element formerly at the specified position • Iterator iterator() • ListIterator listIterator() 	Unit 13: 56	Example & exercise (ArrayList)
interface java.util.Iterator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • boolean hasNext() • Object next() • void remove() 	Unit 13: 82	Example
class java.util.TreeMap implements java.util.Map		Unit 13: 76	Example & exercise (HashMap & Hashtable)
class java.util.Random	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • int nextInt(n) // returns an integer in the range from 0 to n-1 inclusive • double nextDouble() 	Unit 11: 49, 14:12	Example

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class java.util.HashSet implements java.util.Set		Unit 13: 69	Example & exercise (TreeSet)
class java.util.HashMap implements java.util.Map		Unit 13: 73	Example & exercise
class java.lang.Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • static int abs(int x) • static double abs(double x) • static double pow(double base, double exponent) • static double sqrt(double x) 	Unit 11: 49	No example/exercise
class java.lang.Integer implements java.lang.Comparable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integer(int value) // constructor • int intValue() • boolean equals(Object other) • String toString() • int compareTo(Object other) // specified by java.lang.Comparable 	Unit 13:60	No example/exercise
class java.lang.Double implements java.lang.Comparable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double(double value) // constructor • double doubleValue() • boolean equals(Object other) • String toString() • int compareTo(Object other) // specified by java.lang.Comparable 	Unit 13:60	No example/exercise