# **CIS 179L: LINUX ESSENTIALS**

## **Transcript title**

Linux Essentials

### **Credits**

4

# **Grading mode**

Standard letter grades

#### **Total contact hours**

50

### **Lecture hours**

30

#### Other hours

20

### **Prerequisites**

CIS 120 or CIS 124 or COCC Computer Competency.

## **Course Description**

Introduces Linux and helps students to 1) understand Linux and the open source industry while providing knowledge of the most popular open source applications; 2) understand the major components of the Linux operating system and have the technical proficiency to work on the Linux command line; and, 3) understand the basics of security and administration related topics such as user/group management, working on the command line, and permissions.

### **Course learning outcomes**

- 1. Explain the history of open-source development and the major Linux distributions used today.
- 2. Demonstrate knowledge of Linux basics to run applications, navigate, and manage files and directories.
- 3. Illustrate techniques for using the command line to archive files, extract data, and run scripts.
- 4. Summarize the differences between Windows, OS X, and Linux; and, how hardware is managed in each operating system.
- 5. Implement basic security in Linux based on user types, groups, file permissions, and ownership.

### **Content outline**

- · Linux Evolution and Popular Operating Systems
  - Major Open Source Applications
  - · Open Source Software and Licensing
  - · ICT Skills and Working in Linux
- · Command Line Basics
  - · Using the Command Line to Get Help
  - · Using Directories and Listing Files
  - · Creating, Moving and Deleting Files
- · Archiving Files on the Command Line

- · Searching and Extracting Data from Files
- · Turning Commands into a Script
- · Choosing an Operating System
  - Understanding Computer Hardware
  - · Where Data is Stored
  - · Your Computer on the Network
- · Basic Security and Identifying User Types
  - · Creating Users and Groups
  - · Managing File Permissions and Ownership
  - · Special Directories and Files

### **Required materials**

- Students will need frequent access to a computer under which they have administrative rights to configure the computer fully.
- Students will need frequent and reliable access to the Internet in order to conduct research, participate with the class online using cloud technologies, and access the Pioneer Data Center via a secure VPN connection.
- Students will need access to the course training materials, textbooks, software, online resources as determined in the course syllabus.