

Overview

This sheet summarizes information for the course CSC 236 H1S (“Introduction to the Theory of Computation”) during the Winter term of 2012 at the University of Toronto. Please consult the course website for full versions of all of the information, rules and policies summarized here.

Website

<http://www.cs.utoronto.ca/~fpitt/20121/CSC236/>

The website will always contain the most up-to-date information regarding the course. *You are responsible for reading all announcements on the course forum*; please check it at least weekly.

Instructors

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^(*)to meet outside these hours, please make an appointment

Textbooks

- *Course Notes for CSC B36/236/240*, Copyright © 1998, 2007 by Vassos Hadzilacos (available as a free PDF from the course website).
- *CSC 236: Theory of Computation (selected material from “Introduction to Language and the Theory of Computation” by John Martin)*, Copyright © 2011 McGraw-Hill Create.

Grading Scheme

Work	Worth	Date	Work	Worth	Date	Work	Worth	Date
Exercise 1	2%	Jan. 17	Exercise 3	2%	Feb. 14	Exercise 5	2%	Mar. 20
Exercise 2	2%	Jan. 24	Exercise 4	2%	Feb. 28	Exercise 6	2%	Mar. 27
Assignment 1	8%	Jan. 31	Assignment 2	8%	Mar. 6	Assignment 3	8%	Apr. 3
Term Test 1	13%	T.B.A.	Term Test 2	13%	T.B.A.	Final Exam	38%	T.B.A.

- All homework exercises and assignments are due *before 10pm* on their due date.
- Late homework will be penalized by 1.5% for every *hour* of lateness (rounded up), except for documented unusual circumstances—see the website for our policy on special consideration.
- *Each exercise must be completed individually* (see the policy on collaboration below).
- *Each assignment must be completed in groups of 1–4 students* (details are on the course website).
- For each term test, you will be allowed *one handwritten single-sided 8.5” × 11” aid sheet*.
- For the final exam, you will be allowed *one handwritten double-sided 8.5” × 11” aid sheet*.
- If you earn less than 35% on the final exam, your final course grade will be reduced below 50.

Email Policy

Please use email for personal matters only; post all other questions/comments on the course discussion board. *Please use a descriptive subject line* for all of your electronic correspondence—for email, *always include the course number*.

Beware of posting anything on a public forum that might give away any part of your solution—this could be misinterpreted as an attempt to commit plagiarism!

To help prevent your messages being incorrectly tagged as spam, please email only from your UTOR-mail account (see www.utorid.utoronto.ca). We will generally answer queries within two business days (not counting weekends), although we may take longer during particularly busy times (*e.g.*, around project due dates). For your own sake, please do not rely on getting same-day answers (which we can not guarantee, unfortunately).

Collaboration

All of the work you hand in (labs, projects, test, and exam) must not contain anyone else’s work or ideas *without proper attribution*. In particular, the actual writeup of your labs and projects must be done in isolation from other students (for individual work) or groups (for group work) and without copying from notes or other sources. This ensures that your solution is truly your own, and that your grade reflects your own understanding of the course material. *To be safe, do not let others look at your solutions, even in draft form and even after the due date.* Please read the *Guidelines for Avoiding Plagiarism* on the course website.

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
8	Jan. 9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Exercise 1	18	19	20	21
22 <i>Add Date</i>	23	24 Exercise 2	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Assignment 1	Feb. 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Exercise 3	15	16	17	18
19	<i>Reading Week</i> 20	<i>Reading Week</i> 21	<i>Reading Week</i> 22	<i>Reading Week</i> 23	<i>Reading Week</i> 24	25
26	27	28 Exercise 4	29	Mar. 1	2	3
4	5	6 Assignment 2	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Drop Date</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Exercise 5	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Exercise 6	28	29	30	31
1	Apr. 2	3 Assignment 3	4	5	<i>Good Friday</i> 6	7
8	<i>Study Day</i> 9	<i>Study Day</i> 10	11	12	13	14
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