



FACULTY EXPECTATIONS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE RE. PORTFOLIO ESSAYS

1. The general philosophy of above-named discipline regarding Assessment of Prior Experiential Learning essays may be summarized as follows:

Computer Science is a technical laboratory science. The use or operation of computers does not necessarily imply experiential learning in computer science, especially at the college level. In particular, data entry and the use of prewritten software packages, such as word processors, spreadsheets, and data bases, are usually not worthy of college level credit. Many high schools offer programming courses, so essays describing programming experience should demonstrate that the programming was at the college level.

2. Describe the nature of any dialogue expected between faculty in above-name discipline and students preparing portfolio essays in the discipline.

We expect all students to be familiar with the range of courses offered in computer science at the college level. Students should be able to differentiate between work leading to basic computer literacy, work at the advanced high school level, and at the college level.

3. Describe the nature of any specific requirements the above-name discipline will have regarding contents of the portfolio materials i.e., documentation, essay, bibliography were applicable, etc.

All essays requesting computer science credit must address how the experience is approximately equivalent to specific courses offered by EOU's Computer Science program. This requirement is particularly important when upper division credit is requested. If credit is requested for programming experience, the source code for actual, well documented programs should be included.

4. Describe issues regarding the general turnaround time for review of portfolio materials in the above-named discipline.

The turnaround time during Christmas break and summer vacation will probably be longer than normal.

5. Provide any additional information that will help portfolio students in developing materials for faculty review in the above-named discipline.

We suggest that essays be technical, detailed and well organized.

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