In CSC 207, we'll study an object-oriented model of computation for problem solving using practical organization of data and algorithms that operate on these structures. To implement this computation model, we'll use a tool that provides an environment for developing programs with Java as an object-oriented programming language. An important feature of the object-oriented computation model is to separate implementation details of data structures/algorithms from their usages in the programs.

You, as computer scientists, need to know data structures and algorithms because they are used in various real-world applications such as developing operating systems, ranking Web pages in search engines, and analyzing genomes.

This course includes the following learning objectives:

- Solid understanding of the object-oriented concepts
- Practice coding in Eclipse as an integrated development environment
- Learning different ways of data organization and algorithms that efficiently access data

The class meets in Noyce Science Center, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in room 3813 from 10:00 to 11:20 am (for Section 1) and in room 3815 from 1:00 to 2:20 pm (for Section 2) beginning on Friday, August 30.

The following is the link to the course Web page

http://www.cs.grinnell.edu/~hajiamini/courses/CSC207/

The Textbook


Professor Weiss’s Web page: https://users.cs.fiu.edu/~weiss/


The Java Language Specification and Java Standard Library:
https://docs.oracle.com/javase/specs/jls/se11/jls11.pdf
https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/11/docs/api/allclasses.html
Open Java Development Kit (Version 11): http://openjdk.java.net/
Eclipse project page: https://www.eclipse.org/

The Instructor and Mentors

The instructor for this course is Shervin Hajiamini. My office is Noyce 3824.

My office hours for Fall 2019 are Tuesday and Friday, from 3 to 5 pm. If you need to meet me outside these office hours, please email me your suggested times for setting up an appointment. I'll choose a time that works for both of us.

I can be reached by telephone at (641) 269–9212 and by e-mail via hajiamini@grinnell.edu.
Mentors for in-class labs are Mia Le (leanh@grinnell.edu) for Section 1 and Garrett Wang (wangyika@grinnell.edu) for Section 2. The mentors will hold a session, weekly, on Thursday from 7 to 8pm. Take advantage of these sessions for obtaining the better understanding of concepts that are taught in the class. You may also use the mentor sessions to discuss ideas for solving the programming assignments.

Requirements

Each student in the course is expected to do specified reading assignments, from the book, between successive class sessions. Based on presented ideas and methods in the reading assignments, you’ll submit solutions to exercises. Other tasks include participating in class lab exercises, as well as taking and passing a final examination.

To do well in this course, I encourage you to complete lab exercises if you will not finish them during the class times. Forming study groups outside the class is helpful when working on programming assignments and preparing for the final examination. Please take advantage of my office hours to clarify the assigned readings that are discussed in the class.

Exercises

There are two types of exercises: 1) in-class labs and 2) Programming Assignments (PAs). You’ll be working on the labs for most of the class sessions, where you’ll be paired with another student in your section. By doing the lab exercises, you will experiment with and learn more about concepts in the reading assignments. You are not expected to complete the lab exercises during the class, but I encourage you to work on them outside of the class. By doing the programming assignments, you will gain in-depth understandings of the reading sections and the lab exercises. The submission date of each assignment will be given in the description of the assignment. For each day you submit an assignment late, a penalty of 10% is applied to your assignment grade. If an exercise requires an extension to its submission deadline, I will announce it in the class.

Please submit your programming assignments by logging into Pioneer Web:

https://pioneerweb.grinnell.edu/webapps/portal/execute/tabs/tabAction?tab_tab_group_id=_17_1

Weekly, during one of the class meeting times, you will also have an opportunity to either complete your unfinished labs or work on a programming assignment.

Class Attendance

Persistent class attendance and participation are important elements of CSC 207. You can learn class materials effectively if prior to class sessions you read assigned readings or exercises, write up questions, and raise them in the class as opportunities arise there.

Although the class attendance is optional, if you miss a class you are assigned designated lab exercises for that session. For those exercises, you must submit your solutions to Pioneer Web within a week from the date of your anticipated absence. For any absence that you can anticipate it in advance, please email your class mentor (and copy me in that email) about it at least a week before your absence. These emails are required before you can submit your solutions to the lab exercises.

To submit your solutions in Pioneer Web, please go to Assignments tab, where you can find links to the labs. The labs are listed by their names. So, please make sure to submit your solutions under the correct lab names.

Note that attendance for the final examination is obligatory, but if it coincides with particular circumstances please let me know in advance of the examination to arrange taking it at an earlier time.

The Examination

The final examination, which is the only examination in this class, will be three hours on Wednesday, December 18, from 9:00 am to noon (Section 1) and Friday, December 20, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm (Section 2). The examination place is in Noyce Science Center, room 3813. Examination questions will be theoretical similar
to Study Questions. You might also be asked about code blocks, but you will not be asked to write programs in the examination.

For the examination, you are allowed to use any printed materials. However, you are not allowed to use electronic devices for data calculation, communication, and browsing.

**Grading**

The final grade will be based on the exercises, class attendance/participation, and the examination that count for 70%, 10%, and 20% of your grade, respectively. To pass the class, you must pass the examination.

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**Collaboration and Plagiarism**

In this class, I will evaluate your academic performance individually. Therefore, it is not ethical to borrow other people’s works without acknowledgment when submitting your solutions to exercises. In addition, you are not allowed to collaborate on the examination.

Solutions to the programming assignments must be your own work. You may discuss ideas, concepts, and code, taken from the lab exercises, the reading assignments, and the Web, with your peers in the class and CSC 207 instructor (for CSC 207, evening tutors are not expected to help you with the programming assignments unless there are knowledgeable tutors to do that).

Any help you receive from the above mentioned sources for solving the programming assignments must be fully acknowledged. To do this, please include comments in your source codes that specifically state original sources (e.g., people or Web addresses) of your copied or modified codes.

If your solutions to the programming assignments indicate academic dishonesty, the Committee on Academic Standing will deal with them. Please read notes on the academic honesty, determined by the Grinnell College and the Department of Computer Science, in the following links:

https://catalog.grinnell.edu/content.php?catoid=12&navoid=2537#Honesty_in_Academic_Work
http://www.cs.grinnell.edu/academic-honesty-policy

**Accommodation**

Grinnell College provides reasonable accommodations if you have documented disabilities. To discuss your needs and provide required documentation, please contact the Coordinator for Student Disability Resources, John Hirschman, located on the 3rd floor of Goodnow Hall (x3089). After contacting the Student Disability Resources, please notify me, as soon as you can, to ensure your full participation in the course and coordinate your accommodations.

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