Syllabus

CSE 311 Spring 2022

Sections

Sections start Thursday!
Mostly a chance to practice and ask questions

Please attend your registered section if you can.

Some sections introduce new material.

TA walkthroughs will be posted for reference, but sections aren't recorded.

Syllabus

It's all on the webpage:
https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/22sp/

In general, when in doubt, it's on the webpage.

We won't use canvas until the very end of the quarter, don't look there for anything!

Textbook

We'll have occasional pre- or post-lecture readings. All required readings will be available on the webpage.

There is also an **optional** Book:

Discrete Mathematics and its Applications (Kenneth Rosen)

We'll tell you the relevant sections for 6th or 7th editions.

Many used copies available

Good for practice with solved problems

Older (or newer) editions also have necessary content, but it may be moved around.

Work

Homework (70%)

Approximately weekly. Mostly due Wednesdays.

Graded on both accuracy and clarity/style.

Exams (30%)

We'll have a take-home "mini-midterm" (about half the number of questions of an in-person midterm, done over a weekend).

Mini-Midterm: You'll choose a time between the 13th and 15th of May.

Final: Time TBD :/

   Tentatively in-person final.

   If not in-person then we'll give at least 24 hours.

Communication

Ed Discussion board will be our primary means of communication.
Please check frequently.

If you want to contact us:
- Private post on Ed (seen by staff, all TAs)
- Email Robbie
- Anonymous Feedback form on webpage

Collaboration Policy

PLEASE collaborate! Please talk to each other and work with each other.

(subject to the policy – details on webpage and in a few slides)

Start looking now!
Ed posts to help find people
Stay after sections (easier in-person – office hours too!)
Let us know how we can help.

Form Study Groups!

311 is just a *different* course than intro programming.

If programming "came easy" for you, 311 might not (and vice versa).

Form a study group!

"when people said form study groups they meant form study groups"
--Chloe Dolese Mandeville, CSE advisor

Collaboration Policy

The goal of the course is for you to learn; the collaboration policy facilitates that.

Collaboration with others is **encouraged**
You may work on homework with other students, but…

BUT you must:
list anyone you work with
Write up your solutions independently using your own words.

Some details
do not leave with any solution written down or photographed
wait 30 minutes before writing up your solution

If you can write the solution yourself, you've **taught** each other, and you've **learned!**

And that makes it much more likely to stick.

More implementation details (including sample scenarios) on the webpage!

Late Work

You have 6 late days for the quarter.

You can use a late day to turn in a homework up to 24 hours later than otherwise due.

But you can use at most 3 late days per assignment.

The intent of late days is to handle "normal" issues that happen during a quarter (e.g. programming project for another course takes longer than you thought, or a family member had a birthday ~~party~~zoom you had to attend).

If you have a more significant issue, please talk to us. We'll work with you.
 Private post on Ed, or email Robbie

It's a weird quarter. We can work with you when things happen, but we're not psychics. Please reach out – the sooner the better.
 If we give you an extension and it turns out you didn't need it, that's ok!

We're in-person

We'll still have **some** of our office hours on zoom.

We'll still make "recap videos" for sections.

Lectures will still be recorded.

With the exception of the final, you won't be required to be in-person for this course (though we will generally be assuming you're in the same time zone that we are).

Don't come to class sick! (See UW-flowchart for symptoms/exposures)

We've tried to make it as easy as possible to catch up other ways.

And we'll have lots of contingency plans in place for the final, if it's in-person.