

Policy on Summer Course offering

Prior Policy:

The prior departmental policy (adopted in 1994) has been to limit our course offering primarily to an introductory course in computing (A106). The reason for the adoption of this policy has been that the six week summer sessions are too short for the students to be able to learn and retain the material presented. Beginning programming courses were specially pointed out as being problematic during the summer.

Current Policy:

On May 3, 2002, the computer science faculty met and adopted a new policy for offering summer courses:

- 1) The following courses can be offered at the discretion of the chair, associate chair and the faculty who will be assigned to teach these courses.

A106, A107, A150, A340, A505, C151, some sections of C297, and C490.

- 2) Proposals for offering other courses during a 6 week session will require the approval of the full faculty.
- 3) Proposals for offering variable length (shorter than 12 weeks) courses will require approval of the faculty. The proposal must define the time frame for the course as well as how the course objectives will be met during that time.
- 4) Proposals to offer 12 to 15 week summer courses do not require full faculty approval. The chair, associate chair and the faculty who will be assigned to teach these courses can jointly approve such course offerings.

Note: Most faculty at IUSB are under a ten month contract. Summer months are traditionally reserved for conducting research and other scholarly activities. Faculty in computer science with ten month contracts are under no obligation to accept a teaching load during the summer. Summer teaching is strictly voluntary and no faculty member will be pressured to accept such an assignment. The chair and associate chair will survey the faculty for availability during the Fall of each year.