

Nick Cheng (Professor)



Nick Cheng is a male Computer Science professor who has worked at UofT since 1990. On workdays he wakes up at 6:30 to catch the bus and gets dressed while listening to his two favorite genres of music: renaissance music and Scottish dancing.

Nick has taught at UofT for 32 years and has loved every day of it. He loves teaching his students the advanced topics that he thinks are extremely cool. He especially loves teaching CSCB63 where he shows them his favorite proof involving the “big result”. Over his many years of experience, he has optimized and perfected how to teach his favorite courses to his students. He is also very proficient in writing academic papers like “TA Marking Parties: Worth the Price of Pizza?” where he measures the benefits of marking parties vs solo marking.

On his way to work nick might log in to CHub to check the open discussions and reply to any quick questions that students have. When he arrives he will either head to his lecture or, if one is not assigned, to his office. In there he will either grade some students’ assignments on CHub, or upload the slides he used in his earlier lectures onto his CHub classroom course.

Ben Fraser (TA)



Ben is a male 25 year old Computer Science PhD student who TAs for undergraduate classes at UofT. Ben has loved computer science since he was in high school and has always loved to code in his spare time. He loves to test and work on new ideas and frameworks which has led his github profile to be filled with many half-finished projects.

Ben is also very good with theoretical computer science which has led him to TA many of the more theoretical classes like CSCC63 and CSCB36. He loves to teach students the more abstract programming methods like push down automata or Turing machines.

When he is not working on his PhD thesis, Ben will prepare for his tutorials by checking what the teacher has posted in the lecture material section on CHub. He will also frequently check

the discussions section on CHub to answer any student questions. During assignment submission times he will also be assigned to mark some of them through CHub.

Nicolle Martinez (student)



Nicolle is a 20 year old Brazilian Biology student who is really bad with technology. She was never properly taught how to use computers as a child and so has always struggled with using them even into her adult life. This has caused her to prefer going to lectures and take handwritten notes than watch the online lectures or use the professor's slides.

The first thing she does every day is feed her cat Nala. Nala is Nicolle's best friend who she met at her part time work at the cat shelter. Nicolle loves cats a lot as can be seen by her bag that has many cat paraphernalia on it. Being from Brazil, Nicolle's native language is Portuguese, but she also fluently speaks English. Because of the similarity of Portuguese to other Latin languages she also can understand Spanish pretty well and has some little understanding of Italian and French.

Moreover, she is studying Arabic to reach another culture with her linguistic skills.

After class, she will spend her time revising her handwritten notes by highlighting the important parts and color coding them appropriately. She usually rarely uses her phone to study and therefore misses some important announcements or discussions on CHub. She also likes to write down most of her assignments and therefore has trouble submitting word or pdf documents.