
ICOM 3010**Self-Directed Study****Course Weight:** 60.00**Course Description**

This course requires independent research and study of an information technology specialty with program instructor approval and guidance. This course allows learners to customize learning around an additional topic of interest. Learners prepare a course proposal for approval by the instructor. Upon approval, they pursue their proposed studies, culminating with a final project, essay, presentation, or demonstration. While the content of the presentation should be accurate and well documented, the goal of this course is the self-direction of learning.

Rationale

The workplace today requires employees to be self-directed learners. This course provides learners with the opportunity to study subjects outside of those offered through available NSCC courses, to develop or reinforce skills and knowledge of an IT subject, and to demonstrate independence in learning. The Self-Directed Study course is an example of portfolio learning in action.

Prerequisite(s):

Upon successful completion of year one courses to date

Corequisite(s):

None

Learning Outcomes

Learners are required to successfully complete each course outcome. In keeping with NSCC's approach to portfolio learning, learners will have demonstrated the ability to:

1. Propose an appropriate IT learning project to be achieved through the completion of the course.
2. Manage a personal learning project using a learning contract established at the beginning of the course.
3. Demonstrate appropriate IT skills/learning achieved through the project as identified in the contract between the learner and instructor created at the beginning of the course.
4. Produce professional level communication documents and presentations using an office software suite.

Grading

The pass for this course is 60%.

Other Course Notes

It is the responsibility of the student to review and understand all Nova Scotia Community College policies, most specifically the Student Code of Conduct, Academic Integrity, Student Appeals, Use of Copyright Materials, and Academic Accommodation policies.

Policies directly applicable to students are referenced in the student handbook. The policies and procedures can be found on the College website: http://nsc.ca/current_students

If you have questions about policies and/or procedures, you are encouraged to ask Faculty, your Academic Chair or Staff at Student Services.

Workplan

A workplan for this course is attached and will be reviewed by your faculty member (s) within the first week of class study.