FIRST YEAR FAQ

CSCI 1226
Introduction to Computing Science and Programming

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Tips for Success

Pay close attention to the CSCI 1226 course site on Brightspace—and check it often! You'll hear more about it on the first day of classes, but keep in mind that **very important notices about labs and assignments will be posted there.**

Start your assignments early, and make sure you submit them often, even if you haven't finished them yet. We only see the last version of each file you submit, so you don't need to worry about us grading the wrong file. Also, **we accept no late assignments**, so by passing files in early you will always have something submitted for a grade.

And remember that **we are here to help you**:

- Ask questions in lectures and labs.
- Visit us during our office hours and/or online office hours.

Most importantly: read and write lots of programs! The only way to become a good programmer is to read lots of well-written programs and to practice writing lots of well-written programs.

Is there a Required Textbook?

There is no textbook this year. You will have access to the CSCI 1226 course site when you log into Brightspace; all course material will be found there. This material includes exercises, and we encourage you to do them.

CSCI 1226 (Introduction to Computing Science and Programming) is one of the University's first courses in programming. It is intended for students who wish to explore the subject, as well as those who want to major in it. This course is a prerequisite for CSCI 1228, a second course for interested students and those who wish to major in Computing Science.

Do You Need Your Own Laptop?

Having a laptop is beneficial - it helps you follow along in class and practice concepts on your own. However, it's not required. All course work can be completed at home or in the university labs. During class, please use laptops only for course-related activities. The required software works on Windows, Mac, and Linux (but not Chromebooks), and we'll provide download links and setup instructions during lectures and labs.

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