General Information

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Lectures               MWF 9:00AM–9:50AM in 212 Veihmeyer

Discussion Section  
Section A01: F 5:10–6:00PM in 1120 Hart
Section A02: Th 8:00–8:50AM in 116 Veihmeyer
Section A03: F 4:10–5:00PM in 1120 Hart

Course Outline      Learn about programming using the C programming language; learn basics of debugging;  
learn how to use a UNIX- or UNIX-like system  

Course Goals            Some goals we hope you achieve:  
1. learn how to program in C;  
2. learn how to use the UNIX system;  
3. learn how to use the basic tools available on UNIX systems;  
4. learn how to debug programs using a dynamic debugger;  
5. learn how to solve programming problems; and  
6. learn a little about software engineering

Prerequisites      The prerequisites for this course are Math 16A or 21A. You can be taking these this quarter.  
You should have prior experience with at least one other programming language. If you have  
ever programmed before, you will be at a big disadvantage. In that case, we strongly recom-  
mend you take ECS 10 first.

Text       • R. Johnsonbaugh and M. Kalin, C for Scientists and Engineers, Prentice-Hall, Inc.,  
• G. Glass, UNIX® for Programmers and Users, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, NJ  
(1993).

Computers           All registered students have been given an account on the computer science instructional  
machines in the basement. Change your password as soon as you can; if it is not changed  
within a week, your account will be disabled and you will have to see a system programmer  
to have it reset.

Class Web Site  
The class web site is on myucdavis. To access it, go to http://my.ucdavis.edu and log in using  
your campus-wide login and password. Then go to ECS 30-A in your schedule. Handouts and  
other documents will be posted there. In the event you cannot get to that site, an alternate site  
will be at http://nob.cs.ucdavis.edu/~cs30a. Please use that only as a backup, though.

Class Newsgroup       Information about this class, homework assignments, and so forth, will be posted to the newsgroup  
ucd.class.ecs30a Read this newsgroups daily! You are responsible for everything  
posted to these newsgroups. We’ll use it to put out important information. Please do not post  
to this newsgroup. If you want to post things about the class, please use the appropriate dis-  
cussion newsgroup (add “.d” to the ones above). Discussing something in that newsgroup is  
perfectly fair.
**Homework**  
Homework is due at noon on the date stated on the homework. See the handout *All About Homework* for more information.

**Extra Credit**  
Extra credit in this course will be tallied separately from regular scores. If you end up on a borderline between two grades at the end of the course, extra credit will count in your favor. However, failure to do extra credit will never be counted against you, because grades are assigned on the basis of regular scores. You should do extra credit if you find it interesting and think that it might teach you something. Remember, though, it is not wise to skimp on the regular assignment in order to do extra credit!

**Grading**  
- 50% Homework
- 20% Midterm exam
- 5% Lab exam
- 25% Final exam

**Exams**  
- **Midterm** — Monday, February 11, 2002 in class (both sections)
- **Final examination** — Monday, June 10, 2002, at 4:00PM–6:00PM

If you miss an exam for medical reasons (you must document this; no other excuses are acceptable), you may be allowed or required to take a make-up exam, or the other parts of the course will be counted proportionally more (the choice is the instructor’s). In particular, forgetting the time or place of an exam is not an excuse for missing it!

**Academic Integrity**  
Please see the *Spring 2002 Class Schedule and Room Directory* for a general discussion of this. In particular, for this course:

- All work submitted for credit must be your own. You may discuss your assignments with classmates, with instructors, or with teaching assistants or readers in the course to get ideas or a critique of your ideas, but the ideas and words you submit must be your own. Unless explicitly stated otherwise in the assignment, collaboration is considered cheating and will be dealt with accordingly.
- For written homework, you must write up your own solutions and may neither read nor copy another student’s solutions.
- For programs, you must create and type in your own code and document it yourself. *Note that you are free to seek help while debugging a program once it is written.*

A good analogy between appropriate discussion and inappropriate collaboration is the following: you and a fellow student work for competing software companies developing different products to meet a given specification. You and your competitor might choose to discuss product specifications and general techniques employed in your products, but you certainly would not discuss or exchange proprietary information revealing details of your products. Ask the instructor or a teaching assistant for clarification beforehand if the above rules are not clear.