University of Toronto
CSC324---Principles of Programming Languages, Summer 2003

Course Information

Lecturer

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Information Sources

Course web page: http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~wael
Newsgroup: news:ut.cdf.csc324h

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE THROUGH THE COURSE WEB PAGE AND IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO VISIT IT FREQUENTLY.

Lectures and Tutorials

Lectures: Wed 6:00 - 8:00pm Bahen 1160
Tutorials: Wed 8:00 - 9:00pm (various locations)

- Tutorials begin on the second week of the term.
- You must attend your assigned tutorial.
- Your tutorial location and tutor's name are posted on the course web page.

Textbooks

You are required to have:

- Course Textbook: Sebesta, Concepts of Programming Languages, 5th ed., Addison-Wesley, 2002.
- Clarke, A Student's Guide to CDF, UofT Custom Publishing, 2001.

The following reference books, available at the library for short term loan, may be useful:

- R. Sethi, Programming Languages: Concepts and Constructs, 2nd ed., Addison-Wesley, 1996.
- Scheme: Dybvig, The Scheme programming language: ANSI Scheme, 2nd ed., Prentice Hall, 1996.
- Scheme: Springer and Friedman, Scheme and the Art of Programming, McGraw-Hill/MIT Press, 1989.
- Prolog: Clocksin and Mellish, Programming in Prolog, 4th ed., Springer-Verlag, 1994.
- Prolog: Bratko, PROLOG Programming for Arti_cial Intelligence, 3rd ed., Addison-Wesley, 2001.
- Prolog: Sterling and Shapiro, The Art of Prolog: Advanced Programming Techniques, 2nd ed., MIT Press, 1994.

Prerequisites

The prerequisites for this course are CSC207 or CSC270 and either CSC236 or CSC238 or CSC240. If you lack either prerequisite, you will eventually be removed from the course. Only in special cases will I give my permission for a student to take CSC324 without the prerequisites. See me as soon as possible to discuss this.

Course Grading Scheme

Item	Weight
Assignment 1	5%
Assignment 2	5%
Assignment 3	10%
Midterm	15%
Assignment 4	5%
Assignment 5	15%
Final Exam	45%

- All assignments are to be done individually.
- You must receive at least 40% on the final exam in order to pass this course.

Late Policy

- Late assignments will be handled based on a system of “grace days", as follows: Each student begins the term with 2 grace days. An assignment handed in from one minute to 24 hours late uses up one grace day. 24:01 to 48 hours late uses up two grace days.
- Once you have exhausted your grace days, the penalty is 20% of the assignment total grade for each day.
- Note that no grace days will be allowed for the last assignment because it is due on the last day of classes.
- The grace days are intended for use in emergencies (e.g., hard drive crash, printer failure or TTC breakdown). 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 series programs that accomplish more and more of the assigned problem.

Silent Policy

A silent policy will take effect 24 hours before an assignment is due. This means that no question will be answered, whether it is asked on the newsgroup, by email or in person.

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.

Important dates

Midterm: July 2nd
Add deadline: May 18th
Drop Deadline: July 20th
Last day of classes: August 8th
Final exams period: August 11th-15th