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COSC 1336
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COSC 1336 Principles of CS1

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GRADING: First Exam: 10 %
Second Exam: 15 %
Final Exam: 30 %
7 Lab Projects: 45 %

A weighted average of your total points based on this grading scheme will determine your final grade.

PREREQUISITES: Discrete Mathematics. You are also required to take COSC 1173, Programming Lab, concurrently with COSC 1336.
GOALS

This course is intended to be a first course in computer science and object-oriented programming for undergraduates. Topics include simple data types, control structures, and an introduction to strings and arrays. Debugging techniques and good software engineering principles.

Course Policies

Cheating on an examination will result in a zero on the exam. Since your grade will be based on total points, a zero on an exam will reduce your grade considerably. Academic dishonesty is an egregious offense against the entire class and will not be tolerated. On lab projects, students may discuss the concepts and programming issues involved, but you are not permitted to copy code from anyone else, nor are you permitted to allow another person to copy from you. It is the student’s responsibility not to allow anyone to copy from her/him. In either case, you will receive a zero on that assignment. Do not leave assignments on the hard drives in the labs or in any other place accessible to other students who may copy the code without your knowledge. Such actions do NOT reduce your culpability if those students submit your work as theirs. Moreover, if cheating on an exam or on an assignment occurs a second time, a grade of F will be given to the student for the semester.

The final examination will be comprehensive. If an examination is missed, a makeup exam will only be given in the case of a documented illness or death in the family. The fact that your car does not run or that you wish to be with your girlfriend/boyfriend at the hospital are examples of excuses that will not be accepted. Due dates for assignments will be enforced. Late assignments will be penalized 20% per day after the deadline unless there is a documented emergency. I feel no obligation to rescue students who do not turn in assignments on schedule. In fact, I refuse to do that even if I were able.

It is the responsibility of the student to find out what assignments have been missed after returning from an illness or other emergency.