

Introductory Information, CMPS 1500, Spring 2019

Textbook

We will be using online interactive learning environment Zybook, which is both a textbook and a programming environment. The cost to subscribe for one semester is 73\$:

1. Sign up at zyBooks.com with your Tulane email
2. Enter zyBook code TULANECMPS1500WenkSpring2019
3. Click Subscribe

The first graded homework will be assigned on the first day of class and will be due before the Wednesday lecture. Hence, it is important not to delay signing up for the book.

- *If you receive financial aid for books and you are still waiting for it to arrive, you should write to the publisher and explain the situation. In the past they were able to give the students an opportunity to pay later.*
- *If you drop the class within the first few weeks of the semester, you can write to the publisher and receive a refund.*
- *You will only need the book for one semester, so buy only one-semester access.*

Computers

We will not be using computers in the lectures (MWF). In fact, the use of computers (and other electronics) in the lectures is not allowed to minimize distraction for the class, and to benefit from handwritten note-taking.

We will be using computers in the labs on Thursday. You should bring a charged laptop to each lab.

- *If you don't have a laptop, you will be able to work on a loaner laptop in lab and use shared campus computers or your desktop computer to complete homework. Not having a computer will not impact your progress in the course.*
- *It doesn't matter which operating system (Windows, MacOS, Linux, etc) your computer uses and what type of computer (Mac or PC) you have. But you need to work on a computer; a tablet such as an Ipad is not sufficient.*

Software

Python

Starting with the first lab on Thursday, we will begin writing computer programs in a computer language called Python. You should download and install Python 3 before the lab:

<https://www.python.org/downloads/release/python-372/>

- *If you have problems during installation, don't worry, the TA will help you get set up during the lab*

Behavior norms (verbatim from the [University Policies](#))

Listed below are generally accepted guidelines for student behavior in classrooms, laboratories and studios. Instructors and schools may impose other expectations.

- Computers are to be used for class-related purposes only; instructors will specify when computers may not be used.
- Students and instructors will turn off all cell phones and electronic devices at the beginning of each class; these items will remain off for the duration of the class.
- Students and instructors are required to observe copyright laws.
- Students are responsible for checking their Tulane e-mail accounts daily when classes are in session.
- Instructors expect students to be punctual when arriving for classes and presentations; they also expect uninterrupted attendance for the duration of the class.
- Students submitting work late can expect, at the instructor's discretion, to have the work refused or to receive a grade penalty.
- Videotaping or recording a class requires the instructor's approval in advance.

Missing first class(es)

If you have problems with arrival or otherwise have serious reasons to miss the first classes, you can refer to the course page, the course schedule, and the course Canvas page to follow along the material and to get the administrative information that you missed. You can come to the instructor's office hours or the TA office hours to resolve questions, doubts or concerns regarding the missed material (but only after you had a chance to familiarize yourself with it on your own).

Registration

You should be registered both for CMPS 1500 and CMPS 1501 to get credit for this course.

If you joined later, if you're attending without registration in hopes of a spot to open, if you just joined via the Registrar's paperwork but still don't have access to the Canvas class page, or if you are not sure whether you will stay in this class - in all these cases you should attend and participate as normal, sign up for Zybook, and join Canvas (send email to the instructor to be added to Canvas).

Making travel plans

Classes and labs will be held as scheduled on Friday before Spring Break and on Thursday before Easter Break.

The final exam date is set by the Registrar and is Monday, May 6, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm and will take place in the regular classroom, ST 302. If you have an exam conflict with another subject, contact the instructor as soon as possible.