

WELCOME TO CS 88 0

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1 Secrets to Success in CS 88

CS 88 is definitely a challenge, but we all want you to learn and succeed, so here are a few tips that might help:

- Ask questions. When you encounter something you don't know, *ask*. That is what we are here for. This is not to say you should raise your hand impulsively; some usage of the brain first is preferred. You are going to see a lot of challenging stuff in this class, and you can always come to us for help.
- Study in groups. Again, this class is not trivial; you might feel overwhelmed going at it alone. Work with someone, either on homework, on lab, or for the midterm, as long as you don't violate the cheating policy!
- Go to office hours. Office hours give you time with the instructor or TAs by themselves, and you will be able to get some (nearly) one-on-one instruction to clear up confusion. You are *not* intruding; the instructors and TAs *like* to teach! Remember that, if you cannot make office hours, you can always make separate appointments with us!
- Do (or at least attempt seriously) all the homework. We do not give many homework problems, but those we do give are challenging, time-consuming, and rewarding.
- Do all the lab exercises. Most of them are simple and take no more than an hour or two. This is a great time to get acquainted with new material. If you do not finish, work on it at home, and come to office hours if you need more guidance!
- Do the readings before lecture! There is a reason why they are assigned. And it is not because we are evil; that is only partially true.
- Most importantly, *have fun!*