

This sheet summarizes information for the course CSC 236 H1F (“Introduction to the Theory of Computation”) during the Fall term of 2007 on the St. George campus at the University of Toronto.

Website &
Forum

Website: <http://www.cs.utoronto.ca/~fpitt/20079/CSC236/>

Forum: <https://csc.cdf.toronto.edu/bb/YaBB.pl?board=CSC236H1F>

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

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Textbook

“Course notes for CSC B36H/236H/240: *Introduction to the Theory of Computation*”, by Vassos Hadzilacos, Copyright 1998–2006.

Identical to last year’s version. See the course website for additional references.

Grading
Scheme

- Three problem sets due on Oct 4, Nov 8, and Dec 6, worth 5% each. *To be completed individually; see the policy on academic offences below.*
- Two assignments due on Oct 18, Nov 22, worth 15% each. *To be completed in groups of 2–3 students* (details to be posted on website).
- One midterm test on Oct 25 (L5101) or Oct 26 (L0101), worth 15%. *Closed-book.*
- One final exam, during exam period (Dec 10–21), worth 40%. *One aid sheet allowed.*
- Problem sets and assignments are due by 6pm in the CSC 236 H drop box in room BA 2220. You will receive a 5% bonus for work handed in early by 10am on the due date, or a 10% penalty for work handed in late by 10am the next day. Work will not be accepted later, except for documented unusual circumstances—see the **Policy on Special Consideration** on the website.
- On tests and exam, answering “I don’t know” (and nothing else) is worth 20%, to encourage awareness of (and honesty about) your level of understanding. This does not apply to problem sets and assignments, where you have time to ask questions and learn.
- To pass this course, you must achieve a mark of 40% on the final exam.

Email Policy

Please use email for all personal matters; post all other questions/comments on the course forum. Please use a descriptive subject line (for email, always include the course number). To help prevent your messages being incorrectly tagged as spam, please email or post from your UTORmail account (see www.utorid.utoronto.ca) and avoid using HTML or MIME (see the website for details). We will generally answer queries within two business days (not counting weekends), although we may take longer during particularly busy times (*e.g.*, around assignment due dates). For your own sake, please do not rely on getting same-day answers (which we can not guarantee, unfortunately).

Academic
Offences

The work you hand in (problem sets, assignments, test, and exam) must not contain anyone else’s work or ideas without proper attribution. In particular, the actual writeup of your problem sets and assignments must be done in isolation from others (students for individual work, 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** page on the course website for full details.