Hello, and welcome!

When you visit a website or use an app, you may be drawn in by the appealing graphics. However, if nothing performs well, you may get discouraged and leave. No one wants that to happen! The role of back-end programming is to ensure that the software works as it should. In this course, you will be introduced to creating back-end components of a web application with the support of framework packages. You will learn to implement database functionality and create web services. By gaining these skills, you can help produce web applications that users rely on and trust.

We invite you to take a minute to learn about the course by reviewing the information that follows. This way, you will be better able to understand the expectations of the course as a whole. Then you can determine how to manage your time and efforts as you navigate through it.

You are in the right place. You belong here. You can do this!
Course Description and Competencies

What to Expect

This course introduces learners to creating back-end components of a web application with the support of framework packages. It also teaches learners how to implement database functionality in a web application and how to create web services. This course requires intermediate expertise in object-oriented programming and the Java language.

This will be sequenced to build upon knowledge of development and design techniques and languages, such as Java Fundamentals, Java Frameworks, and Version Control.

You will find that this course employs learning resources that contain all the necessary reading materials, videos, and knowledge checks to prepare you for the course assessment. For the best understanding of the course content, complete each lesson. You will demonstrate your competency with a performance assessment.

This course covers the following competencies:

1. The learner develops object-oriented applications that can be integrated with relational databases.
2. The learner writes code for object-oriented applications using Spring framework.
3. The learner implements design patterns for object-oriented applications.

You must achieve a ranking of Competent on the assessment to pass the course. You will have three attempts to pass the assessment.

1 final project • 3 competency units
## Course Outline

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<th>Module</th>
<th>Upon completion of this module, you will be able to:</th>
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| SQL & Java                  | **A.** Manipulate data with structured query language (SQL) statements.  
A. Create an object-oriented program using Java.  
C. Construct ad hoc SQL queries and commands. |
| Object-Oriented Programming | **A.** Perform real-time system design using object-oriented programming (OOP).  
B. Develop data processing applications.  
C. Create client-server systems using OOP. |
| Spring Framework            | **A.** Design applications with Spring Framework data access components and Spring Framework model-view-control components.  
B. Implement Spring Framework solutions.  
C. Use existing frameworks, assets, and content for OOP. |
| Software Design Patterns    | **A.** Validate the need for software design patterns in an application.  
B. Apply the software design patterns in an application. |

## Technology Requirements

We want to be sure you have the tools to succeed! Review the Computer System and Technology Requirements. If you have questions about your setup, contact support@academy.wgu.edu.

You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader DC. If you haven’t already, download this free software. You may encounter an interactive form that contains fields that you can select or fill in. Review how to fill in a PDF form.
Key Contacts

Your Fellow Learners
Check out the Course Lobby in the course site! If this online community, you can ask questions and explore ideas. You can connect with your fellow learners. When you use this site, you will realize that other learners may have the same questions you have. You can all benefit from learning together!

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