Faith Christian Academy: Computer Programming

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**Course Description:** Create software using the Python scripting language. Learn coding and concepts for command line programs, windows programs, 2D graphics, and 3D graphics.

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**Materials Used**: “Computer Programming Using Python 3 and Kivy 1.8.0” written by Jake Gustafson (19 yrs. Total programming experience including QBASIC, Visual Basic, SQL, Access VBA, C++ [Win32 API, MFC, .NET, DirectX, SDL], C#, and Python); Example code & program footage from various sources; Public domain and free-licensed imagery & objects for use in projects.

**Software Used**: Python project official tools (runtimes & IDLE for command line applications), wxGlade (windows programming), pygame (2D graphics and other direct media), and Panda3D (3D graphics engine developed and used by Carnegie Mellon University and Disney). Python is a relatively new language that is becoming more widely used in jobs in computer science, web development, and can be used in advanced video editing and 3D graphics (for task-specific scripting and plugin development).

**Goals**: Inspire interest in computer science, give students ability to solve problems using their own software, give students a deeper understanding of computers from learning how their interface is designed, prepare students for software and web design jobs that require or can make use of python (python is actually often required by web design or software jobs but finding training in Python can be difficult to find).

**Grading**: Regular assignments for each part are worth 10 points, last about one week, and generally involve mastering one or two methods in a program that would require them (some statements are often used in later programs as well). Creative projects, which require a combination of methods to accomplish a larger task which may require finding photos or other data (& sometimes two weeks) are worth 20pts. Each quarter has about 100pts, so each project is worth about 10% or 20% of the grade for that quarter. Each quarter also has a 10pts for participation.

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| **Point Value** | **Part & Name** | **Due** | **Quarter** |
| 10 | GUI 1: Windows and Buttons |  | 1 |
| 10 | GUI 2: Button Events |  | 1 |
| 10 | GUI 3: Dialog Box |  | 1 |
| 10 | GUI 4: Using Variables in a GUI |  | 1 |
| 10 | GUI 5: Tree Chopping Challenge |  | 1 |
| 10 | GUI 6: Images in Windows |  | 1 |
| 10 | GUI 7: ListView |  | 1 |
| 10 | GUI 8: Model-View-Controller |  | 1 |
| 10 | GUI 9: GUI Debugging Challenge |  | 1 |
| 10 | OpenGL 1: Mesh Loader |  | 2 |
| 10 | OpenGL 2: Multiple Objects |  | 2 |
| 10 | OpenGL 3: Translate on Three Axes |  | 2 |
| 10 | OpenGL 4: Rotate View on World Axis |  | 2 |
| 10 | OpenGL 5 |  | 2 |
| 10 | OpenGL 6 |  | 2 |
| 10 | OpenGL 7 |  | 2 |
| 10 | OpenGL 8 |  | 2 |
| 10 | OpenGL 9 |  | 2 |