

CSC 165/170

Drop-in Tutoring Schedule

Fall 2025 (in-person only)

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Need some help in your programming class?

Mondays 3:40-5:00 PM in HC 373 (Mac lab)

Tuesdays 3:40-5:00 PM in HC 373 (Mac lab)

What is “drop-in” tutoring? Do I need an appointment?

Tutors are available to help you, and any other students in the following CSC courses -- CSC 165 Intro to Computer Programming (Python) and CSC 170 Intro to Computer Programming (Java)-- during these scheduled times. No appointment is needed -- just stop by. You can arrive at any time, although at least 15 minutes before the end time is recommended. You don't have to stay the full time.

***Note: If you need help with a different CSC course, please meet with your professor. Small group tutoring may also be an option.**

Is drop-in tutoring the same as a private tutor?

Drop-in tutoring is different from a private tutor. The drop-in tutor will be helping students from several computer science classes. If things are busy, the tutor might help you a little, then move on to the next students to help them, then come back to you, and so on. If things are not busy, the tutor might be able to help you longer. Right before exams and project due dates tend to be busy, so try to not wait until the last minute to get your questions answered. Some students like to use drop-in tutoring like a study hall -- time to work on homework with tutors nearby to help if you get stuck.

What sort of help can I get during drop-in tutoring? And when should I go see my professor during office hours instead?

Drop-in tutoring is designed to help you learn the course material. The tutors won't do homework problems or the coding for you, but they can definitely help you figure out your questions. Their help may be just with coding errors since it often helps to have a second set of eyes look at your work.

For questions about your grades, accommodations, or help on a specific course assignment (projects, labs, papers, presentations, etc.), you should visit your professor during office hours. Your professor's office hours are also a good place to get help figuring out how to improve your studying for the course or for help if you're totally confused about a topic.

Still need more help? Try Knack!

There are many ways to get help. Your professor's office help hours and drop-in tutoring can be very helpful. Many students form study groups with other students in the class. There is also [Knack tutoring](#), which matches you with a free peer-tutoring. If that's not enough or if you're really struggling with the course, there may be possible other free tutoring options. For more information please contact MCD Student Success Coordinator Prof. Matthew Haines (haines@augsborg.edu, Hagfors 181).