

## CMPS 12A/L Introduction to Programming Spring 2010

**Description:** Accelerated introduction to programming. Students write medium-sized programs. Topics include: functions; conditionals and loops; classes; event-driven programming and graphic user interfaces (GUIs); recursion; and arrays. Students who have no or very limited programming experience should consider courses 5J and 11 which cover the same material in two quarters. Students may not receive credit for both this course and course 11. Some prior programming experience in a language such as C, C++, Java, or C# strongly recommended. **Prerequisites:** eligibility to enroll in Mathematics 19A (Mathematics 2B or 3 or 40 or higher on mathematics placement exam) or completion of Mathematics 11A or 19A or Economics 11A or AMS 11A. Concurrent enrollment in 12L required.

**Time and Place:** TTh 12:00 – 1:45 Media Theater M110  
**Class Webpage:** <http://www.soe.ucsc.edu/classes/cmcs012a/Spring10/>  
**Class Webforum:** <http://forums.soe.ucsc.edu/viewforum.php?f=39>

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**Lab Sections:** Provide a time and place for students to complete both the programming assignments for CMPS 12A and the lab assignments for CMPS 12L, and to prepare for exams. Attendance is optional. A current schedule of lab times will be posted on the class webpage.

**MSI Tutor:**  
Danny Key <[dkey@ucsc.edu](mailto:dkey@ucsc.edu)>

**Required Text:** *Java by Dissection* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) Ira Pohl, Charlie McDowell. Lulu 2006. You can buy this online at <http://www.lulu.com/JavaByDissection>, or pick it up at the bookstore.

**Recommended Texts:**  
*Learning Java* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition) Patrick Niemeyer, Jonathan Knudsen. O'Reilly 2005.  
*Your Unix* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) Sumitabha Das. McGraw-Hill.

### Coursework and Evaluation for CMPS 12A:

We will have five or six **Programming Assignments**, due at roughly two week intervals. The **first Midterm Exam** will be held **Thursday, April 29**, and the **second Midterm Exam** will be **Thursday, May 20**. The **Final Exam** will be held on **Wednesday, June 9, 8:00 – 11:00 am**. Please make arrangements now to be available at the appropriate times. Coursework for 12A will be weighted as follows:

Programming Assignments	60%
Midterm Exam 1	10%
Midterm Exam 2	10%
Final Exam	20%

### **Coursework and Evaluation for CMPS 12L:**

We will also have nine or ten **Lab Assignments** dealing with various topics such as: the javac compiler, the submit command, the unix operating system, command line arguments, file input and output, the jdb debugger, program testing, Jar files, and graphical user interfaces. These assignments will be due at roughly one week intervals. Students taking 12L will also be required to sit for the 12A **Final Exam** (see above for time and place). Coursework for 12L will be weighted as follows:

Lab Assignments	80%
Final Exam	20%

The grading scale for both 12A and 12L will be approximately: A+:97%-100%, A::93%-96%, A-:90%-92%, B+:87%-89%, B::83%-86%, B-:80%-82%, C+:76%-79%, C::70%-75%, D::60%-69%, F:0%-59%. Letter grade boundaries may be lowered at my discretion in order to eliminate some borderline cases.

### **Academic Honesty:**

The Baskin School of Engineering has a zero tolerance policy towards any incident of academic dishonesty. If cheating occurs, consequences within the context of the course may range from getting zero on a particular assignment, to failing the course. In addition to these sanctions, every case of academic dishonesty is referred to the students' college Provost, who sets in motion an official disciplinary process. Cheating in any part of the course may lead to failing the course and/or suspension or dismissal from the university.

What is cheating? In short, it is presenting someone else's work as your own. Examples include (but are not limited to) copying another student's program, allowing your own work to be copied, or in any way facilitating the cheating of others. Although you may discuss problems with fellow students, your collaboration must be at the level of *ideas* only. Legitimate collaboration ends when you "lend", "borrow", or "trade" *source code*, or in any way share in the act of *writing* your programs. You may freely give and receive help with the computer facilities, editors, the UNIX operating system, and the proper use and syntax of the C and Java programming languages; but you may not copy, paste, email, or in any way share *source code*. If you do collaborate (legitimately) or receive any form of help from anyone, you must credit them by placing their name(s) in your README file.

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