This sheet summarizes term-specific information for csc148. The csc148 Course Handbook, available at the bookstore, provides other essential information about the course. By the end of the first week, you should read and be familiar with pages 1-11 of the Course Handbook.

Webpage

http://www.cs.utoronto.ca/~diane/148/00f

You are responsible for all announcements posted on the course web site, so be sure to check it frequently. You are also responsible for all announcements made in lectures and tutorials. Make a friend in class and get their notes if you miss class.

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Office hours are held in the CDF-PC lab in the Gerstein Science Information Centre. Check the schedule posted on the course webpage.

Tutorial sections

Tutorials begin the second week of classes. Please see the course web page to find your tutorial location and your tutor’s name. You can write them down here:

Location: TA:
You must attend your assigned tutorial. Work done and tests written in a tutorial other than your own will not be graded. If you have a problem with your tutorial, see your instructor.

What to buy

There is no official textbook for the course. However, the following items are required:

* 148 Course Handbook, 7th edition. (This includes the lecture slides.) Earlier editions are obsolete.

Computer accounts

The computer lab for this course is CDF-PC, located in the Gerstein Science Information Centre (see “A Student’s Guide to CDF-PC” for more details). All students enrolled in CSC 148 automatically have a computer account on CDF-PC. Your login ID is f148xxxx, where “xxxx” is usually the first four letters of your surname. (There is a link on the course webpage where you can find out your login ID.) Your initial password is your student number. Remember to change your password the first time you log in, otherwise the security of your account will be compromised.

Using your own computer

You can use your own computer for most of your assignments if you get appropriate Java software. Metrowerks CodeWarrior is the IDE installed in the computer lab, and is available for purchase in the campus bookstore.

If you choose to work on an assignment on your own computer, it is your own responsibility to deal with any resulting problems. Unfortunately, such an occurrence cannot be accepted as an excuse for a late assignment. Make frequent backups—if you have a problem with your computer, you may at least be able to bring your backup to the lab and complete your work there.

Tutorial exercises

Each week starting in week 3 (not including the week of the midterm), you will be required to complete a pre-tutorial exercise, which is due at the beginning of tutorial, and to solve a problem during the tutorial. Each time, this is worth a half a mark towards your course grade. We will tell you more about this in class.
To pass this course, you must achieve at least 40% on the final exam.

For some course work, the correctness of your program will be assessed based on the number of our own test cases that your program passes. Like the math department does in its Calculus class, we may choose to mark only parts of your assignments and project.

Unless otherwise specified in the assignment, assignments should be handed in to the CSC148 drop box, on the second floor of SF behind the elevator (near room 2305A). Many assignments will involve electronic submission. Policies on assignment submission are strict, and failure to follow them may lead to a mark of zero on the assignment. Be sure to read the course handbook and each assignment handout carefully.

Assignments are due at noon on Thursdays. Assignments handed in by noon Friday will be penalized 25% of the maximum mark on the assignment. Assignments handed in by noon the following Monday will be penalized 50% of the maximum mark on the assignment. Assignments handed in after that will not be graded. The late policy is strictly enforced.

At the beginning of the term, each student is allotted one "grace day". This grace day annuls the 25% penalty the first time that an assignment is handed in one day late. (If an assignment is handed in on a Monday, no grace day is used and the full 50% penalty applies.) Your grace day is used automatically; you cannot "choose" when to use it.

Your grace day is intended for an emergency, like losing a file or missing the bus. It is best to save it for such an emergency.

Note that even three minutes after the start of tutorial is considered late. The TAs all have instructions to write down the time you turn in your assignments at the top of your paper. It is not up to them to decide what is late and what isn’t; that is entirely at the discretion of your instructor.

If an assignment is late for medical or other reasons, follow the procedure described in the course handbook.

The work you submit must be your own. Plagiarism is a form of academic fraud and is treated very seriously. The assignments you hand in must not contain anyone else’s ideas. You may consult other texts or discuss general approaches to assignments with others, but you should not leave with any written material provided by or copied from another person or text. The actual writeup of your assignment must be done in isolation from others (and without copying from other texts). Note that it is also a serious offense to help someone commit plagiarism. Do not let others even look at your solution, even in draft form.

It is unfortunate, but experience has shown us that we need to be very careful about plagiarism. We have programs to compare other peoples’ Java programs for evidence of similar code. We shall ask you to submit electronic versions of all your assignments, and we shall run our programs on these. Due to the way the programs work, it does not help to change comments, variable names, or even code organization.

Please do not commit plagiarism. If you are having trouble with the course, come speak to us!