

Welcome to Programming 2 - CE CS 1400

This is a 4 credit college course. A rule of thumb for college courses is that 1 hour minimum of out of class work (studying, assignments, etc...) is required per credit hour.

Zoom

Login details can be found in the syllabus on Canvas.

I have my zoom app up and running during every school day during all school hours, except lunch. I get a notice when someone joins my room and I'll join shortly if I'm not already in. I will only help one student at a time through zoom. If you're in the waiting room for more than 10 minutes and haven't been contacted by me - send me an email letting me know that you're in the zoom waiting room.

Classroom Policies

- This is a virtual class and I run it closer to an online course. Here are the main points:
 - There are no live stream ZOOMs of the class. All the content is on Canvas and you can message me with any questions you have. I will be at my desk with my email open during class time, but the quickest way is to message me through Canvas.
 - Attending class in-person is optional. Work from home if it works for your schedule. If not, I'm in building D13 room 213.
 - If you need one-on-one help, come to class or get on Zoom.
 - Attendance will be based on your completion of assignments and not your physical location. Think of it more like a competency model, if you're keeping up to date with the assignments and quizzes (showing competence in the weekly modules), you've attended the course for that week. If not, you will be marked as absent for the week. Additional interventions and scheduled face-to-face class times will take place if your grade falls below a "C-".
 - Games: Gaming is not allowed on school computers. If you're done with the current assignment, you should work on other class's work.
 - Headphones: Being a project based classroom, I play music often during work time and allow students to listen to their own. There are also times where video tutorials are assigned and they're much easier to listen to through personal headphones instead of the whole class listening through their own computer speakers. I do not have extra headphones to loan out, you must bring your own.
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Grading Policy

- Late Assignments: Due to the pandemic, I will be accepting all late assignment and quizzes from both quarters without penalty until the Final Project is due.
 - Improving an Assignment Score: If you receive a score you don't like on an assignment, it can be corrected and resubmitted. Be sure to check the rubric and submission comments for details on what to fix. Mr. Simonsen does not give out extra credit assignments, so this is the best way to raise your grade.
 - CE Courses Only: First and Third quarter grades will serve as Weber State's "Midterm" grade and will carry to the next quarter. The grade you receive at the end of Second or Fourth quarter will be the final grade you received in the course, not an average of the two quarters. This means that your Canvas and DSD grade may be different; Canvas will always have the correct grade. Keep in mind that most colleges require a "C" for a course to count toward a degree.
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Talk to Me

I am able to make reasonable accommodations for students with or without disabilities. If for any reason you feel that you are struggling in my class come see me before school, after school, during lunch, or send me an email. It is my job to ensure that you learn and my goal that you have fun while doing it. I am always open to suggestions on how to improve. I do not have standing office hours, but am available to appointments. You can try just stopping by, but I may not be able to give you my full attention without an appointment.

Course Breakdown

Assignments

Class time will primarily be used for learning programming in Java and interactive assignments. These are intended to be completed in class, but there may be some overflow into homework for some students. Each week there will be programming assignments, pass the unit tests to earn credit for the assignment. Assignments may have hidden tests that will be worth around 25% of the assignment. If your program has been written and tested properly, you'll pass the hidden tests. There are additional example programs in Week 0: Java Examples. Assignments will always be due Sunday at 11:59pm. These make up 80% of your grade.

State Test

This college class covers a state high school CTE course and we'll be taking the associated exam. The state considers you to be highly proficient in a subject if you get an 80% or higher on their test, and you earn a certificate that some colleges will accept for additional college credit. Due to this, I curve the test so that an 80% is a 100% in my grade book; anything over 80% is extra credit. This makes up 20% of your final grade.