

# OO COURSE OUTLINE

## A Constructivism Based Approach

### The “Lego-Construction” Approach

Define Developer’s expectations for:

- integrating existing components
- building new components

#### A. Basics of integrating existing components

1. Provide a library of predefined object-types.
2. Provide means to exploit predefined components.
  - Send messages to objects.
  - Create instances of an object-type.

The Java Basic Library.

Reference to selected Library components. (DOUBLE, INTEGER, STACK, ...)

*Use BlueJ to exercise with the above components. Send messages to objects. Create instances of Object-types (classes).*

Case Study:

#### B. Basics for building new components

1. Define an object-type, i.e., the structure and the behaviour of its instances.
2. Define the interface as well as the implementation part of objects.
3. Define an object as a composition of its components.
4. Define an object as a specialization of another object.

In more detail

1. Define an object-type, i.e., the structure and the behaviour of its instances.  
Introduce Java constructs for the definition of class, attribute, method, instance and class data members, instance and class methods, ...  
The main method.
2. Define the interface as well as the implementation part of objects.  
Define the implementation of methods. Operators. Control statements.
3. Define an object as a composition of its components.  
Implementing Aggregation.
4. Define an object as a specialization of another object.  
Introducing inheritance.

(in Greek)

**Ένα περιβάλλον ανάπτυξης αντικειμενοστρεφών εφαρμογών πρέπει να παρέχει**

- Μηχανισμούς για δημιουργία νέων τύπων αντικειμένων
  - Ορισμό κλάσης δηλαδή ορισμό δομής (structure) και συμπεριφοράς (behavior) στιγμιοτύπων
  - Ορισμό διεπιφάνειας και υλοποίησης των αντικειμένων
- Μηχανισμό για ορισμό αντικειμένου σαν συνάθροιση των μερών του

- Μηχανισμό για ορισμό αντικειμένου σαν εξειδίκευση άλλου αντικειμένου