Exam 1 Logistics CSCE Fall 2020

# Timeline

Have Fun!!!

## Before the Exam

* Review
  + [Review Exam Timings](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QxxrluyFfwS2B-ZJoN2AODVRlr5xPlB0iBFQogGJJ2Y/edit#heading=h.nmcram9f2zuz)
  + [Review Allowed Exam Resources](#_ltqa39fj2vt)
  + [Review Taking Exams with Mimir](#_bzckiyvp77tx)
  + [Exam Review](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xvgt7cTEmpLG8I5qP_TxYlSzYECcChUtg6WSMlNCTI8/) (Study strategy and example questions)
* If taking the exam remotely, [Set up Zoom to show yourself](#_17zf4svzyruy) while taking the exam. Don’t waste your exam time figuring out how to do this.
* Prepare your working environment and confirm that there are no issues.
  + Webcam, computer, internet connection, pencils, paper, water, snacks, lo-fi hip hop, etc.
* Read through the Exam Instructions below to familiarize yourself with the exam instructions.
* [Do Exam Practice](#_2fyqddw76rgq)
* Get plenty of sleep the night before the exam. Eat a healthy breakfast in the morning. Eat a healthy snack before the exam. Drink plenty of water.

## Immediately Before the Exam

* Arrive to the class before the exam time.
  + For remote students, go to your assigned lecture Zoom link and log into Zoom or [use the link for sections 595-597](#_6peudw7ephaw) who don’t have an assigned lecture link. After logging in, turn on your video camera at least five minutes before the exam start time.
    - If you have a reason that involves not turning on your camera, the instructor must be informed and approve of your request prior to the exam.
  + For in-person students, be seated and have your computers on at least five minutes before class.
* [Get the Exam on eCampus](https://ecampus.tamu.edu/).
  + A PDF of the exam will be available up to 5 minutes before the exam starts.
  + You might need to refresh the page to see the exam.

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## Take the Exam

* [Take the Exam on Mimir](https://gradescope.com)
  + Go to [Mimir](https://class.mimir.io/cas_login/5315e0bf-a5bc-4521-baec-923474543dd5).
  + On the Mimir page, click the following coursework link to open the exam:   
    [EXAM] 2020 Exam 1
  + Download the starter code.
    - You might want to submit the starter code immediately.
  + Work on problems and submit to Mimir.
    - There is no feedback other than a confirmation that the required files are submitted.
    - You must submit your code to Mimir to turn in your exam questions.
    - Avoid waiting until the very end to submit all questions. Submit as you finish questions.
    - Make sure you submit your exam in the last 5 to 10 minutes.
    - After submitting your code to Mimir, check and make sure that you receive a confirmation from Mimir that your code was successfully submitted. Also check to make sure that all required files for the exam were submitted successfully.
* [Ask questions](#_8s11wfa5gs4f)
  + If you have any questions for the instructor during the exam, please contact the instructor privately to not disturb the other students taking the exam.
    - For remote students, send a chat message directly to the instructor on Zoom to speak with your instructor. The chat is configured to enable communication to/from the instructor only.
    - For in-person students, raise your hand to alert the instructor for further assistance.
* The ability to submit on Mimir will close automatically 55 minutes after your class starts. Also, the PDF will no longer be available on eCampus.
  + Note for sections 595-597, the exam will close at 9:25 PM.

## Immediately after the Exam

* **If you experienced any issues during your exam time, speak with the instructor at this time to share those issues.**

## After the Exam

* We pull the submissions from Mimir and make a PDF that will be uploaded to Gradescope. TAs and instructors will grade on Gradescope. Once grading is finished, your scores will be released on Gradescope. You do not need to set up a Gradescope account.

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# Timing

* Sections
  + 500 -- 503 (Dr. Philip Ritchey) 1:55 PM 1 October 2020
  + 504 -- 507 (Dr. Philip Ritchey) 10:10 AM 1 October 2020
  + 508 -- 511 (Dr. Dilma Da Silva) 8:00 AM 1 October 2020
  + 512 -- 515 (Dr. Paul Taele) 5:35 PM 30 September 2020
  + 516 -- 519 (Dr. Paul Taele) 7:20 PM 30 September 2020
  + 520 -- 523 (Dr. Philip Ritchey) 1:35 PM 2 October 2020
  + 595 -- 597 (Dr. Michael Moore) 8:30 PM 1 October 2020
  + 600 (Dr. Philip Ritchey) 10:10 AM 1 October 2020
* Total time: 60 minutes
  + 50 minutes for taking the exam
  + You may start up to 5 minutes before your start time and work up to 5 minutes after your class ends. These additional minutes are for uploading code and dealing any technical glitches.
  + If you submit an accommodation letter from Disability Resources contact your instructor for details about your accommodation and its impact on your timing.

# Exam Resources

* **You may not consult other people** while taking the exam.
* **Open book/Open notes.**
  + You may use
    - zyBook,
    - any code you’ve written,
    - class materials including slides,
    - videos,
    - example code,
    - C++ references
      * [C++ Reference](http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/)
      * [CPP Reference](http://www.cppreference.com/)
* You may compile code and run it.
  + *Beware of getting caught up in debugging since that can quickly consume your time and result in not getting to all questions.*
* Prioritize problem-solving over syntax.
* **WARNING!**
  + With open book exams, do not assume you don’t need to study...
    - You don’t want to use your time looking for answers or learning material.
    - You should know the material well enough to quickly find any supporting information you might need for quick clarification and verification.

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# Exam Practice

### Mimir Dry Run

The practice exam in [Mimir](https://class.mimir.io/cas_login/5315e0bf-a5bc-4521-baec-923474543dd5) will just give you an idea of what the exam will look like. The questions are intentionally not what you would expect on an exam. This is just to let you see what the exam will be like and practice uploading.

### Practice Problems and Exam Review

The [Exam Review](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xvgt7cTEmpLG8I5qP_TxYlSzYECcChUtg6WSMlNCTI8/) provides some study strategies, topics covered, and practice problems to help you prepare for the exam.

# Use Zoom to Show Yourself

During the exam you will need to join the provided zoom room while you take your exam. You can use a webcam on your computer or the zoom app on your phone. Regardless, we must clearly be able to see who you are as you take the exam.

## Links to Zoom

* 595-597 (Dr. Michael Moore) - [Enter Exam room](https://tamu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ufuutrzsqGdO2OMYUVEktZzsbSbfbaL8T)
* Other Sections: Use the regular link for your class.