

I. Course Title: Computer Fundamentals and Programming

II. Course Code: MCA 501

III. Credit Hours: 2+1

IV. Aim of the course

This is a course on Computer Fundamentals and Programming that aims at exposing the students to understand how computer works, analytical skills to solve problems using computers. And to write computer programs using C.

V. Theory

Unit I

Functional units of computer, I/O devices, primary and secondary memories. Number systems: decimal, octal, binary and hexadecimal; Representation of integers, fixed and floating point numbers, Operator precedence, character representation; ASCII, Unicode.

Unit II

Programming Fundamentals with C - Algorithm, techniques of problem solving, flowcharting, stepwise refinement; Constants and variables; Data types: integer, character, real, data types; Arithmetic expressions, assignment statements, logical expressions. Control flow

Unit III

Arrays and structures. Pointers, dynamic memory allocations

Unit IV

Program Structures – functions, subroutines

Unit V

I/O operations, Program correctness; Debugging and testing of programs.

VI. Practical

- Conversion of different number types;
- Creation of flow chart, conversion of algorithm/flowchart to program;
- Mathematical operators, operator precedence;
- Sequence, control and iteration;
- Arrays and string processing;
- Matrix operations, Sorting, Pointers and File processing – Reading and writing text files.

VII. Suggested Reading

- Balaguruswamy E. 2019. *Programming with ANSI C*. Tata McGraw Hill.
- Gottfried B. 2017. *Programming with C, Schaum Outline Series*. Tata McGraw Hill.
- Kanetkar Y. 1999. *Let Us C*. BPB Publ.