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# COURSE INFORMATION

## ITSE 2349 46W1 ADVANCED VISUAL BASIC PROGRAMMING

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### What do I do first?

If you have enrolled in this course, please send me an email from your "preferred" email account telling me your name and that you are enrolled in the course.

### Textbook and Software.

Textbook:

***If you already have the 2005 edition of this book from Intro to VB you may use it, if you are buying it new the current version is 2008***

Title: Microsoft Visual Basic 2005	or	Microsoft Visual Basic 2008
ISBN:061925482	or	ISBN: 1423927168
Author: Shelly, Cashman, Hoisington	or	Author: Shelly, Hoisington
Publisher: Course	or	Publisher: Course

Software:

How to get the software for this class will be explained inside of MyCourses.

### Course Requirements:

You **MUST** have all of the requirements listed below to be successful in this online course. **If you do not have the necessary hardware and software**, you need to drop the course now and either take a face-to-face section or take the online section when you have all of the requirements.

- **Average powered PC** with internet (DSL or Cable Modem will be necessary. Dial-up won't work for the video lectures)
- **Speakers.** You will be listening to video recordings that contain audio for the lectures/demonstrations. Depending on where you are doing your work, you may want headphones.
- **Microsoft Word or some other word processing software capable of saving files in RTF or DOC format.** A free copy of Microsoft Office 2007 can be obtained on your campus. Ask your advisor for more information.
- **Windows XP or Vista operating system.** If you have Vista, you will need Home Premium or Business edition(Business edition is available to you through the Microsoft Academic Alliance).
- **Adobe Acrobat Reader.** You must have this software for this course. If you do not have this installed on your computer, it is a free download. Go to: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> and download Adobe Reader. (You do not need the other stuff they try to get you to install. IE: Adobe Yahoo! Toolbar and Adobe Photoshop. Album 2.0 Starter Edition. Just remove the checks from those boxes and click on "Download".)
- There may be some other free downloads (Macromedia Authorware, Flash, Java, Windows Media Player, etc.) that you may need, but you may wait till the class starts to find out what you need..

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much time will this course take?

A: Expect to spend at least twelve hours each week on this course. More if you are a slow typist.

Q: Where can I use a computer on campus?

A: There are open labs daily Monday – Thursday from 8 AM till 7 PM in rooms 260, 262 and 265. These labs will have an instructor available during certain hours. The TSTC West Texas libraries also have computers for student use with speakers and headphones (for listening to the lectures).

Q: My computer doesn't seem to work well with MyCourses. What can I do?

A: Contact the TSTC Help Desk at (325) 235-7474. They are available 24 x 7.

Q: What is the first thing I do in this course?

A: Send your instructor an email from the email address that you wish to receive emails at. You will receive a reply email with further instructions. You should send this email BEFORE the first day of classes so that you will not start off behind in the course.

Q: Is this a self-paced course?

A: No. Firm deadlines exist for each assignment. New assignments are not available until current ones are due, so you can't work ahead (except for reading in the textbook).

Q: Can we lag behind and catch up later?

A: Not really...trying to catch up seldom works with an online course. You will be working in modules for this course. All of the assignments for one module are given at once. You will have a specified

amount of time to complete the assignment. No assignments can be turned in after the posted due date for a module.

Q: What do I do for each assignment?

A: For each assignment you are required to:

- Read assignment instructions
- Complete textbook reading
- Listen to one or more recorded lecture(s)
- Complete your assignment
- Submit your work via the requested method (most will be uploaded thru MyCourses)
- Begin the reading and the lecture for the next assignment
- Receive assignment feedback and grade

Q: How do I get feedback from my assignments?

A: The MyCourses grade book will have the numerical grade for the assignment. If you missed anything on the assignment, you will either receive your assignment back with comments or a grading rubric with an explanation of the problem.

Q: Where do I go for help?

A: Contact Information:

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Yahoo Messenger: my name there is connie\_shafer2000

or if you are not a WDT student you can also contact an instructor in your own program.