

Computer Science with Applications 2

Winter 2017

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Lectures

Section 1	MWF 10:30-11:20	Ryerson 251
Section 2	MWF 1:30-2:20pm	Stuart 102
Masters Section	MWF 9:30-10:20am	Pick 016

Labs

Lab 1	T 12:00-1:20pm	CSIL 3
Lab 2	T 12:00-1:20pm	CSIL 4
Lab 3	T 1:30-2:50pm	CSIL 3
Lab 4	T 1:30-2:50pm	CSIL 4
Lab 5	T 3:00-4:20pm	CSIL 3
Lab 6	T 4:30-5:50pm	CSIL 3
Masters Lab 1	T 3:00-4:20pm	CSIL 4
Masters Lab 2	T 4:30-5:50pm	CSIL 4
Masters Lab 3	T 6:00-7:20pm	CSIL 4

Website: <https://www.classes.cs.uchicago.edu/archive/2017/winter/12200-1/>

Course description

This course is the second in a three-quarter sequence that teaches computational thinking and skills to students in the sciences, mathematics, economics, etc. Lectures cover topics in (1) data representation, (2) relational databases, (3) data cleaning and presentation, (4) shell scripting, and (5) data structures, such as graphs, hash tables, and heaps. Applications and datasets from a wide variety of fields serve both as examples in lectures and as the basis for programming assignments. In recent offerings, students have written a course search engine and a system to do speaker identification.

CS 121 is a strict prerequisite for this course.

Course organization

This course will include programming assignments and a final project.

Programming assignments

There will be five programming assignments.

PA	Topic	Date due	Grade percentage
#1	Tries	1/12/2017	10%
#2	Course Search Engine: Crawling	1/19/2017	10%
#3	Course Search Engine: Matching	2/2/2017	10%
#4	TBD	2/16/2017	10%
#5	Speaker identification	3/2/2017	10%

You may use up to two 24-hour extensions for the programming assignments during the quarter. These extensions are all-or-nothing: you cannot use a portion of an extension and have the rest “carry over” to another extension. If extraordinary circumstances (illness, family emergency, etc.) prevent you from meeting a deadline, you must inform the instructor *before* the deadline.

Projects

You will build a software system that answers a question or achieves a goal of genuine interest to you and your partners for your final project. These projects must be done in groups of three. Groups of fewer than three or more than four will only be allowed under extreme circumstances.

Projects are subject to the following rules. Each project must

1. have a clear goal,, and
2. use an interesting source of data.

Here is a table of project deliverables and tentative due dates:

Deliverable	Dates	Grade percentage
Register group	Jan 22 at 5pm	
Proposals due	Jan 24 at 5pm	
Proposal presentations	Jan 25-27	3%
Project check-in with instructor	Feb 6-9	2%
Project check-in with instructor	Feb 20-24	2%
Final presentations	Mar 8-10	3%
Completed software	Mar 14 at 5pm	40%

Please note that if your project group contains one or more students that are graduating this quarter, the due date for the completed software will be accelerated so that we can meet College grading deadlines for Convocation students. Your instructor will contact you about this.

We will discuss projects in more detail in class.

Policy on academic honesty

The University of Chicago has a formal policy on academic honesty that you are expected to adhere to:

`http://studentmanual.uchicago.edu/academic/index.shtml#honesty`

In brief, academic dishonesty (handing in someone else’s work as your own, taking existing code and not citing its origin, etc.) will *not* be tolerated in this course. Depending on the severity of the offense, you risk getting a hefty point penalty or being dismissed altogether from the course. All cases will be referred to the Dean of Students office, which may impose further penalties, including suspension and expulsion.

Even so, discussing the concepts necessary to complete assignments is certainly allowed (and encouraged). *Under no circumstances should you show (or email) another student your code or post your solution to a web page or social media site. In case there is any ambiguity, this prohibition precludes the use of pastebin.* If you have discussed parts of an assignment with someone else, then make sure to say so in your submission (e.g., in a README file or as a comment at the top of your source code file). If you consulted other sources, please make sure you cite these sources.

If you have any questions regarding what would or would not be considered academic dishonesty in this course, please don’t hesitate to ask your instructor.

Asking questions

As in CS 121, the preferred form of support for this course is through *Piazza* (<http://www.piazza.com/>). All registered students have been enrolled in the CS122 Piazza site.

All course announcements will be made through Piazza. It is your responsibility to check Piazza often to see if there are any announcements. Please note that you can configure your Piazza account to send you e-mail notifications every time there is a new post on Piazza. Just go to your Account Settings, then to Class Settings, click on “Edit Notifications” under CMSC 12200. We encourage you to select the “Smart Digest” option (get a summary of all the posts sent over the last 1-6 hours – you can select the frequency).

Office hours

Please visit Piazza for the current office hours schedule. You are welcome to attend any office hours, whether or not they are being held by the instructor who teaches your section or the TA who teaches your lab.