CSC148H // Introduction to Computer Science // Winter 2012

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Office Hours	T 10–11:30, R 2–3:30	M 11–12:30, W 3–4:30
Lectures	L0102: MW10 in WI 1016	L0101: MW10 in BA 1130 // L5101: W6–8 in BA 1180
Labs	Start the week of 16 January; see the website for lab rooms	
Website	http://www.cdf.toronto.edu/~csc148h/winter	
Coordinator	Paul is the course coordinator, and so administrative questions (missed work, marks, and so on) should go to him.	

Required background: This course assumes previous programming experience in Python 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 Piazza discussion forum.

Piazza: This is the online forum that you should have received an email about. If you did not receive this email, please let Paul know, although it almost certainly means that the email you entered on ROSI is not correct, or is not a University of Toronto email address.

Email: Please use Piazza for most communication; you can post messages to the instructors there. Due to high volume, questions posted 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.

If you prefer to use email, please include "148" in all email subject lines. An informative subject line such as "148: submission system unavailable" really helps us.

CDF account and email forwarding: You have a CDF account that you will use to submit your work and to do the labs. You should consider setting 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 Midterms: 10% each; Final exam: 40%.

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. *If you finish early, feel free to stick around and help other students!*

Exercises: The four exercises are assignments with a limited scope, and are to be done individually. They will typically have you practice a single new concept. Exercise handouts will be available on the course website. The Thursday due times for exercises are noon sharp. Exercises submitted at 12:01pm will not be accepted.

All exercises are automatically marked, and in fact we will run the marking every couple of hours for the five or so days leading up to the due time. *Because we do this pre-marking, remark requests will not be considered.* Submit early and submit often! Our experience shows that students who wait until the last minute to submit typically get very low marks, and usually for silly reasons.

Assignments: The two assignments are lengthier and more complex than the exercises. Assignment handouts will be available on the course website. Like the exercises, the Thursday noon due times are firm.

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%.

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 Offenses: 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 offense is to only discuss the piece of work with your assignment partner, the course TAs, the CDF Help Centre TAs, and Paul and Velian.

Week	M-F dates	Lab schedule	Coursework	Reminders
1	9–13 Jan			First week of classes! Wahoo!
2	16–20 Jan	Lab 1		Sunday 22 Jan: last day to add courses
3	23–27 Jan	Lab 2	E1 due noon Thursday 26 Jan	
4	30 Jan – 3 Feb	Lab 3	E2 due noon Thursday 2 Feb	3 Feb: last day to drop down to CSC108H
5	6–10 Feb		Midterm 1 (Wed lecture)	
6	13–17 Feb	Lab 4	A1 due noon Thursday 16 Feb	17 Feb: final exam timetable posted
X	20–24 Feb	**Reading Week: no classes**		
7	27 Feb – 2 Mar	Lab 5		Study for all your other midterms
8	5–9 Mar	Lab 6	E3 due noon Thursday 8 Mar	Sunday 11 Mar: last day to drop 'S' courses
9	12–16 Mar		Midterm 2 (Wed lecture)	
10	19–23 Mar	Lab 7		
11	26–30 Mar	Lab 8	E4 due noon Thursday 29 Mar	
12	2–6 Apr		A2 due noon Thursday 5 Apr	Last week of classes! Wahoo! Friday 6 Apr: Good Friday, no classes
X	11–30 April		Final exam	Final exam period