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Science 1410A

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Office hours (*tentative*): MWF 2:30–4:00 pm, or by appointment.

You are always welcome to stop by during office hours: no appointment is necessary. I also welcome email. I will try to respond to email promptly, but this may mean an hour or two, not a minute or two.

Course website: <http://www.cs.grinnell.edu/~coahranm/csc152/s2007>

Readings, laboratories, and homework assignments will be announced in class and posted on the website. I may also post answers to frequently asked questions on the website. Please check it regularly.

Class meetings: MTWF 11:00–11:50 am, Science 2417

Class meetings will include lectures and laboratory activities.

Textbook:

There is no required textbook for this course; however, required readings will be posted on the course website throughout the semester. During the first half of the course, readings will be assigned for almost every class. Readings may become less frequent in the second half of the course.

In addition, you may find the following book helpful. It is available in the bookstore for \$10.

Optional: Ed Burnette, *Eclipse IDE: Pocket Guide*, O'Reilly, 2005

Schedule of course topics:

**Please note that this is a rough schedule, and as such it is subject to change.*

<i>Weeks</i>	<i>Topics</i>
1–3	imperative programming in Java
4	exceptions, debugging, testing
5–7	object-oriented programming in Java
8–10	algorithms and algorithm analysis
11–14	abstract data types and data structures

Course work and grading distribution:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Date</i>
Assignments (8-10)	40%	approximately weekly, except test weeks
Midterm Test I	20%	Tuesday, February 20
Midterm Test II	20%	Friday, April 13
Final exam	20%	Wednesday, May 16 (2:00–5:00pm)

Laboratory activities:

Many class sessions will be spent doing laboratory exercises, especially in the first half of the course. These will not be graded, but they should be taken seriously! They are intended to help you learn and to prepare you for the homework assignments. Since there is a lot of material to cover in the course, students will usually be expected to complete unfinished laboratory exercises on their own.

Late homework submission and grace days:

Homework assignments will be due at the beginning of class. Assignments that are submitted more than 10 minutes after the beginning of class will be considered late. Aside from the grace day policy described below, I will not accept late assignments.

A *grace day* is an automatic 24-hour extension. Every student will be granted two grace days that can be used for any assignment for any reason. Please use them wisely: you may need them more later than you do now! I would appreciate hearing in advance by email if you intend to use a grace day on a particular assignment; however, any assignment submitted late will automatically use a grace day, if one exists.

Class attendance:

I expect you to come to every class prepared to participate. This means you should do the assigned readings before the class session. If you cannot attend a class session, you are responsible to get any class notes from a classmate, and you are responsible to complete missed laboratory exercises on your own time.

Accommodations for students with disabilities:

If you have a disability, including a non-visible disability, please let me know early in the semester so that your learning needs may be appropriately met. You will also need to provide documentation of your disability to the Dean for Student Academic Support and Advising, Joyce Stern, located on the 3rd floor of the Rosenfield Center (x3702).

Collaboration and academic honesty:

Students are encouraged to work collaboratively on laboratory exercises; however, collaboration is not allowed on homework assignments and tests.

Grinnell College policy requires me to report any suspicion of academic dishonesty to the Committee on Academic Standing. That is no fun for anybody. Please don't go there.

Final grades:

<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Grade</i>
85 - 100%	A
80 - 84%	A -
77 - 79%	B +
73 - 76%	B
70 - 72%	B -
67 - 69%	C +
60 - 66%	C
50 - 59%	D