

CS106B Section

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Section: **Thursday 3:15, 160-120**
LAIR Helper Hours: Sundays 10:00 - 12:00pm

Purpose of Section: CS is like a language, and CS106B is a giant introductory language class that expects you to be telling concrete stories and forming grammatically correct sentences by the time you finish the first couple of assignments. Section is your chance to get that control that you might have lost in such a large class. This is your time to learn the grammar, practice speaking/understanding/and thinking in a new language. It is my job to make sure that you get what you need. I am here to help you guys. If you have questions, requests, whatever it may be – don't hesitate to contact me!

Helper Hours: I'm always available 15 minutes before section to answer any pressing questions you guys have. I generally can't stay after section for very long because I have a class directly after. But if you're not free before section, the LAIR (the computer cluster in the 2nd floor of Tressider) is constantly staffed by helpers on Sunday - Thursday from 6pm to 12am.

Grading: Once you hand in your programs I will do everything in my power to get them back to you as quickly as possible, so you can incorporate feedback into the next assignment. You can expect to have programs back within a week. As soon as your programs are graded, we will set up a time to meet for interactive grading online.

Interactive Grading: Perhaps the most unique part of the CS106 series is interactive grading. If you guys haven't taken CS106A it works like this: we sit down one on one for about 15 minutes and discuss your program. I will point out your strengths as well as any areas for possible improvement. Together we try to build a better idea of where you stand in your understanding. After grading, I'll always send out an email to schedule a time to meet for interactive grading.

Late Policy: You get **two** late days to use the entire quarter. Each late day extends to the next class period. Learning how to use your late days is a very important skill. Try to be proactive and save them in case disaster strikes later in the quarter. That being said, late days can save your grade if you can't get an assignment to work before it's due. Please do email me if you need to use a late day, especially if you're using it after you've already turned something in.

Programming Design: Most of you guys know about the importance of style from CS106A, and it's still of upmost important in this course as well. However, if there's one thing I'd like to point out in this course is the focus on design. With more tools at your disposal, you'll be learning how to apply some powerful techniques and tools to design some very elegant and clean solutions. Design is key in software, and I hope I can get that across during our time together this quarter!

Questions: Ask them! Ask them often. All questions are valuable and asking them in section helps everybody get a better idea of what's going on. Learning CS is just like learning any other language and you'll need practice talking with other people before you become fluent.

Have Fun: This one is self-explanatory, but often overlooked. Trust me! It is very possible.