

**CSE 1310 – Introduction to Computers and Programming**  
**Fall 2013**

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**Section:** 002: MoWe, 10:30am–11:50am, NH 111

**Course Description from Catalog:** An introduction to the computer, to the algorithmic process, and to programming using basic control and data structures, using a procedural language. Prerequisite: MATH 1302 (or concurrently).

**Course Objectives:**

- Introduction to programming
- Introduction to the Python programming language
- Learn 'good' programming practices

**Textbook:** Think Python: How to Think Like a Computer Scientist by Allen B. Downey, O'Reilly Media, 2012. Available online at <http://www.greenteapress.com/thinkpython/index.html>. I can also recommend other books.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance is not required except for exams. However, you should not expect me to catch you up if you choose not to come to class.

**Homework Policy:** Programming is a skill and, as such, requires practice. We will have approximately 10–12 homeworks over the course of the semester. Late homeworks will receive a grade of zero. Quote from [ratemyprofessor.com](http://ratemyprofessor.com):

Materials before first test easy. A beginner? course gets really tough progressively. neither books nor office visits help. Labs aren't too hard. Expects you to have programming experience before class. Speaks waytoofast. Tries to help you. NOT recommended for beginners. Not beginners? you'll pass. Just be careful & Be ready to spend HOURS on it.

**Grading Policy:** Grades are based on the following:

Homework	20% (collected up through Final Review Week)
Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Final Exam	30%

No make-up exams will be given. If the grade received for Exam 1 or Exam 2 is lower than your final exam grade, then I will replace the lowest of the first two exam grades with the grade received on the final exam. If there is a tie for lowest exam grade, then this only applies to one of them. A grade of zero due to cheating on an exam will not be replaced.

I never give extra credit work and final grades are based on the standard ranges of A: 90–100, B: 80–89, . . . , F: 0–59.

**Important Dates:**

Monday, August 26	first day of class
Monday, September 2	no class, Labor Day
Monday, September 23	<b>exam 1</b>
Wednesday, October 23	<b>exam 2</b>
Wednesday, December 11, 11:00am-1:30pm	<b>final exam</b>

**Emergency Exit Procedures:** Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit; there is an exit located east of this room. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.

**Drop Policy:** Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student’s responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://wweb.uta.edu/ses/fao>).

**American with Disabilities Act:** The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

**Electronic Communication Policy:** UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to

communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. **I send out a lot of emails, so check your email regularly.**

**Academic Integrity:** At UT Arlington, academic dishonesty is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated in any form, including (but not limited to) cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts (UT System Regents Rule 50101, 2.2). Suspected violations of academic integrity standards will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the students suspension or expulsion from the University. **Homework assignments are not group projects; each student is expected to write his or her own programs individually.**

**Student Support Services** UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to [resources@uta.edu](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or view the information at [www.uta.edu/resources](http://www.uta.edu/resources).

**Student Feedback Survey** At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as lecture, seminar, or laboratory shall be directed to complete a Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each students feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlingtons effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs> .

**Final Review Week** A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week unless specified in the class syllabus. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

**Course Schedule** A tentative course schedule can be found on the course website. Keep in mind that the dates will likely change as the semester progresses.