Hi, Everyone:

Welcome to CS125 Beginning Java Programming online class!

I would like to discuss with you the following common or frequent asked questions (FAQ) about this class:

0. Who am I?

I'm a full-time CS instructor and have been teaching Java and Java-related courses over 20 years. I have been teaching CS125 since 2004. You may find more information and my educational and teaching background by clicking on Intro to the Course after you logged into the Canvas.

1. How can I log in to the class?

At Ohlone homepage http://www.ohlone.edu, click on Online Classes link, the login page will show up. You will log in to Canvas. If you registered in this class, you should log into it using the same user name and password in WebAdvisor. The login page will also provide you detailed description how to login to the Canvas.

2. Who should I contact if I have problem to log in or technical problems in Canvas?

As an instructor, I don't have authority or any means to solve the technical questions for you. Please contact student support by clicking the following link:

http://www2.ohlone.edu/instr/onlineeducation/ and request a ticket for student support.

3. Do we need a textbook?

Yes. You do need textbook. After you logged in to the Canvas, you will see textbook information in the Syllabus link along with all other information about this class, such as class schedule in Lessons link and so on. The title of your textbook is "**Start out with Java Early Objects", 6/e, ISBN: 978-0-13-446201-1**. Ohlone Bookstore has the textbook now or you may buy it online. The Access Code accompanying with the text is **not** required. You may buy used one to save some money, but make sure you are purchasing it with the same ISBN. There is a reference book for your study as optional: **"The Art of Programming in Java", ISBN: 978-1-387-09726-5**. You can busy it in lulu.com at the discounted price. Or you may download it free in the Modules of Canvas as an e-book. There are many complete examples that help you to understand how to code in Java and do your labs and project.

4. How can I contact with you?

Email me via Canvas, or ygao@ohlone.edu, or ygao_ohlone@yahoo.com. Or post your questions in the Discussion Board.

5. How do I start and succeed in the class?

After you logged into the class, you will see Modules link, clicking on it will show you exactly what you will do in each week. Please follow the class schedule and do not accumulate your work. Assignments, Quizzes, Discussions, and other links are also available on the home page after you login to this course and you will use them frequently during your study.

Here are some suggestions for you to succeed in the class:

 a. Log into the class at least twice (Monday and Wednesday as recommended) and know exactly what you will do during the week. Of course, you can login any time 24/7 you wish during the semester.

 b. Follow the instructions for each chapter, watch tutorial videos, and complete all exercises assigned on time.

 c. Submit your 4 lab assignments on time.

 d. Take Midterm and final exam with preparation, and

 e. Complete the extra-credit homework (optional project) for better grade.

 f. Participate discussions posted in the Discussion Board each week.

6. Is there any specified class meeting time in this class?

No. As a fully online class, there is no classroom meeting required; however, I strongly recommend you post your problems and doubts if you have any questions in your labs and study. As required above, you must log into the Canvas at least two times a week to make sure that you are not behind and know what you will accomplish during that week.

7. How can I do if this is my first online class at Ohlone and I don't know too much about Canvas?

There is Discussion Board in Canvas so you can post your questions there and your questions will be answered in timely manner for help by your tutor or me. Of course, you may email me your questions with detailed description (who you are, which class and what is course section #) with your questions. If you take this class as hybrid, there are scheduled help session during the semester and you may come for help in face-to-face.

8. I don't have textbook yet until next week, if it's okay to catch it up in the class?

Yes. It's should be okay if you can get the textbook earlier next week (before Wednesday); but you must order it now with a rush delivery, so you don't need to worry too much. There is a copy of your textbook in the library at Newark campus and you may borrow it there for your study.

9. Do I take midterm exam and final exam online?
Yes. All of exams are scheduled in the particular time periods for you to take with the time limits. Once you start to take an exam, you must finish and submit it within specified time, and

can only take and submit it once. You are **required to use a computer with good internet connection** when you take a test online.

10. Are all exams close-book tests? How do you know it if I'm taking the test?

Midterm and final exam are close-book tests. Frankly speaking, I don't know if actually you are taking the test. It's based on the honesty. However, I can track when did you start a test, how much time you spent for each question, how well you answered question, and how long and how many times you were working on the exam or other online activities. Preparation, exercises, and review before an exam is strongly suggested and encouraged.

11. Can I install later version of JDK to study in this class?

Yes. You are required to install later versions of JDK (Java 10 or JDK 10.X.X or later), JRE10.0.X and Eclipse (Photon or newer version, see PDF file in Modules link of Canvas for details in downloading, installing and testing JDK, JRE, and Eclipse).

12. Can I install other IDE (Integrated Development Environment) which is not discussed here?

You are required to use Eclipse as Java Developer IDE to complete all your labs. Please follow instruction in How to download, install, and test Eclipse, and How to work on your labs and make submission as an Eclipse project posted in the first week study schedule in Modules of Canvas.

13. Can I take a makeup exam if I missed one?

A makeup exam is only allowed to take if you have legitimate reason you have missed a scheduled test and must be reported to me before the end of exam period. A makeup test may be taken in face-to-face at a classroom/Zoom during a rescheduled time.

14. What is different between CS125 and CS170?

CS125 is Beginning Java Programming for students who don't have programming background and wish to learn how to program in java; CS170 is secondary/advanced Java course continued from CS125 and it is designed for students who had programming background and wish to learn comprehensive concepts and coding skills in Java.

Let's talk and keep in touch online and in class meetings!

Cheers!
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