**ALS 54B CSC 20 – 01**

**Course Number: 84829**

**CSU, Sacramento Spring, 2016**

**Peer and Academic Resource Center (PARC)**

**Located in Lassen 2200**

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**Instructor: Christopher Simon**

**Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 – 3:50, Eureka Hall 101**

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**SI Information**

SI Leader: Christopher Simon

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**SI Description**

This is a one unit, credit/no credit course that will provide assistance with learning through collaborative discussion, in class work and homework review, which will help students to improve study efficiency and test performance. Students in SI participate both in groups and individually in order to prepare for assignments and exams in the original course. Students have the opportunity to ask questions regarding lecture, homework, and project assignments, so that they can be reviewed in class. Additionally, study groups and review sessions for exams will be a part of the SI course. The schedule of topics covered in the SI will generally follow the schedule in the regular course syllabus provided by the course instructor.

To clarify, this class isn’t considered a formal replacement to the original lecture course and, as a result, it cannot be used as a substitute for the original course lecture. Students who choose to attend the SI class independent of the original class do so at their own risk of missing important material from the lecture course. This course should not be considered an occasional tutoring session and will not be a place to finish homework.

**SI Objectives**

* Encourage students to interact with one another in order to facilitate group interaction for review and in class discussion.
* Enhance student’s success in their lecture coursework by promoting academic excellence and providing an environment for group study that promotes an atmosphere of mutual support.

**SI Requirements**

**Attendance Policy**

As this is a credited course, attendance is mandatory. Credit is based on attendance and class participation. Four absences are permitted. **If you are absent for more than four class meetups, you will receive a grade of “No Credit” for this SI section**. If you know that you are going to miss class in advance, contact me ahead of time so that we can work out a course of action.

**Add / Drop Policy**

You must add this course through PARC or me. Please see me if you would like to add the SI course for one unit. If you would like to take this course but cannot add due to unit cap policy, tuition or any other specific circumstance, send me an email or come and talk to me in person so that we can resolve the issue.

If, for any reason, you must drop the lecture class, **you must also drop the SI courseseparately**. You will not be automatically dropped from the SI, so **if the drop procedure is not done properly, you will receive a “No Credit” on your transcript for this course**. To drop this course, contact the SI Leader, either in person by email; SI courses **cannot** be dropped online using the student center. The deadline for adding and dropping this course is the semester census date, Friday, February 19.

**SI Policies**

To ensure best learning practices, please attend sessions with your course notes and complete readings assigned by the professor and I beforehand.

Please respect your peers—turn off your phones and leave them in your bags for the duration of the class. As this is a computer science course, the use of laptops or computers will be allowed, so long as they are not being used to inhibiting learning.

Though it should go without saying, everyone is entitled to share their opinions without fear of reprimand, so please treat others respectfully.

**Office Hours**

Please don’t hesitate to utilize my office hours as a source for you to come ask any questions, receive extra help with the material in lecture, and peer advising within or outside of Computer Science.

**Reasonable Accommodation Policy**

If you have a disability and require accommodations, you need to provide disability documentation to Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD). For more information please visit the SSWD website at http://www.csus.edu/sswd/. They are located in Lassen Hall 1008 and can be contacted by phone at (916) 278-6955 or via email at sswd@csus.edu.

Please discuss your accommodation needs with me after class or during my office hours early in the semester.

*I hope that you find this class beneficial, not only for the sake of getting a good grade in the course, but also in that it aids you in your efforts to strive for academic excellence, acting as another stepping stone that leads you closer to your ultimate goal in life. Again, if you have any questions, concerns or just want to talk to me, shoot me an email or call me using my contact info above. Thank you for enrolling!*

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**Student Contract**

I agree to come on time to each SI meeting with my lecture notes and any relevant assignments, ready to participate appropriately and respectfully in group work and class discussion. I also agree to turn off my cell phone and leave it and all other mobile electronic devices in my backpack during class, unless given expressed permission by the SI Leader.

I understand that I will not earn credit for the SI course if I am absent for more than the allowed numbers of days. I understand that “absence” is defined as failing to show up for class, arriving more than 10 minutes late, engaging in disruptive behavior, or refusing to work with others or contribute to class discussions.

I am committed to devoting the necessary time outside of lecture and SI to reviewing course material and working on assigned projects.

I give my permission for the SI Leader, Christopher Simon, to access my lecture course grades to help me improve in class.

Student Signature Date