

# About the Course / Course Outline

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## Course Structure

This course is **mixed mode**.

This means that it will have a mixture of online and in-person content delivery. Most of the online content delivery comes in the form of online videos I record, supplemented with occasional other sources.

Each week will have a **significant exercise** (sometimes more than one) to complete, to help you acquire the skills and concepts covered in the videos.

The midterm will take place in person—during a weekly scheduled lab time. The week is listed in the course modules.

The final exam will likewise take place in person. The exact dates of final exams are announced by the college later in the term.

## About the Class Sessions

Our weekly sessions will typically be in the form of live demos in which you work along with me.

These sessions will **not** take place over Zoom, so in-person attendance is required.

Content covered in class will frequently also have Loom videos demonstrating the concepts or tasks for you to review.

## Learning Outcomes

- Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to
- install a Content Management System (CMS) framework on a production web server
  - configure a local testing environment with the same CMS
  - evaluate, install and configure appropriate CMS themes, modules, widgets, and plugins
  - create content, media, menu structures & content types
  - create and restore data and system backups
  - identify and implement appropriate security and anti-spam measures (user accounts, permissions, patches, etc.)
  - customize themes
  - write basic themes

## Assessments

Final Project	30%
Weekly Exercises	30%
Midterm	20%
Final Exam	20%

### Weekly Exercises

As noted above, each week will have one or more significant exercises for you to complete and hand in. These exercises will be due one week (or more) after they are assigned.

Each exercise is weighted equally in the **weekly exercise** category (as seen in the assessments listed above).

### Final Project

WMDD 4835 & 4840 will have a combined final project. It will be worth 30% for each class.



The main requirements for the theme are that it be **full-site-editing** theme—and, in keeping with the idea of content management, that its actual content could be created or updated by a non-developer.

More details on the final project will be announced later in the term.

## Marks, Lateness, Etc

Please review [the marking policies document](#).

## Office Hours

My regular office hours are 930-1230 in room A240c, by appointment.

To set up an office hour appointment with me, please [follow the procedure explained in this page](#).

## Getting in Touch

If you need to discuss something, please email me at [kmcmillan@langara.ca](mailto:kmcmillan@langara.ca).

I can also be reached via Slack, or the course Slack channel.

I generally reply to **weekday** emails within 24 hours: if you do not receive a reply within 48 hours, please send your email again.

Emails sent on the weekend will be replied to on Monday.

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