CSCI 4830 Computer Science Education, Spring 2016

Instructors:
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Course Description:
The computer science department is offering a 1-credit hour special topics
course this semester on computer science education. If you are interested in
teaching computer science or becoming involved in the computer science
department as an undergraduate learning assistant (CA, PLA, or TA) this is
the class for you. In this course, we will cover presentation techniques,
how to lead a discussion session, assessment, dealing with difficult
colleagues, and teaching styles. The class will be taught primarily through
discussion and all students will have the opportunity to present and receive
feedback in a friendly environment.

Communication
Course materials, such as lecture notes and assignments, will be available
in electronic form on the Moodle site for the course:
http://moodle.cs.colorado.edu/

For any course related questions you can email the course instructors at
Ioana.fleming@colorado.edu and Rhonda.hoenigman@colorado.edu.

Grading Policy:
Class participation — 100%

Other Information:

1. Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make
every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of
religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments, or
required attendance. You can find the details at www.colorado.edu/policies.
You must notify me of any such conflicts by the end of the first week of
classes so we can work out alternatives.
2. A limited amount of printing may be required in this class. You need to
ensure that your printing account has sufficient funds for this. Your
initial allocation may deplete quickly, depending on your other printing
activities. If this causes problems, please come see me.
3. If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit
a letter to me from Disability Services **by the end of the second week of
classes** so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines
accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact info:
www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices, 303-492-8671, Willard 322. That office
also maintains guidelines about temporary medical conditions or injuries.
4. **In Class Expectations:** It is our expectation that each of you will be
respectful to your fellow classmates and instructors at all times. In order
to create a professional atmosphere within the classroom, you are expected
to:
*   Arrive to class on time
*   Turn off your cell phone (talk and text).

*   Bring your laptop to class if you have one to participate in classroom
      activities. Please restrict laptop use to these activities only, no
      email, Facebook, Youtube, etc.
*   Put away newspapers and magazines
*   Refrain from having disruptive conversations during class
*   Remain for the whole class; if you must leave early, do so without
      disrupting others
*   Display professional courtesy and respect in all interactions related
      to this class

Compliance with these expectations will assist all of us in creating a
learning community and a high quality educational experience. The University
of Colorado Classroom behavior policy compliments these classroom
expectations:

University of Colorado Classroom Behavior Policy:
Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate
learning environment. Those who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards
may be subject to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are
especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with
differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation,
gender, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to
the instructor with the student's legal name. We will gladly honor your
request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise
us of this preference early in the semester so that we may make appropriate
changes to our records. See policies at
www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html or
www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code

5. **Out of Class Expectations:** Though many of the above stated policies
address academic climate within the classroom, these policies should also be
upheld outside of the classroom. As a member of the CU community you are
expected to consistently demonstrate integrity and honor through your
everyday actions. Faculty, TAs, and staff members are very willing to assist
with your academic and personal needs. However, multiple professional
obligations make it necessary for us to schedule our availability.
Suggestions specific to interactions with faculty and staff include:
*   Respect posted office hours. Plan your weekly schedule to align with
scheduled office hours.
*   Avoid disrupting ongoing meetings within faculty and staff offices.
Please wait until the meeting concludes before seeking assistance. Respect
faculty and staff policies regarding use of email and note that staff and
faculty are not expected to respond to email outside of business hours. Send
email messages to faculty and staff using a professional format. Tips for a
professional email include:
*   Always fill in the subject line with a topic that indicates the reason
      for your email to your reader.
*   Respectfully address the individual to whom you are sending the email
      (e.g., Dear Professor Smith).
*   Avoid email or text message abbreviations.
*   Be brief and polite.
*   Add a signature block with appropriate contact information.

*   Reply to email messages with the previously sent message. This will
        allow your reader to quickly recall the questions and previous
        conversation.

6. The University of Colorado at Boulder policy on Discrimination and
Harassment, which can be found at
www.colorado.edu/policies/discrimination.html, and the University of
Colorado policy on Sexual Harassment and the University of Colorado policy
on Amorous Relationships apply to all students, staff and faculty. Any
student, staff or faculty member who believes she or he has been the subject
of discrimination or harassment based upon race, color, national origin,
sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status should
contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127 or
the Office of Judicial Affairs at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH
and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding
discrimination or harassment can be obtained at www.colorado.edu/odh

7. GRADES follow the standard percentage breakdown for the College of
Engineering:

93%-100%   A
90%-93%   A-
87%-90%   B+
83%-87%   B
80%-83%   B-
77%-80%   C+
73%-77%   C
70%-73%   C-
67%-70%   D+
63%-67%   D
60%-63%   D-
0%-60%   F