

This sheet summarizes information for the course CSC 236 H1F (“Introduction to the Theory of Computation”) during the Winter term of 2008 on the St. George campus at the University of Toronto.

Website &
Forum

Website: <http://www.cs.utoronto.ca/~fpitt/20081/CSC236/>
Forum: <https://csc.cdf.toronto.edu/bb/YaBB.pl?board=CSC236H1S>

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.

Instructor

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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

- Six exercises due on Jan 17, Jan 24, Feb 14, Feb 28, Mar 20, Mar 27 at the *start* of tutorial, worth 1.5% each. *To be completed individually; see the policy on academic offences below.*
- Three assignments due on Jan 31, Mar 6, Apr 3 at the *start* of tutorial, worth 8% each. *To be completed in small groups* (details will be posted on the course website).
- Three term tests on Feb 7, Mar 13, Apr 10 during tutorial, worth 11% each. *Closed-book.*
- One final exam, during exam period (Apr 21–May 9), worth 34%. *One aid sheet allowed.*
- To be safe, plan to finish everything at least one day early! Late exercises or assignments will not be accepted (anytime after the first 10 minutes of tutorial), 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 exercises and assignments, where you have time to ask questions and learn.
- To pass this course, you must achieve a mark of 33.33% on the final exam and a combined average of 33.33% on all three term tests.

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.