

Course Information Sheet

Lecturer

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Course web pages

<http://www.cs.utoronto.ca/~mcraig/228/02s>

On the web site, you will find copies of the lecture slides as well as a postscript document called **Course Guide**. These items were previously bundled together in a required course handbook. You should at least download and read the latter.

Lectures and Tutorials

Lectures:	Mondays and Wednesdays	9:00 – 10:00	1104
Tutorials:	Fridays	9:00 – 10:00	1104

Tutorials begin the *first* week of classes.

Textbooks etc.

What you need to own.

- *File Structures: An Object-Oriented Approach with C++*, by M.J. Folk, B. Zoellick, and G. Riccardi; Addison-Wesley 1998.
- A book of your choice to use as a language reference for C++. See the web page for some suggestions.

Reference books. You do not need to own these, but may find them useful. All are on reserve in the CS library.

- *The Practise of Programming*, by Kernighan and Pike; Addison-Wesley, 1999.
An excellent reference on good programming practices.
- *The C++ Programming Language*, by Stroustrup; Addison-Wesley, 1997.
The standard C++ reference book.
- *Data Structures, Algorithms, and Software Principles in Java*, by T.A. Standish; Addison-Wesley, 1998.
Chapter 8 introduces B-trees, and chapter 9 discusses hashing.
- *Files and Databases: an Introduction* by P.D. Smith and G.M. Barnes; Addison-Wesley 1988.
Formerly used as the text for this course.
- *Foundations of Computer Science* by A.V. Aho and J.D. Ullman; W.H. Freeman 1992.
Chapters 7 and 8 discuss fundamentals of relations and relational databases.
- *A First Course in Database Systems*, by J. Ullman and J. Widom; Prentice Hall, 1997.

Course notices

You are responsible for announcements made in lectures, and for reading both on-line course newsgroups `ut.cdf.csc228h` and `ut.erin.csc228e`.

Course grading scheme

Item	Weight	Date
Assignment 1	part A +	total: 25 January (week 3)
	part B	10% 08 February (week 5)
Assignment 2	part A +	total: 15 February (week 6)
	part B	15% 08 March (week 8)
Project	plan	4% 15 March (week 9)
	presentation	3% approx. late March
	report	15% Mon. 8 April (week 13)
	teamwork	3% always!
Midterm exam	15%	01 March, in tutorial (week 07)
Final exam	35%	during the period 23 Apr – 11 May; 3 hours

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

All programs are to be written in C++. You may use any computer that you like, but you may be required to submit all of your programs electronically, and they must run correctly on the UTM computer lab.

Assignments are to be done individually, while the project will be done in groups of two or three students.

Late Policy

All assignments are due **at the beginning** of your tutorial; quarter past the hour is late. Late assignments must be handed in to the 228 drop box in the computer centre.

Late assignments will be handled based on a system of “grace days”, as follows: Each student begins the term with 3 grace days. An assignment handed in by 4:00 pm on the due date uses up one grace day; if handed in by 9:00 am the following Monday it uses up 3 grace days. There is no way to use 2 grace days on a single assignment. The project plan and final report *cannot* be handed in late. The grace days are intended for use in emergencies (e.g., printer failure or car failure). 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 of 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 18–22: reading week; no classes
Friday March 10: last day to drop this course without academic penalty
Friday March 29: Good Friday; university closed
April 8–11: last week of classes
Apr 22 to May 10: final exam period