

# Logistics And Textbook

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## Instructor

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**sws@cs.dartmouth.edu.** (My blitzmail forwards to here.) I will generally read email between 8AM and 6PM. almost always reply within a day, and usually within a few hours

Email to **cs51@cs.dartmouth.edu** will go to the entire course staff.

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## Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, 9-10AM, at Umpleby's coffee shop. **Anomalies will be announced [here](http://www.cs.dartmouth.edu/~sws/officehours/)**  
(<http://www.cs.dartmouth.edu/~sws/officehours/>)

You might also find me in my office, Sudi 064, or lab, Sudi 045.

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## TA/Labbies

Vijay Kothari.

- Lab hours: Sudi 003, Wednesday and Thursday 5-6. **EXCEPT** the April 1 hour is moved to April 3, 4pm, in his office (Sudi 063)

Ryan Amos

- Lab hours: Sudi 003, Thursdays, 6-8pm.
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## Lectures

Meeting times:

- *Regular classes:* Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1:45-2:50.
- *X-hour:* Thursday, 1-1:50

We will make frequent use of X-hours---keep an eye on the schedule.

Location: Kemeny 008

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# Textbook

*Computer Systems: A Programmer's Perspective, 2/E.* Randal E. Bryant and David R. O'Hallaron

[Amazon purchase options.](http://amzn.com/0136108040)  [\(http://amzn.com/0136108040\)](http://amzn.com/0136108040)

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## Late Assignments

We have conflicting issues here:

- Assignments are due when they are due; extensions are not fair to the students sufficiently diligent to complete their assignments on time.
- However, many students have interviews and off-campus grad school visits.

To balance these issues, here's the policy:

- Each student has two (virtual) "one-day late" coupons. Each coupon is good for a 1-day extension on one project.
- However, an N-person project requires N coupons for a 1-day extension.

Plan accordingly. **You must tell me you are using a coupon before the official deadline.**

I may otherwise apply a "5% off per hour" late policy both to the written homework and to the programming projects.

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## Exams

*Midterms:* We'll be holding one or two. See the syllabus page.

*Final:* scheduled by the registrar.

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## Grading

Here's what I'm thinking:

- homework projects: 50%
- final exam: 30%
- midterms: 20%

(This is subject to change.)

Note that:

- In the case of particularly challenging assignments, we may end up "normalizing" the score before combining it with the others.
- Historically, I tend to give exams where it's very hard to score 90%. That doesn't mean that no one earns an "A"... but just that the threshold is lower (but your potential for achievement is much higher).

# Honor Code

The Dartmouth Honor Code applies to your conduct in this course. In particular, all work submitted for credit must be your own. You may discuss your homework assignments and programming projects with your classmates, the course staff, and with me. However, you should write up your own written homework solutions and should not read or copy the solutions written by others (in this or previous terms, at Dartmouth or elsewhere).

You should also write your own code and not read code written by classmates.

The Dartmouth College policy on sources also applies to this course, which means that all sources must be acknowledged, whether allowed by the instructor or not. For example, software given to you by us must be acknowledged when incorporated into your work.

(Whether you go into industry or academia or elsewhere, it would be good to get in the habit of keeping track of and citing all your sources anyway!)

**If you have any questions about the honor code as it relates to CS 51, please come speak with me. Violations of the honor code will be treated seriously.**

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## Students with Disabilities

I encourage students with disabilities, including "invisible" disabilities such as chronic diseases and learning disabilities, to discuss with me any appropriate accommodations that I might make on their behalf.

(If this may apply to you, I also urge you to discuss things with the [Student Accessibility Services](http://www.dartmouth.edu/~accessibility/) (<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~accessibility/>) office, if you haven't already. They've set up a system where they keep the "appropriate accommodations" on file---so you don't have to discuss details with each new instructor!)