

CSC148H // Introduction to Computer Science // Fall 2011

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Labs	T0101: T1-3, T0201: F9-11. Labs start the second week of term
Website	http://www.cdf.toronto.edu/~csc148h/fall

Required background: This course assumes previous programming experience in Python (preferably), or in another object-oriented language such as Java or C++ at the level provided by CSC108H.

Website: The course website contains assignment handouts and announcements, the policy on missed work, a discussion board, and more. You are responsible for all announcements made in lecture and on the discussion board.

Email: Please use email for personal issues and the discussion board to ask general course-related questions. I receive a large quantity of email over the term but try to respond by the end of the next day. However, it may take longer, especially on weekends and near due dates. Due to high volume, email sent close to a due date may not get a timely response, so get started on any work as early as possible in case you have questions.

Please include “148” in all email subject lines lest your message accidentally be filed as spam. An informative subject line like “148: submission system unavailable” really helps.

CDF account and email forwarding: You have a CDF account that you will use to submit your work and to do the labs. We will occasionally send crucial course announcements to that account. You must check that email frequently. Probably the best way to do this is to forward email to your UTMail address, since the university expects you to read it anyway. Here is how to set up email forwarding:

<http://www.cdf.toronto.edu/cdf/faq.html#MAIL4>

Marking scheme: 8 Labs: 1% each; 4 Exercises: 3% each; 2 Assignments: 10% each; 2 Midterm: 10% each; Final exam: 40%. In addition, there is a bonus exercise due in week 2 that can earn you 1% on your final course mark.

Exercises: The four exercises are assignments with a limited scope, and are to be done individually. They will typically practice a single new concept or set of Python features. Exercise handouts will be available on the course website. The Tuesday due times for exercises are 10:00pm sharp, not 10:10pm. We will pre-mark the exercises and give you correctness feedback several times leading up to the due date. Exercise B0 is optional, and can earn you a 1% bonus to your overall course mark.

Assignments: The two assignments are lengthier and more complex than the exercises. They will typically combine multiple concepts or ask you to extend skills practiced in exercises and labs. Assignment handouts will be available on the course website. The Tuesday due times for assignments are 10:00pm sharp, not 10:10pm. Assignments can be worked on in groups of 2, but you are welcome to work alone. When we mark, we do *not* take into account whether you worked alone on in a pair.

Midterm and final exam: The course has two midterms and a three-hours final exam. The final exam is comprehensive, and you must obtain a mark of at least 40% to pass the course; otherwise, your mark will be no higher than 47%.

Labs: You will work on lab exercises in pairs with the help and direction of a teaching assistant. Each lab you attend and work on is worth 1% of your final mark. To earn the 1% for a lab, you must arrive on time and work hard. When you finish, make sure you show your work to your TA or you may not get credit for the lab. The TAs have been instructed not to give credit to students who arrive late or leave early without completing the lab, or who do not try hard.

Missed work: There are no grace days. In case of illness, have your doctor complete an official U of T medical certificate. For other emergencies, be prepared for us to request some kind of documentation.

Academic Offences: Exercises, midterms, and the final exam must be done by you *alone*, and your work must not be submitted by anyone else. Sharing your work or using outside resources without prior permission and appropriate citation is academic fraud and is taken very seriously. The department uses software that compares programs for evidence of similar code, and *we search the web for posted solutions*. Please read the Rules and Regulations from the U of T Calendar (especially the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters):

<http://www.artsandscience.utoronto.ca/ofr/calendar/rules.htm>

Please do not cheat. It is unpleasant for everyone involved, including us. Here are a couple of general guidelines to help you avoid breaking the rules:

- Never look at another solution, whether it is on paper or on the computer screen, and never show another student your solution. This applies to all drafts of exercise and assignment solutions and to incomplete solutions, including pseudocode and diagrams.
- The easiest way to avoid committing an offence is to only discuss the piece of work with your assignment partner, the course TAs, the CDF Help Centre TAs, and Paul.

Week	M-F dates	Lab schedule	Coursework	Reminders
1	12–16 Sep			First week of classes! Wahoo!
2	19–23 Sep	Lab 1	B0 due 10:00pm Tuesday 20 Sep	Sun 25 Sep: last day to add courses
3	26–30 Sep	Lab 2	E1 due 10:00pm Tuesday 27 Sep	
4	3–7 Oct	Lab 3	E2 due 10:00pm Tuesday 4 Oct	Fri 7 Oct: last day to drop down to CSC108
5	10–14 Oct		Midterm 1 (Wed lecture)	Mon 10 Oct: Thanksgiving Fri 14 Oct: exam timetable posted
6	17–21 Oct	Lab 4	A1 due 10:00pm Tuesday 18 Oct	
7	24–28 Oct	Lab 5		Study for all your other midterms
8	31 Oct – 4 Nov	Lab 6	E3 due 10:00pm Tuesday 1 Nov	Thu 3 Nov: last day to drop classes
9	7–11 Nov		Midterm 2 (Wed lecture)	Mon, Tue 7–8 Nov: fall break
10	14–18 Nov	Lab 7		
11	21–25 Nov	Lab 8	E4 due 10:00pm Tuesday 22 Nov	
12	28 Nov – 2 Dec		A2 due 10:00pm Tuesday 29 Nov	
13	5–9 Dec			Last week of classes! Wahoo! Wed 7 Dec: makeup Monday for L0101
X	9–20 Dec		Final exam	Final exam period