**COSC 1436 Grading/Other Information Spring 2014**

* **This document provides further course information not mentioned on the** **Syllabus/ICR.**
* **See Syllabus/ICR for more information on labs, quizzes and exams.**

**Labs/Programs:**

* There will be 6 labs assignments given this term
* All lab/programs will be worth a total point value. Each individual programming exercise will be worth 10 points each and partial credit will be given. The exercise will be given one of the following scores:

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| **Points** | **Reason** |
| **10** | Correct code, follows good design and satisfies all requirements |
| **8** | Any code that compiles and has minor errors |
| **5** | Any code that does not compile and/or compiles and has major errors (must be meaningful) |
| **0** | Any code not attempted or little or no work attempted (must be meaningful) |

* Your individual program grades are calculated as follows:

**(total points earned / total point value) \* 100**

Example: 9/10 = .90 \* 100 = 90

* Labs will be submitted via the myTCC Portal by the stated due date.
* For each lab, only the work submitted to the appropriate location will be graded. If something was failed to be submitted- it will not be graded.
* Only include the .cpp file unless otherwise stated
* Up to two submission of the particular lab will be allowed. The latest one will be graded unless stated via email by the student.
* No e-mails or printouts of your labs will be accepted.

**Other Guidelines:**

* All coding to be submitted must follow the coding standards found in the book and the modifications to it as specified below.
* Every C++ program that you turn in should have a leading comment block that identifies the author, course, and program number. All programs must have leading comment block that must look similar to this:

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// Author: James Bond

// Course: COSC 1436

// Program 4

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* If code is tested/run on another C++ compiler (other than Visual C++), make sure you test the code with Visual C++ for credit. Your grade will be based on Visual C++ 2012 output only.
* If the instructor does not specify in the problem then you can implement the program whichever way you wish. Suggest using the simplest code/way possible.
* The chapters listed are just a guideline to help you and a point for me to divide the semester up.
* If it says name the program XXX.cpp then name it XXX.cpp- otherwise you will lose points.
* If it says “Output should look similar to below” that means the output you have in your program should be similar if not exactly like the example given. You have a little freedom but stay as close as possible.
* If it says “Output should be user-friendly” that means make the output easy to read/enter. You have greater freedom with this. Don’t leave the instructor guessing on what to do.
* If code is borrowed from other sources- cite it in comments. In programming you don’t always have to “reinvent the wheel” each time you program. You should however, understand the code and give credit where you found it.
* Do research (google), email, ask question if you do not understand the topics in lecture or lab. Do now wait till the last minute to try and finish lab. Extension will not be given for network outages or lack of preparation. The student as plenty of times do each of the assignments.
* If told to use a data file-do not modify it in any way.
* If code is given for you to use or modify- then use it. Do not make any major modifications to it.
* For each program the following (**5 points**) will be deducted from the maximum grade given above:
  + Not following any or all of the program submission guidelines
  + Not following any or all of the stated program assignment directions
* Selected solutions will be provided once the grade has been posted.
* Labs are individual work.

**Quizzes:**

* There will be 10 quizzes given this term
* All quizzes will be worth a 100 point value.

**Exams:**

* All exams will consist of any combination of the following: short answer, multiple choices, true/false, fill in the blank and/or coding questions and worth a total point value. Each question will have individual point values as well. Exam coding questions will be graded on the same scale as the labs stated above. All exams will be graded the same way as labs and quizzes stated above.
* No one may start an exam after the first student turns in his/her exam.
* Specific topics/grading information will be provided on a review sheet later in the term.
* If you write irrelevant or grossly erroneous information, you will earn a 0. In other words, you will receive partial credit for knowing what you do not know. Any answer left blank will receive zero points.

**Other Information:**

* Grade Incomplete:
* An incomplete can only be granted to students that are passing at the time of the incomplete request per TCC policy.
* Semester grade incomplete requests go through the professor’s dean at the SE campus. If approved, a course of action will be taken involving your professor. If you ask your professor for an incomplete request, the professor will provide you with the dean’s contact information.
* Only the dean approves an incomplete request- not your professor.
* Grade Replacement:
  + This option is only used with legitimate student emergency situations during the term. The policies/grading on the Syllabus/ICR will be followed first- before the grade replacement will even be considered.
  + All emergency requests- will be email to the professor. The professor will forward the email to the professor’s department chair. The department chair will determine the outcome of the request- not the professor.
  + Once approved, one grade (lab or quiz) only will be replaced with the last completed non-zero grade before for the particular assignment in question. The professor will make this determination. An email will be sent explaining the grade replacement to all parties involved.