## CSC 231 Python code expectations and conventions

## **Documentation**

1. All code must be documented, both at the class level and the method/function level, using Python docstring comments. Here is an example.

## **Coding style**

Adapted from the Python <u>PEP-8 style guide</u>. Here is the <u>section on naming conventions</u>.

- 1. Python **file names** <u>must</u> use all lowercase, with words separated by underscores as necessary to improve readability. For example, *bank\_account.py*
- 2. Class names <u>must</u> use camel case, for example BankAccount
- 3. Typically, each class will be placed in its own file. For example, the class **BankAccount** will be declared in the file **bank\_account.py** and this file will contain nothing else.
- 4. *Function names, method names, and variables names* must use all lowercase names, with words separated by underscores as necessary to improve readability.
- 5. Choose **descriptive** names for variables.
- 6. Declare variables with the proper scope. For example, don't create an instance variable when a local variable will do.