# CSE 1284  Introduction to Programming
## Syllabus – Spring 2021

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**Lecture Section**

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| MWF (Section 01) | 8:00-8:50am | Online |
| MWF (Section 03) | 11:30am-12:20pm | Online |
| Dist    (Section 501) | Online | |

Final Exam:  Spring 2021

**Lab Sections**      Labs take place online – information will be released on Canvas regarding this

**Prerequisites**      All majors: Grade of C or better in MA 1313 (College Algebra) or an appropriate equivalent

**Objectives**

1. Learn basic problem solving using computer programming

2. Learn basic programming data structures and control structures

3. Introduce object-oriented programming

4. Learn Python syntax

**Textbook**      Zybooks

- learn.zybooks.com
- Code: MSSTATECSE1284Spring2021

(optional, but highly recommended – reading will be assigned)

**Grading Policy**      There will be in-class exercises and quizzes throughout the week.

The exams will be given during the regularly scheduled class time. The final exam will be optional. The point distribution without the final exam factored in is listed below.

| Points Distribution | | | Grades | |
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| Exercises/Quizzes | 20% | | A | 90% - 100% |
| Labs | 20% | | B | 80% - 89% |
| Exams (3) | 60% | | C | 70% - 79% |
| Total: | 100% | | D | 60% - 69% |
| | | | F | less than 60% |

If you choose to take the final exam, the final exam will replace your lowest test score. If your final exam is the lowest test score, then it cannot hurt your grade and will act as the drop test score.

**\*\* Online Class Policies \*\***

All assignments (including tests) will be assigned via Canvas. Due dates will be announced. With the exception of tests, a three day late penalty window will be available (tests and project materials have no late submission). Tests *will* require the use of LockDown browser.

All lectures (with some exceptions) will take place live over WebEx during the recorded class time; recordings of live meetings will be available to students after the fact. If a particular week has a recorded video (or no meeting), advanced notice will be given. Attendance in the meetings is not required for a grade.

A class Discord server will be made available to students (and the TA) to allow more real-time interaction and general questions. All official communication (such as concerns about grades) should still go through University email, however.

**Classwork Notice**

*All* work is to be completed independently unless explicitly told otherwise by the instructor. This includes (but is not limited to) online resources (such as Chegg, geekforgeek, etc), help from another classmate, and help from an individual not in the class. The only acceptable help on assignments will be the instructor themselves or any TA associated **with the class**.

**Announcements**

Students are responsible for having their announcement notifications on in Canvas. Important information regarding the class may be distributed via announcements. Students should make sure they are able to reliably see this information.

**Lab**

All students must be enrolled in a CSE 1284 laboratory class. Labs will begin the third week of classes (January 25-29).

Any lab submitted after the due date / time will not be considered for full credit. For purposes of selecting the late penalty, **the submission time of the last deliverable will be considered the submission time for the lab**.

The late penalty will be 10% of the total points per day late (10 points first day, 20 points the next, etc). The deadline for the late submission of a lab assignment is three days from the original due date, after which it won't be considered for grading.

**\*\* Labs are individual assignments.**

**Attendance Policy**

We will follow the Mississippi State University Policy on Class Attendance and Reporting Absences (URL:  http://www.policies.msstate.edu/policypdfs/1209.pdf )

Occasionally students miss examinations. If you know in advance that you will be absent, you must meet with me before the date of the exam and I will let you know whether or not the absence will be excused. If your absence will be excused you may take the exam at a mutually convenient day/time.

If you miss an exam unexpectedly, you must meet with me at the earliest opportunity possible after the absence and provide documentation to support your claim that the absence should be considered excused. If the absence is excused we will set up a time to make up the missed exam. The deadline for making up a test is a week after the test is given. If not notified before then, the final exam will replace the missed test. For unexcused absences from exams you will receive a score of zero points.

Auditing students are expected to attend class unless there is an exceptional reason (see the policy link above). Auditing students are not required to attend labs, take tests, or take quizzes.

**Add/Drop Policy**

Please see the Mississippi State University Add/Drop Policy (URL: http://www.policies.msstate.edu/policypdfs/1201.pdf ) if you have any questions.

The Academic Calendar available from the Registrar (URL: http://www.registrar.msstate.edu/calendars/academic-calendar/ ) contains the most up to date information on Add/Drop deadlines.

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| Last day to drop a course without a grade | January 15, 11:59pm |
| Last day to add a course | January 19, 8:00am |
| Last day to drop a course with a W | March 2, 5:00pm |
| Last day to withdraw from the University | April 6 |

**Student Honor Code**

Mississippi State University has an approved Honor Code that applies to all students. The code is as follows:

*"As a Mississippi State University student I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do."*

Upon accepting admission to Mississippi State University, a student immediately assumes a commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept responsibility for learning, and to follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor Code. Students will be required to state their commitment on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the MSU community from the requirements or the processes of the Honor Code.

You may work with other students on homework. All quizzes and tests are individual assignments unless otherwise specified in the assignment.

For additional information please review:
    Computer Science & Engineering Department Academic Honesty Policy
        (URL: http://cse.msstate.edu/Academics/AHP.php )
    Mississippi State University Honor Code
        (URL: http://www.honorcode.msstate.edu/ )

**Title IX**

MSU is committed to complying with Title IX, a federal law that prohibits discrimination, including violence and harassment, based on sex. This means that MSU's educational programs and activities must be free from sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and other forms of sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know has experienced sex discrimination, sexual violence and/or harassment by any member of the university community, you are encouraged to report the conduct to MSU's Director of Title IX/EEO Programs at 662-325-8124 or by e-mail to titleix@msstate.edu. Additional resources are available at http://www.msstate.edu/web/security and at http://students.msstate.edu/sexualmisconduct/ .

**Student Resources**

Students who need academic accommodations based on a disability should visit the Office of Student Support Services, 01 Montgomery Hall, call 662-325-3335, or visit the website at http://www.sss.msstate.edu .

Mississippi State University also has counseling services available to all students through the MSU Student Counseling Services Center (URL: http://www.health.msstate.edu/scs/ ). They have counselors available and offer workshops, individual sessions, group sessions, walk-in urgent care, consultations, and referrals.

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| **University Safety Statement** | Mississippi State University values the safety of all campus community members. Students are encouraged to register for Maroon Alert texts and to download the Everbridge App. Visit the Personal Information section in Banner on your mystate portal to register. To report suspicious activity or to request a courtesy escort via Safe Walk, call University Police at 662-325-2121, or in case of emergency, call 911. For more information regarding safety and to view available training resources, including helpful videos, visit ready.msstate.edu. |
| **Computer Information** | Information on computer requirements for the Bagley College of Engineering can be found at https://www.bagley.msstate.edu/computer/ |
| **Information for Distance Students** | The above policies apply to distance students with the following additions: |

- Office Hours: Instructors and Teaching Assistant will be available for consultation during their regularly scheduled office hours via Slack (or similar real-time communication program). Email will be used for consultation outside of office hours, but distance students should not expect responses outside of normal working hours (9am-5pm Central Time) for the MSU Starkville campus.

- Homework, quizzes, and the final exam must be completed on-line in Canvas on their scheduled day (before 11:59 pm Central Time). Students are responsible for the quality of their own internet connection. Connectivity issues are not permissible excuses for missing a test, quiz, or final exam.

- Attending class will consist of viewing a recorded lecture within 48 hours of its release and completing any assigned tasks (discussion board posts, writing and running small example programs, etc.).

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| **Video Access** | Access to all course materials, including any audio or video recordings, will be through Canvas. |
| **Technical Assistance** | If you have questions about material for this course, please contact the instructor via email. Contact engr-dist-support@lists.msstated.edu or www.bagley.msstate.edu/distance for technical questions. |
| **Facial Coverings** | To safeguard the health of all members of the MSU campus during this global pandemic, the university has reconfigured classroom spaces and adjusted room capacities to assure adequate physical distance between all individuals in each room. In addition, the university has published requirements for the use of face coverings for everyone on campus, including specific requirements for their use in all classrooms, labs, and shared office spaces regardless of physical distancing. In order to mutually protect the students' freedom to learn and the instructor's ability to teach in a safe classroom environment, everyone in this classroom is required to wear a face covering in the classroom in accordance with MSU policy. If a student cannot wear a face covering due to a medical condition, they should request an accommodation via the Office of Disability Support Services. If a student simply doesn't want to wear a face covering, they will not be permitted to remain in the classroom or lab. |

**Contagious Infection and Other Health Accommodations for Face-to-Face Instruction**

Students required to quarantine due to asymptomatic contagious infection or potential exposure to contagious infection, will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis. Such students must provide an excuse from either the Dean of Students, the Longest Student Health Center, or qualified medical practitioner directing quarantine procedures, and the recommended date of return. Information provided will be enforced at the instructor's discretion.

In cases meriting accommodation, quarantining students may be expected to log into the lecture during the scheduled class time or complete equivalent assignments approved by the instructor. If a student is too ill to participate in a class at the scheduled time, the student may be provided a link to a recording of the lecture or offered a similar accommodation as determined by the instructor.

It is the responsibility of the student to initiate and maintain contact with their instructor(s) regarding their quarantine status. All accommodations are subject to the instructions provided by the Dean of Students', Longest Student Health Center, or qualified medical practitioner.