

# CSE373: Data Structures and Algorithms

## First-Day Handout

### Fall 2013

**Homepage:** The course homepage is <http://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse373/13au/>. That page and the links on it have lots of essential information that is *not* repeated here. Go to the homepage to read carefully:

- The policy on collaboration and academic integrity
- The policy on grading
- Programming guidelines
- Written-homework guidelines
- When the final exam and two in-class midterm exams will occur
- The course staff, contact information, and office hours

The course web-page will also have all the homeworks, materials from lecture, etc. If we forget to post something, just remind us — our intention is to make available everything we have.

**What this course is about:** See the materials posted with the first day of lecture.

**What you should do in the next day or so:**

- Read through the materials and policies posted on the course web-page.
- Complete “Homework 0,” a short survey (linked to on the web-page).
- If necessary, adjust settings so you receive email sent to the class email list.
- Review the Java programming you learned in CSE143 or elsewhere.
- Start Homework 1, which is a Java programming assignment (as well as additional written exercises) due at the end of next week.
- In addition to the posted lecture materials, you may find reading the textbook helpful. The material for this week and most of next week is related to Chapters 3.1–3.7, 1.1–1.3, and 2.1–2.4, in roughly that order.

**Welcome!** This course has some of the most important, beautiful computing concepts that exist. It will give you an invaluable perspective on how to organize and process data. Some of the ideas are unbelievably clever. This is a challenging course that is well worth your focus. The course staff is excited to share the next couple months with you!