

## Principles of Programming Languages Course Information

### General information:

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Lectures: LEC01: Thursdays 11 – 1; LEC02: Fridays 11 – 1  
Tutorials / labs: see course calendar on course website  
Office hours: see course calendar on course website

### Coarse goals:

We will overview different programming paradigms and study concepts that appear in design and implementation of modern programming languages.

### Textbook:

There is no required textbook in this course. All required readings will be posted on the course website.

### Software and documentation:

All software we will use is freely available. You are encouraged to consult official distribution sites when learning a new language (see course web site).

### Online resources:

Course information, lecture and lab materials, exercises, etc. will be posted on the course website or provided through the online tools, linked from the course website. It is your responsibility to visit it frequently:

<https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~atafliovich/csc24>

### Accessibility Statement:

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a disability/health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach your instructor and/or the AccessAbility Services Office as soon as possible. We will work with you and AccessAbility Services to ensure you can achieve your learning goals in this course. Enquiries are confidential. The UTSC AccessAbility Services staff (located in AA142) are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations (416) 287-7560 or [ability@utsc.utoronto.ca](mailto:ability@utsc.utoronto.ca). Enquiries are confidential.

### Diversity Statement:

Diversity is central to who we are and what we do at the University of Toronto Scarborough. We believe it is vital to foster diversity in all facets of our campus culture. In this course, it is the responsibility of each and every one of us — the instructors, the teaching assistants, and, most importantly, the students — to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for all. If you have a concern, please feel free to approach your instructor, course coordinator, or the [UTSC Equity & Diversity Office](#) as soon as possible. Enquiries are confidential.

### Contacting the Instructor:

Please use email for personal issues and use the discussion board to ask general course-related questions. I receive a large quantity of email over the term but try to respond by the end of the next day. However, it may take longer, especially on weekends and near due dates. Always send

email from your official UTMail email address and begin email subject lines with “C24” lest your message accidentally be filed as spam.

### **Online resources:**

Course information, lecture notes, tutorial material, etc. will be posted on the course website. It is your responsibility to visit it frequently. All course announcements will be posted on the discussion board, which is required reading for the course. You are encouraged to use the discussion board to discuss the course material, pose questions on homeworks, etc. The discussion board will be monitored by your instructor.

Course website: <https://www.utoronto.ca/~atafliovich/csc24>

Discussion board: <https://piazza.com/utoronto.ca/winter2024/csc24>

### **Prerequisites and Exclusions:** Exclusion: CSC324H

Prerequisites: CSCB07H and CSCB09H; CGPA 3.5 or higher or enrolment in a CSC subject POST. It is your responsibility to ensure you have all prerequisites for the course.

### **Evaluation:**

We will have homework exercises (individual work), worth a total of 40%, a midterm (15%), and a final examination (35%). Your lab (tutorial) work is worth 10%. In addition, you must receive 40% or higher on the final exam to pass the course; otherwise your final course grade will be no higher than 47.

### **Lateness, illness, emergencies:**

All homework deadlines are strict, no exceptions. All work will be submitted electronically. Having technical problems, poor Internet connection, etc. will not be accepted as reasons for late submissions. A 10% penalty will be applied for each day the work is late. No submissions will be accepted more than 5 days late. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays count when calculating late days. In addition, according to the UofT policy, no work can be accepted after the last day of classes.

In case of illness or other exceptional circumstances, proper documentation must be provided. In this case a missed homework or a missed test may be canceled at the discretion of the instructor; marks for a missed homework/test will be distributed evenly over the other marked homeworks/tests.

### **Policy on collaboration:**

You are encouraged to discuss ideas and approaches to solving problems posed on the homework assignments with other students. However, you are not permitted to take any notes during these discussions and during a 2-hour period following the discussion, nor are you permitted to consult other students' solutions. Searching for a solution on the Internet is a violation of this policy. Showing your work to other students is a violation of this policy. If challenged by either a tutor or the instructor, you must be able to reproduce and explain any solution you submit in an oral exam. Failure to observe this policy is an academic offence, carrying a penalty ranging from a zero on a homework or a test to suspension from the university.

### **Anonymous Feedback:**

The website contains a form that will allow you to send feedback anonymously to the instructor. I welcome your comments. Please don't use this form anonymously if you are expecting a personal email response — I won't know where to send the reply!