

CSC 281 – Life Beyond Grinnell – Learning from CS Alumni
Additional Information

a1. Course outline and syllabus: *Sample schedule and syllabus from 2013S attached*. The visitors will, of course, vary from year to year.

a2. The role of the course within the department and College's curricula.

This course attempts to address issues that have come up in a number of contexts. As our "Post-Graduate Success" strategic planning group indicated, students need to start thinking about possible post-graduate directions earlier in their careers. As the Wilson Program suggests, students need exposure to a wider variety of career options, and need guidance in various "soft skills". And, as our own students tell us, there are a wide variety of things one can do with a Grinnell degree.

We have offered the course twice, with moderate success. The students who have taken the course report that it is quite valuable, and quite different from other courses at Grinnell (even from the Wilson "Creative Careers" course). And these students strongly suggest that we should regularize the course. At the same time, we would like to attract more students to the course.

b. Staffing

This course, along with the one-credit "Thinking in C and Unix" course, is part of a broader update to the department curriculum, and staffing needs are addressed by the broader proposal. The department has committed to allowing each faculty member to offer a four-credit course in his or her area of specialty or interest in alternate years; Samuel Rebelsky has decided to offer these two one-credit courses annually as his "course".

c. Library holdings

No additional library holdings are necessary.