

Information Technology Course Outline – Trinity Term 3rd Form

Week	Topic	Objectives	Content	Evaluation/Activities
1 – Theory	Fundamentals of Hardware and Software	i) Identify and describe computers and types of computers ii) Describe the data processing cycle and its components iii) Explain the functions of the major hardware components of a computer system - Input Devices iv) manipulate units of storage;	What is a computer? Describe the components of a computer system. What are computer Hardware? What are computer Software? Why use a computer system Types of Computers What are the advantages of using computer systems? What are the drawbacks of using computers? Protecting computer systems What is the data processing cycle?	 Interactive Revision Class Activity – Revision Jeopardy Divide Class into two teams. A Member picks a category to answer a question from. Graded Revision Worksheet

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			What are the steps in the cycle?	
			Identify categories of Input Devices	
			Identify common Input Devices and explain how they are used to accomplish a variety of tasks in various organisations.	
			Revise Bit, byte, kilobyte, megabyte, gigabyte, terabyte, word, word size.	
1 - Practical	Spreadsheet	create and use advanced arithmetic formulae;	Revision – Basic Excel Formulas, Functions and IF Functions	Classroom Activity Excel Worksheet
		Select basic pre-defined systems functions;		
2 – Theory	Fundamentals of Hardware and Software	Revision (Advent & Lent Term) Explain the functions of the major hardware components of a computer system – Output	Visual display unit: resolution, types, sizes. Audio output devices (for example, speakers, head-	Homework Activity 1 & 2 Answer Recap Questions Quiz
		Devices (Soft Copy)	phones, earphones); microfilm. Also terms such as hard copy, soft copy, human readable and machine-readable.	Using the Formatting Features learnt in your practical classes, create and submit a project on Input, Output and Storage Devices.

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		Explain the functions of the major hardware components of a computer system – Output Devices (Hard Copy)	Printers: impact and non- impact, types: (character, line, page, laser, inkjet, dot matrix). Characteristics: (speed, quality, storage capacity); plotters;	Your Project should have at least 5 examples of each device, pictures of each device and a brief description of how it can be used/or what it is used for. Projects should be submitted as hard copy
2 -Practical	Spreadsheet	create and use advanced arithmetic formulae; Select basic pre-defined systems functions;	Revision – Basic Excel Formulas, Functions and Complex Criterion (Advance Filter)	Classroom Activity Excel Worksheet
3 - Theory	Fundamentals of Hardware and Software	Distinguish between systems programs and application programs;	Systems software: operating systems, translators, utilities: Application software: general purpose, special purpose, custom written. Customization, integrated software.	Homework Activity Answer Recap Questions Software Worksheet – Graded Quiz
		Explain the functions of an operating system;	File management, memory management, security, device management, input/output management, user interface, process management.	
		Distinguish between types of user interface.	Software interface: Command driven, graphical user interface (GUI) (menu driven, pull-down and pop- up menus, icons). Hardware	

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			interface: touch screens, non-visual interface, sensors, and Braille keyboards.	
4 - Theory	Fundamentals of Hardware and Software	Introduction to Binary	Decimal to binary conversion, Binary to Decimal Conversion, Binary Addition, Binary Subtraction	Conversion Worksheet 1 & 2 Binary Addition Worksheet Binary Subtraction worksheet Quiz
5 -Practical	Spreadsheet	Select basic pre-defined systems functions;	Basic Excel Formulas, Functions, Rank and V- Lookup	Classroom Activity
6- Practical	Spreadsheet	Select basic pre-defined systems functions;	Basic Excel Formulas, Functions, Rank and V- Lookup	Classroom Activity
7- Practical	Spreadsheet	All Spreadsheet objectives	Basic Excel Formulas, Functions, IF Function, Complex Criterion and V- Lookup	Practical Assessment
8- Revision	Fundamentals of Hardware and Software	Revision – Trinity Term Objectives	Discussion, Demonstration & Recap	Classroom Activity
	Spreadsheet			

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