

# Syllabus tl;dr

## CMSC 242: Introduction to network and systems programming

*Spring 2023*

Meets: MWF 1pm, Stevens 118  
Websites: <https://canvas.longwood.edu/courses/1307911>  
<https://www.cs.longwood.edu/courses/cmssc242>  
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100% Office hours: Mondays 3–4pm; Wednesdays 10–11am;  
Thursdays 1:30–3pm; Fridays 2–3pm

### Textbook and resources

*OpenCSF: Computer Systems Fundamentals* by the OpenCSF project.

<https://w3.cs.jmu.edu/kirkpams/OpenCSF>

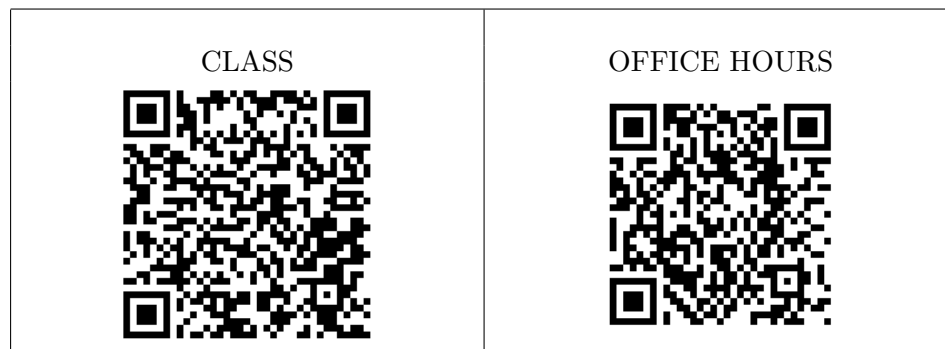
The other main resource is provided by us: you'll be given an account on the department Linux machines (if you don't already have one), and you'll do your programming work there. You should also check the course Slack channel regularly for updates.

### Graded work

- Engagement 5%
- Labs and projects 60%
- Homework 15%
- Exam 20%

**Final Exam is out Friday, 28 April, due 4 May**

### Zoom attendance quick links



## Grading scale

I tend to grade hard on individual assignments, but compensate for this in the final grades. The grading scale will be approximately as follows:

A–	[85, 90)	A	[90, 95)	A+	[95, 100]
B–	[70, 75)	B	[75, 80)	B+	[80, 85)
C–	[55, 60)	C	[60, 65)	C+	[65, 70)
D–	[40, 45)	D	[45, 50)	D+	[50, 55)

While there will be no “curve” in the statistical sense, I may slightly adjust the scale at the end of the term if it turns out some of the assignments were too difficult. Final grades of A+ are recorded as an A in the grading system. Final grades below the minimum for D– are recorded as an F.

Note that *individual* grades recorded in Canvas should be accurate (and you should let me know if there’s a data entry error!), but *averages* as computed by Canvas sometimes are not, if the averaging is complex or (especially) if an individual student has a special case scenario. The reference gradebook is my own spreadsheet, and while I will try to make Canvas reflect it (including averages) as well as I can, Canvas can’t always handle it.