

Syllabus TL;DR

CMSC 160: Intro to algorithmic design I

Spring 2025

Lecture: MWF 11am, Rotunda G56
Lab: Thu 12:30pm, Rotunda G56
Websites: <https://cs.longwood.edu/courses/cmssc160>
<https://longwood.instructure.com/courses/1315846>
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100% office hours: Tuesdays 1–2pm; Wednesdays 10–11am;
Thursdays 11am–noon; Fridays 1–2pm

The “textbook” is a course pack that I have written. It is free, and online.

You will be given an account on the department Linux system, which is where you’ll do much of your lab work. You’ll also be getting a (free) account on codeboard.io, where the rest of the lab work will be done. Finally, you’ll get access to the CS Slack workspace, for questions and discussion.

You need to have a laptop capable of connecting to the web and of running an ssh client such as PuTTY; bring it at least to every lab (Thursdays) and other days I tell you to.

Daily work	10%
Lab work	40%
Exams	50% (25 each)

Daily work. The reading assignments for each day are listed on the full syllabus (at the above link). Be ready to answer questions about the reading. I’ll quiz sometimes.

Lab work. Labs are every week, on Thursday. Except where otherwise noted, work associated with a particular lab is due at 4pm on the following Wednesday.

Exams. There will be two exams, one in February and one during the finals period. Each will have a take-home component and a sit-down portion. **You are not permitted to discuss the exams *at all*, with anyone other than me.**

The sit-down portion of the final exam will be 11:30am–2pm on Wednesday, 7 May. If you will need to adjust that date you need to talk to me *well in advance* to arrange it.

See the full syllabus at the website listed above.

Zoom attendance quick links

