CMSC 160: Intro to Algorithmic Design I

21st of August, 2017

Section 1 Lecture:	MWF 10:00–10:50am, Ruffner 354
Section 1 Lab:	T 9:30–10:45am, Ruffner G56
Section 2 Lecture:	MWF 11:00–11:50am, Ruffner 354
Section 2 Lab:	T 2:00–3:15pm, Ruffner G56
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Course Description

An introduction to problem solving and algorithmic design using an object-oriented programming language. Topics include programming logic, iteration, functions, recursion, arrays, memory management, user-defined data types, abstraction, and complexity analysis.

Course Objectives

1. learn the fundamental syntax and semantics of a C++ program including the control constructs

2. understand elementary data types and basic data structures

3. write robust, readable, and efficient programs

Textbook and Resources

The textbook is *C++ For Everyone (Second Edition)*, by Cay Horstmann (ISBN 978-0-470-92713-7).

You will be given an account on the department's computer systems. We will use the Linux operating system and the gcc/g++ compiler.

Course Requirements

Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Date	
1	Aug. 21-25	Introduction; Algorithms; Compiling; Linking
2	Aug. 28- Sep. 1	Expressions; I/O; Variables; Types
3	Sep. 3	*Labor Day*
3	Sep. 5-8	Conditionals
4	Sep. 11-15	Loops; Strings
5	Sep. 18-22	Functions
6	Sep. 25-29	Functions and **Exam**
7	Oct. 2-6	Vectors; Arrays
8	Oct. 9-13	Vectors; Arrays
9	Oct. 16-17	*Fall Break*
9	Oct. 18-20	Greedy algorithms
10	Oct. 23-27	Sorting
11	Oct. 30- Nov. 3	Structs; File I/O
12	Nov. 6-10	Multi-dimesional arrays
13	Nov. 13-17	Recursive functions
14	Nov. 20-21	Dynamic Memory; c-strings
14	Nov. 22-24	*Thanksgivig Break*
15	Nov. 27- Dec. 1	Additional topics
	Dec. 4	**Section 2 Final Exam** Monday 8:00-10:30am
	Dec. 6	**Section 1 Final Exam** Wednesday 3:00- 5:30pm

Important university dates

Aug. 28	Last day of Add/Drop (5pm)
Sep. 29	Last day for Pass/Fail (5pm)
Oct. 9	Deadline to withdraw with "W" (5pm)
Dec. 1	Last day of classes

Grading Scale

		A	100–91	A–	90
B+	89	B	88–81	B–	80
C+	79	C	78–71	C–	70
D+	69	D	68–61	D–	60

59 and lower is an F

Graded work

This course should take about 10–12 hours of time per week. This time includes reading, assignments, class, and lab. Learning to program takes time, if you are stuck on something talk to me sooner rather than later. The entire course is cumulative so you cannot afford to get behind.

Participation and Quizzes: You are expected to be an active participant in the class. You should be present and engaged. Pop quizzes will be given in class and cannot be made up.

Labs: The best way to learn how to program is to program. Labs consist of programming assignments related to the topics we have covered so far in the course.

Exams: There will be two exams, one around midterm and the other during finals period. The final exam will, by the nature of the course, be cumulative. Exams are to be your work alone and not discussed with anyone.

Breakdown

Labs:	45%
Midterm Exam:	20%
Final Exam:	25%
Quizzes and Participation:	10%

Policies

Honor Code

We will follow the Longwood Honor Code in this class. When completing work please do not lie, cheat, or steal.

1. Do not lie and claim someone else's ideas as your own: you must give proper attribution

2. Do not cheat and copy work from another student or the Internet

3. Do not steal someone else's work and submit it: your files are to be written by you

4. YOU are responsible for securing YOUR code/work: do not let someone else have access to your work/files

If you are unsure if your action will violate the honor policy: DON'T DO IT. Feel free to talk with me if you have questions.

Infractions of these policies will be dealt with harshly under the Longwood Honor Code with cases turned in to the Honor Board. Any student convicted of an honor offense involving this class will automatically receive a lowered *final course grade*, potentially severe as an **F**. You should consider all work in this class to be pledged work, whether or not the pledge appears on the assignment.

Support

Programming (and mathematical proof) is a different way of thinking about problem solving. A solution is not necessarily easy or obvious. I strongly encourage you to follow along with the class in readings and activities. When you have questions, ask. In addition to my regular office hours, you can always email to schedule a time to meet. If my office door is open feel free to stop by, if my door is closed I'm not available.

Attendance and late work

You are expected to attend and participate in class. Attendance will be recorded in every class. In accordance with campus policy, missing more than 10% of scheduled class time to unexcused absences may, at my discretion, result in the loss of one letter grade. Missing 25% of class or more, whether excused or not, may result in an automatic failing grade.

Late work will not be accepted outside of exceptional circumstances such as serious medical or family emergencies. Most extensions will require a note from a Longwood administrator.

Inclement weather policy

I don't plan to cancel class for weather unless the entire college shuts down. If extenuating circumstances cause me to cancel class, you will be notified by e-mail.

Accommodations

If you have a documented disability, you should contact Longwood's Office of Disability Resources (Graham Hall, x2391) to discuss some of the support the college can offer you. All such conversations are confidential. Please speak to me early in the term to set up any special accommodations.

Mandatory Reporting of Crimes and Sexual Misconduct

In accord with its history and mission, Longwood University believes that each individual should be treated with respect and dignity and that any form of crime or violence is incompatible with Longwoods commitment to the dignity and worth of the individual. Longwood University is committed to providing a healthy living, learning and working environment which promotes personal integrity, civility and mutual respect. If you have been the victim of a crime or sexual misconduct we encourage you to report this. If you disclose this to a faculty member or employee (with the exception of our Limited Reporting and Confidential Reporting Resources; for example, the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff), they are required by law to notify the appropriate University officials. The faculty member or employee cannot maintain complete confidentiality and is required to report the information that has been shared. Please know that all reported information is treated with discretion and respect and kept as private as possible. For more information about your options at Longwood:

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