

Instructors:

Section	Instructor	Email	Office	Office Hours
L0101 (MWF 2) } L0201 (MWF 3) }	Sam Toueg	sam@cs.toronto.edu	SF 2304C	Friday 10–12
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Course web page:

Detailed course information: <http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~sam/teaching/263>

Meeting times:

L0101 *Lectures:* Monday - Wednesday 2 – 3 pm; *Tutorials:* Friday 2 – 3 pm

L0201 *Lectures:* Monday - Wednesday 3 – 4 pm; *Tutorials:* Friday 3 – 4 pm

L0301 *Lectures:* Monday - Wednesday 4 – 5 pm; *Tutorials:* Friday 4 – 5 pm

L5101 *Lectures:* Thursday 7 – 9 pm; *Tutorials:* Thursday 6 – 7 pm

Course prerequisite:

CSC207H1/270H1, CSC236H1/238H1/CSC240H1; STA247H1/STA255H1/STA257H1;
CGPA 1.5/enrollment in a CSC subject POST.

The prerequisite requirement is strictly enforced in this course. See the course web page for more information.

Midterm Exam Date (Important):

Thursday, March 2, from 8pm to 9pm in the evening.

Course requirements:

There will be some homework assignments, a midterm exam and a final exam.

Homework collaboration and help policy:

In each homework assignment you may collaborate with at most two other students currently taking one of the sections of CSC263H taught this term. If you collaborate with other students on an assignment, you and your partner(s) must submit only *one* copy of your solution, with all your names. The solution will be graded in the usual way and all partners on an assignment will receive the same mark. Collaboration involving more than three students is *not* allowed.

For help with your homework you may consult only the course instructors, teaching assistants, your homework partners (if you have any), your textbook and your class notes. You may not consult any other source.

Late homework policy:

Late homeworks will not be accepted (except for medical reasons or other emergencies).

Marking scheme:

Homework 40% (all homeworks will be weighed equally)

Midterm exam 15%

Final exam 45%

A mark of at least 40% on the final exam is necessary to pass the course.

Textbook:

T.H. Cormen, C.E. Leiserson, R.L. Rivest and C. Stein, *Introduction to algorithms*, 3rd edition, MIT Press and McGraw-Hill, 2009.

Course forum:

You can use Piazza as a platform for class discussions. Be sure to read Piazza's Privacy Policy and Terms of Use carefully. If you decide to participate in Piazza, only provide content that you are comfortable sharing under the terms of the Privacy Policy and Terms of Use.

You can self-register by following the link below and providing the access code announced in the first lecture. *Use your @mail.utoronto.ca or @utoronto.ca address as your Piazza email contact for this course.*¹ The URL of the CSC263 Piazza page is:

<https://piazza.com/utoronto.ca/winter2017/csc263>

The following guidelines apply to Piazza postings for this course:

- Take the time to formulate your postings clearly and concisely.
- Be courteous in your communications.
- *Your postings must abide by the academic integrity policy and the homework collaboration policy; these policies are explained in the course web page.*

In particular, *you should not ask for or offer hints* on solutions to homework assignments. So posting a question such as “I am using this method to solve this problem, am I on the right track?” is not appropriate as it violates the homework collaboration policy.

- Your postings can be made anonymously to other students (at your discretion), but not to the instructor.

If you have questions about the course, use Piazza or talk to your instructor or teaching assistant immediately after class or during office hours. Email affords neither the immediacy of in-person interaction nor the efficiency of Piazza's multi-party interaction; *so email should be used only when the other two options are not available.*

¹ If you have privacy concerns about this, please see your course instructor to discuss alternatives. The bottom line is that we must be able to identify any individual on the forum as a student registered in the course; individuals for whom this is not the case can be removed from the class forum without warning.