Specialized Certificate in Java Programming
Frequently Asked Questions

The following frequently asked questions can be useful to gain general information. These FAQs are not policy, and are subject to change with no prior notification at any time.

Is this program in-class or online?
The courses alternate between in-class and online offerings per quarter. All in-class courses use a blended approach, meaning that they combine face-to-face classroom methods with computer-mediated learning activities. For online classes, all assignments and test/quizzes are completed online and submitted through Blackboard, our online learning platform.

What courses must I take to complete the certificate?

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O = online course,  X = in-class (Click on class for location details)

Are there any additional prerequisites or skills required for the program?
The first core course "Java Programming I" requires either the completion of "Introduction to Programming" or equivalent programming knowledge. All required courses are designed to be taken sequentially and should be taken in the order shown on the course matrix.

Can the programming prerequisite be waived if I have taken a programming course elsewhere or have equivalent working knowledge?
If you already have a solid foundation in basic programming and feel comfortable with your level of knowledge to move directly into “Java Programming I,” you may do so without a waiver. Please email infotech@ucsd.edu if you would like to see the syllabus of the prerequisite course.
Is this certificate open to non-California residents?
Yes, it is open to non-California residents. The tuition is the same for California residents and non-California residents.

Can I register for the certificate at any time?
Yes, you can enroll at any time. However, it is recommended that you enroll as soon as possible as the curriculum can be updated. If certificate requirements change, you will have to adhere to the new curriculum at the time of your enrollment into the certificate.

Can I take a course without registering for the certificate?
Yes, you can take any course without registering for the certificate provided you have fulfilled any and all prerequisites.

How much does the certificate cost?
Each class is currently $675.00. The total cost of the program is $3,435.00, which includes the $60.00 certificate fee. If the "Introduction to Programming" course is waived (please see above) the cost of the program is $2,760.00. Please note that all fees are subject to change and do not include books.

How long does it take to complete the certificate?
You officially have 5 years to complete all requirements for the certificate, although it generally takes between 4 to 5 quarters depending on whether you take the prerequisite course.

How do I get my certificate once I have completed the requirements?
When you have paid your certificate fee and successfully completed all your course requirements, you will need to notify Student Services by submitting the Online Intent to Complete Certificate Program form. Once you have formally notified Student Services, your certificate will be mailed to the address we have on file for you within 2 weeks.

How do I apply?
There is no application process; our classes are open to everyone. You simply Register in the Certificate Program, followed by enrolling in the individual courses as they are offered.

What kind of credit do I earn? Is it accepted at other universities?
You will earn Continuing Education Units (CEU). The CEU is a uniform measure of non-credit continuing education learning experiences (no academic units are involved). One CEU is defined as ten contact hours of participation in a continuing education course. Employers, professional groups, licensing agencies and others who routinely examine and evaluate individual accomplishments generally accept this unit of measure.

Each individual academic institution decides whether or not to accept UCSD Extension’s CEUs. If you wish to transfer credit, it is your responsibility to confer with the receiving institution’s advisor before enrolling.
What are my grading options for each course?
If you plan to obtain a certificate, all courses must be taken for either a Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass. You must earn a grade of at least a "C-" or "Pass" in order to apply the associated units towards the certificate. A "Pass" grade is equivalent to a "C-" or better.

How will I receive my final grade?
Once the course is completed, the instructor has 10 working days to submit your grades. After the grades have been posted, you can view and print them via My Extension, your online education management portal. Please contact Student Services at 858-534-3400 or unex-reg@ucsd.edu if you experience any issues with logging in.

How long is each course?
Each course can vary; they generally run from 8 to 10 weeks.

Can I enroll in more than one course per quarter?
The required courses should be taken sequentially as each course builds on its predecessor.

Can I get a copy of my receipt?
Yes, please login to the My Extension website and select ‘Documents’ as the top of the page. Please contact Student Services at 858-534-3400 or unex-reg@ucsd.edu if you experience any issues with logging in.

How are the online classes formatted?
The online courses are asynchronous. They have a start and end date but all the lessons are uploaded on Blackboard, our online learning management system, so that you can learn at your own pace. However, please be aware that you may have weekly assignments, quizzes and/or tests that are due on specific dates. Please click here to take a sample course tour to see if this format suits your learning style (click on the link in the upper right-hand corner).

How can I get more information on the specific courses?
Please email infotech@ucsd.edu to request specific course syllabi.

Once I have enrolled in a course, when will I get online access to it?
If you have enrolled at least 3 days before the course begins, generally you will have access starting on the first day of class. You should receive an email from student services with instructions on how to login to the course. If you have enrolled on or after the start date of the course, you will have access within 24 hours.

How do I communicate with the instructor(s) if I have a question or need feedback?
Each instructor has his/her own preferred method of communication and response policy. However, most instructors utilize email or the discussion board and will respond within 24 - 48 hours.
How many hours can I expect to spend studying outside of class time?
Each student has their own learning style so this can vary greatly. As a rule of thumb, expect to spend an average of 2 hours studying for every hour you spend “in-class”.

Will I get any hands-on experience in the program?
Most courses combine theory with hands-on exercises.

What tools do I need?
Access to a computer and a Java compiler is required.

Would I be able to order the required text books before the class begins?
Yes, you can order the book(s) online at retailers such as Amazon if the instructors posts text requirements/recommendations on their associated course enrollment pages.

What are the instructors’ credentials?
All instructors have a graduate level degrees and at least 10 years of practical experience in the industry.

Is financial aid available?
- UCSD Extension offers continuing education loans through UC Approved Lenders. Each institution offers low competitive interest rates and flexible payment options. You are also encouraged to contact your personal financial institution about possible lending solutions. Direct links to UC Approved Lenders can be found on our website.
- The Employment Development Department (EDD) provides a comprehensive range of employment and training services in partnership with state and local agencies/organizations. More information is available on their website at edd.ca.gov.
- Career Centers Located throughout San Diego County offer their communities comprehensive employment and training services benefiting both business and job seekers. More information is available on their website at workforce.org.
- Please click here for information about Veteran’s Benefits.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) funds are limited to degree programs only, and cannot be used for courses or certificate fees at UCSD Extension.

How do I get more information?
- Visit the UCSD Extension FAQs webpage
- Contact Student Services at (858) 534-3400 or unex-reg@ucsd.edu
- Contact the department at (858) 534-9351 or infotech@ucsd.edu