

Overview: Welcome to CSC148H, Introduction to Computer Science, on the St. George Campus. This course consists of 2 lecture hours per week, 8 2-hour labs, 4 assignments, a midterm, and a final exam.

Instructor Information:

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Website: This course has a website, and it is required reading:

<http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~csc148h>

The website contains important information: policy on missed work, lab rooms and material, assignment handouts, and more. You are responsible for reading the course website for general course announcements as well as assignment announcements. The course bulletin board is also accessible through the website, and will also contain the announcements.

Marking Scheme:

Work	Weight	Comment
Labs (8)	10%	Each lab is worth 1.25%.
Assignments (4)	40%	Each assignment is worth 10%.
Midterm	10%	1-hour test during Week 7.
Final Exam	40%	You must get at least 40% on the exam to pass the course.

Assignments: Assignment handouts will be available on the course website. All assignments are due on a Tuesday by 9:00 am sharp. You are given 1 grace day to use during the term: once, and once only, you may submit an assignment up to 24 hours late with no penalty. Aside from the grace day, late assignments will not be accepted or marked. Assignments are submitted electronically; instructions will be on the course website.

Labs: There are 8 labs. These are the “tutorials” that you signed up for on ROSI. There are two lab rooms: BA2200 and BA2240. See the course website for which lab room you have been assigned to. There are no pre-lab exercises: the entire lab mark is dependent on your attendance and work during the lab period on an exercise, with a partner. Lab marks are not difficult to get: you must attend and work reasonably hard for the lab period. Perfect success is *not* expected or required.

Academic Offenses:

All of the work you submit must be your own and your work must not be submitted by someone else. Plagiarism is an academic offense and is taken seriously. The department uses software that compares Java programs for evidence of similar code. 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>

To avoid plagiarism, never look at another student’s assignment solution, on paper or on a computer screen; never show another student your assignment work, complete or not; and discuss assignment details only with TAs or the course instructor.

**Term
Schedule:**

Week	Dates	Comments
1	Sept 11-15	
2	Sept 18-22	Lab #1
3	Sept 25-29	Lab #2
4	Oct 2-6	A1 due (Oct 4), Lab #3
5	Oct 9-13	Lab #4
6	Oct 16-20	A2 due (Oct 18), Lab #5
7	Oct 23-27	Midterm
8	Oct 30- Nov 3	Lab #6
9	Nov 6-10	A3 due (Nov 8)
10	Nov 13-17	Lab #7
11	Nov 20-24	Lab #8
12	Nov 27 – Dec 1	A4 due (Nov 29)
13	Dec 4-8	
Exam Week	Dec 11-15	3-hour exam sometime this week

Course**Text:**

Data Structures and the Java Collections Framework (second edition), William J. Collins (McGraw-Hill, 2005).

This text is recommended; readings assignments will be provided for each week of lecture, and it ably covers much of the course material and makes an excellent reference. Of course, lecture attendance is still important since the text does **not** cover all of the course material.

**Getting
Help:**

Besides attending lectures, there are several ways to get help in CSC148H:

- **Labs:** The collaboration and hands-on work during lab periods is very valuable. In addition, your TA is a Computer Science graduate student, and you should feel free to ask them questions during the lab.
- **Office Hours:** Each week the course instructor, and possibly TAs, will be available for extra help. Locations and times will be posted on the course website. Stop by office hours to ask questions, or to hear questions from other students.
- **Bulletin Board:** This is a resource where students can post questions and answers. The course instructor and a TA will answer general questions about the course material, administration, or assignments. However, you must **never** give specific information about your assignment solutions in your postings.
- **Email:** Email contact is suitable for personal issues, such as illness. Most issues are better saved until office hours where they can be discussed interactively (and in-person), or posted on the bulletin board for the benefit (and sometimes assistance) of the entire class.