

College of San Mateo
Official Course Outline

1. **COURSE ID:** CIS 379 **TITLE:** Introduction to XML and JSON

Units: 3.0 units **Hours/Semester:** 48.0-54.0 Lecture hours; and 96.0-108.0 Homework hours

Method of Grading: Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass)

Recommended Preparation:

Eligibility for ENGL 838 or ENGL 848 or ESL 400.

2. **COURSE DESIGNATION:**

Degree Credit

Transfer credit: CSU; UC

3. **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**

Catalog Description:

Comprehensive course in XML (eXtensible Markup Language). Includes writing well-formed and valid XML, the use of DTDs (Document Type Definitions), XML Schema, RSS, CSS (Cascading Style Sheets), HTML and XSLT (eXtensible Style Sheet Language Transformation) for formatting; and advanced topics such as XPath and the Document Object Model (DOM). Introduction to JavaScript Object Notation (JSON), a language-independent, open-standard data format supported by all modern browsers. Includes JSON data types, name/value pairs, arrays, objects, and object serialization.

4. **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME(S) (SLO'S):**

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will meet the following outcomes:

1. Develop well-formed and valid XML documents for publishing on the Web.
2. Explain Document Type Definitions (DTDs) and XML Schema (XSD), and illustrate how they are used to validate XML documents for data integrity using XML parsers.
3. Employ Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) and the eXtensible Style Sheet Language (XSL, XSLT) to render XML or to transform XML documents into HTML files.
4. Explain XPath and the Document Object Model and discuss their relationship to XML.
5. Create a multi-file project using XML, DTD, RSS, CSS, XSD, XSL, and HTML file types.
6. Use JSON data in a multi-file project.

5. **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES:**

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will be able to:

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6. **COURSE CONTENT:**

Lecture Content:

1. Introduction
 - A. History of World Wide Web
 - B. World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)
 - C. Structure
 - D. Style
 - E. XHTML
 - F. Well-formed Documents
 - G. Valid Documents
2. Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)
 - A. Inline Styles
 - B. Linking External Style Sheets
 - C. Cascading and Levels of CSS

- D. Properties
 - E. Positioning Elements
 - F. Backgrounds
 - G. User Style Sheets
 - H. CSS and Parsing Errors
3. eXtensible Markup Language (XML)
- A. Creating a Document
 - B. DataEncoding
 - a. Planning
 - b. Developing
 - c. Presenting
 - C. Characters
 - D. Markup
 - E. Structures
 - F. Parsers
 - G. Modeling
4. Document Type Definition (DTD)
- A. Document Type Declarations
 - B. Element Type Declarations
 - C. Attribute Declarations
 - D. Conditional Sections
5. XML Schemas
- A. Schema vs. DTDs
 - B. Describing Elements and Attributes
6. Document Object Model (DOM)
- A. DOM Components
 - B. DOM Nodes
 - C. Parsing and Loading
 - D. XML Errors
7. eXtensible Style Sheet Language (XSL)
- A. Style Formatting using XSL
 - B. Formatting Objects
 - C. Lists
8. eXtensible Style Sheet Language Transformation (XSLT)
- A. Templates
 - B. DOM vs. XSLT
 - C. Xpath
 - D. XSLT Elements
 - E. XSLT Applications
9. Advanced XML Topics
- A. Server Technologies
 - B. Relationship to Databases
 - C. RSS Feeds
 - D. Ajax
10. Introduction to JSON
- A. History of JSON
 - B. Comparison of XML and JSON
 - C. JSON Data Types
 - a. Number
 - b. String
 - c. Boolean
 - d. Array

- e. Object
- f. Null
- D. JSON Syntax
- E. Name/Value Pairs
- F. Object Serialization
- G. Data Portability

7. REPRESENTATIVE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

Typical methods of instruction may include:

- A. Lecture
- B. Directed Study
- C. Activity
- D. Discussion
- E. Other (Specify): Lecture will be used to introduce new topics; Teacher will model problem-solving techniques; Class will solve a problem together, each person contributing a potential "next step"; Students will participate in short in-class projects (in teacher-organized small groups) to ensure that students experiment with the new topics in realistic problem settings; Teacher will invite questions AND ANSWERS from students, generating discussion about areas of misunderstanding; Teacher will create and manage an Internet conference for discussion of course topics; and students will work in small groups to solve programming assignments.

8. REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative assignments in this course may include, but are not limited to the following:

Writing Assignments:

Weekly assignments: textbook exercises with XML and JSON projects

Reading Assignments:

Weekly reading assignments from the textbook and other sources

9. REPRESENTATIVE METHODS OF EVALUATION

Representative methods of evaluation may include:

- A. Class Participation
- B. Class Work
- C. Exams/Tests
- D. Group Projects
- E. Homework
- F. Projects
- G. Quizzes
- H. Written examination
- I. Bi-weekly quizzes (short answer--from textbook material) to provide feedback to students and teacher; Assessment of student contributions during class discussion and project time; Individual programming assignment; Midterm and Final exams (short answer (textbook material), general problem solving (similar to in-class work), short program segments (similar to programming assignments); Assessment of group participation on course projects, including peer-assessment of participation and contribution to the group effort.

10. REPRESENTATIVE TEXT(S):

Possible textbooks include:

- A. Shirrell. *XML: A Deeper Understanding*, online ed. <http://www.xmlbook.info/>, 2018
- B. Lazaris. *What is JSON? An Introduction and Guide for Beginners*, online ed. <https://www.impressivewebs.com/what-is-json-introduction-guide-for-beginners/>, 2017
- C. Walmsley. *XQuery: Search Across a Variety of XML Data*, 2nd ed. O'Reilly, 2016
- D. Marrs. *JSON at Work: Practical Data Integration for the Web*, 1st ed. O'Reilly, 2017

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