

CPSC 314–500: Programming Languages Syllabus

Class schedule: 03:55pm–05:10pm; ZACH 105B.

Homepage: <http://courses.cs.tamu.edu/gdr/2009.spring/>

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1 Grading

The following rules govern the computation of your course grade:

- **40%** of your grade is based on assignments and quizzes,
- **30%** of your grade is based on mid-term, and
- **30%** of your grade is based on final exam.

Important: Must past the final exam with **50%** or better to pass the course!

Participation, or more accurately, lack of it, can influence your grade you achieve otherwise, from assignments and on your project or exams, positively or negatively, up to 10%. The grades will be assigned on absolute scale:

- **A=90%–100%**
- **B=80%–89%**
- **C=70%–79%**
- **D=60%–69%**
- **F=0%–59%**
- **F*=plagiarism or cheating**

This grading formula implies that there is no curve; your grade will depend only on how well you do, and not on how well everyone else does. (If everyone does exceptionally badly on some assignment or exam, I may decide the assignment or exam was at fault rather than the students, in which case I'll adjust the grade cutoffs as I deem appropriate. But I won't adjust in the other direction; if everyone gets an A, that's great). I'll be setting up quizzes (10 min) as I deem necessary — most likely on regular basis (once or twice a week).

All grade assignments are final — unless there was a mistake made in recording your semester grades or in computing your final grade. If all numbers are correctly recorded and computed, I will not discuss changing the resulting grades.

There are situations that may warrant re-grading a particular assignment. For example, making addition errors in computing your score, not seeing an answer that you gave, or not understanding an answer that you gave. **Requests for re-grading of assignments must be made within one week after the graded work has been handed back.**

1.1 Calendar Highlights

- March 03, 2009: Mid-term exam
- March 16–20, 2009: Spring Break

All dates are subject to change.

2 Policies

2.1 Academic Integrity Policy

An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do.

The Honor Council Rules and Procedures are available on the web

<http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor/>.

2.2 Cell Phones

Any calls received during lecture will result in an automatic 5% penalty off your final course grade. Excuses will result in double the penalty. These points can be re-gained only by a written compensatory assignment of the instructor's choosing, and only if it is your first offense.

2.3 Food

No food or drinking beverages will be tolerated during classes, unless fully justified by emergency or medical reasons.

2.4 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Department of Student Life, Services for Students with Disabilities, in Room 126 of the Koldus Building or call 845-1637.