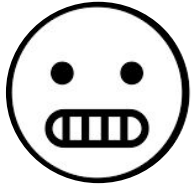


ALL IS WELL: or, WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE STRUGGLING

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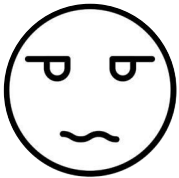
I Feel ...



Under-prepared
for this course



Unmotivated



Confused
and/or Lost



Stressed

Remember : You Are Not Alone!

Course Materials

Assignments

- Homeworks 1-4, each with a part-1 and part 2

Guided/Self Driven Project

Quizzes

Bonus homeworks

Start Early!

In-Class

Lectures by the Professor,
2x/Week

Recitations by TAs,
1x/Week

Hackathons / Bootcamps
by TAs, every weekend

Recitation 0s

Series of Videos about
course relevant topics
(meant for preparing
you!)

All put out before the
start of the semester -
1x/Week

**Lecture 0- Course
Logistics!**



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Course Resources



Office Hours

For queries, advice,
developing TA and
student relationships



Piazza

For common bugs, doubts,
and long queries



Study Group & Mentor

For homework & material
discussion & collaboration



Prof Bhiksha

For any other issues!

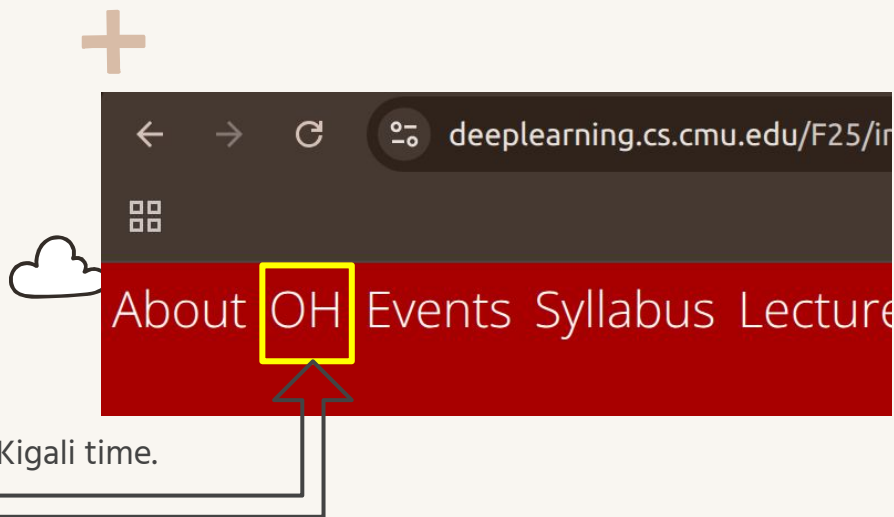


Office Hours

There are office hours **every day**, in Pittsburgh time and Kigali time.
Schedule can be found on the website

- Come prepared
- Be cognizant of others' time
- We will give hints where we can

You have **over 20 amazing Teaching Assistants** to work with! Get to know them personally, befriend them if you like!



Piazza

- - In case you have a longer question, or did not get your question answered in OH, you can post your doubts on Piazza.
 - You'll find hints/tips on solving homework there, and you'll also get to see whether other students had the same questions.
 - **TAs are supposed to respond really quickly on Piazza.**

Study Groups and Mentors

- - You are all allowed to work together to find solutions to your homeworks.
 - You should have been assigned to a study group during the start of the semester.
 - **If you need a new study group**, just message your TA mentor or approach another TA during office hours.

Remember: Your study group and mentor went through the same problems!

Campus Resources



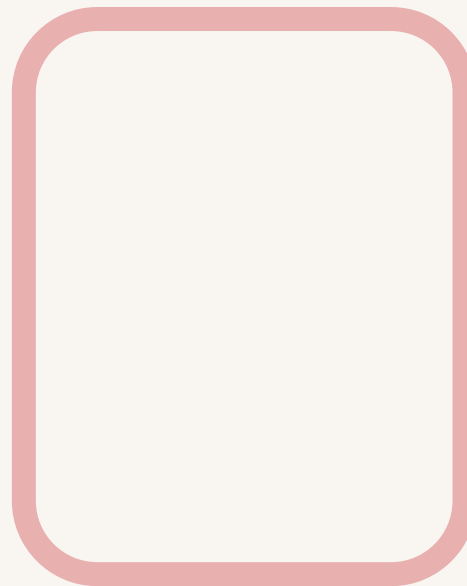
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CaPS/Solid Minds

Free* counselors and
mental health support



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So Far, You've ...

Reviewed
Course
materials

1

Conferred with your
study group and
mentor

3

Reached out to
TA's in OH and
on Piazza

2

Consulted Campus
Resources

4

... but you are still
stressed

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+ REACH OUT TO PROFESSOR BHIKSHA RAJ

Prof wants you to learn, and he is happy to help!

Professor Bhiksha Raj's office:
6705 Gates & Hillman Complex



Sometimes, a TA will personally reach out to students



WELL BELOW AVERAGE

You will be contacted about your current grades because we see that you've fallen behind



DISAPPEARED

If you haven't been submitting homeworks and haven't been responding to project and study group emails





Disability?

In the case that you have a disability (on record with Office of Disability Resources) that is impeding your ability to learn, you should let the Professor know

Desire to learn

You should be enthusiastic about learning the material, because the Prof is working hard to teach, too!

Forthright about personal situation

We wonder what happened to students who fail, because we could have helped them pass if they had only reached out to tell us about what's happening in their life

Summary of Resources

- Course Resources:
 - Piazza
 - Office Hours
 - Study Group and Mentors
- Campus Resources:
 - Student Academic Success Center
 - Student Affairs @ CMU
 - CaPS / Solid Minds
- Office of Disability Resources
- Professor Bhiksha Raj + our team of 2-+ TAs!



You 're Not Alone!





YOU CAN DO IT!

