University of Toronto
csc324— Principles of Programming Languages, Spring 2000

Course Information

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Course web page

`http://www.cs.utoronto.ca/~dianeh/324/00s`

Lectures and Tutorials

Lectures:	Tuesdays	7:00 – 9:00 pm	LM 159
Tutorials:	Tuesdays	6:00 – 7:00 pm	various locations

Tutorials begin the *second* week of term. You must attend the assigned tutorial — or your marks could be mislaid. Please see the course web page to find out your tutorial location and your tutor 's name. You can write them down here:

Location: ______________________ TA: ________________________________

Textbooks etc.

There will be no course textbook or handbook this term. However, you do need to have:

- "A Student's Guide to CDF", available for a couple of dollars from the Bookstore.

The following reference books, available at the CS library, may be useful:

- Sethi, *Programming Languages: Concepts and Constructs*, Addison-Wesley, 1996.
- Sebesta *Concepts of Programming Languages*, Addison-Wesley 1999.
- Pratt and Zelkowitz, *Programming Languages: Design and Implementation*, 3rd edition, Prentice Hall, 1999.
- Lisp reference: Wilensky, *Common Lispcraft*, Norton & Company, 1986.
- Prolog reference: Clocksin and Mellish, *Programming in Prolog*, Springer-Verlag, 1994.

Course notices

You are responsible for announcements made in lectures, and for reading the on-line course newsgroup ut.cdf.csc324h.

Prerequisites

The prerequisites for this course are csc148 and either csc238 or mat246. If you lack either prerequisite, you will eventually be removed from the course. Only in special cases will I give my permission for a student to take csc324 without the prerequisites. See me as soon as possible to discuss this.

Course grading scheme

Item	Date		Weight	Comment
Quiz	18 Jan	(week 03)	2%	in tutorial
Assignment 1	25 Jan	(week 04)	5%	topic: Lisp basics
Quiz	01 Feb	(week 05)	2%	in tutorial
Quiz	08 Feb	(week 06)	2%	in tutorial
Assignment 2	22 Feb	(week 07)	10%	topic: more advanced Lisp
Mid-term test	29 Feb	(week 08)	15%	in tutorial
Assignment 3	07 Mar	(week 09)	5%	topic: Prolog basics
Quiz	14 Mar	(week 10)	2%	in tutorial
Quiz	21 Mar	(week 11)	2%	in tutorial
Assignment 4	28 Mar	(week 12)	10%	topic: more advanced Prolog
Assignment 5	06 Apr	(week 13)	5%	mostly pencil and paper assignment
Final exam	exam period	(17 Apr – 05 May)	40%	three hour exam

Note that Assignment 5 is due on a Thursday, after your usual Tuesday deadline. It will be handed in to the 324 drop box. No grace days will be accepted for this assignment.

All assignments are to be done individually.

You must receive at least 40% on the final exam in order to pass this course.

Late Policy

All assignments are due in tutorial, **at the beginning** of your tutorial; quarter past the hour is late. Late assignments must be handed in to the 324 drop box, beside the old 148 drop boxes.

Late assignments will be handled based on a system of "grace days", as follows: Each student begins the term with 2 grace days. An assignment handed in by **4:00 p.m.** the next day uses up one grace day; if handed in by 4:00 p.m. the following day it uses up 2 grace days. Once you have exhausted your grace days, you cannot hand in anything late for marks.

The grace days are intended for use in emergencies (e.g., printer failure or TTC breakdown). Do not use them to buy an extension because of a busy week or you will be out of luck in a true emergency.

If you are at risk of missing a deadline due to a busy week, rather than use your grace days you should hand in a working (and tested) version of a simpler program. This will be easy to do if you have written and debugged a series programs that accomplish more and more of the assigned problem.

The printers are virtually guaranteed to be extremely backed up on the mornings of due dates. This will not be considered grounds for an extension. You are strongly urged to make your printouts the night before.

Illness

In the event of an illness or other catastrophe, get proper documentation (e.g., medical certificate). But if you have grace days left, use them; if you need those days back later, give your documentation to me at that time.

Other important dates

February 14–18:	reading week; no classes
Friday March 3:	last day to drop this course without academic penalty
April 3–7:	last week of classes
Apr 17 to May 5:	final exam period