Course information and policies

Textbook

There is one required textbook for this course: *Java Concepts, 4e*, by Cay Horstmann. If you buy the text new from the bookstore, it will include a code for the CodeLab website, which contains exercises that are a required component of this course. (If you get the book elsewhere, you'll have to pay for access to CodeLab.)

Content and workload

If you are prone to procrastination, you'll want to break this habit now. We will meet for fifty minutes each day, but the work that you do after class will in large part determine what you get out of the class. In addition to the required work for the class, you will want to spend time reading and re-reading the textbook, reviewing the lecture notes, and writing small programs to test your understanding of Java concepts. In return for your hard work, you will learn a great deal about programming, about designing programs, about the Java language, and about solving problems with computers.

Programming projects

I expect that you will start working on each programming project shortly after the assignment is available. This is important for two reasons: (1) you will need to allow plenty of time to solve the problem, implement your solution, and verify your solution; and (2) I only have a finite amount of time to help students with projects. If you contact me early, fewer people will be competing for my time.

Because I am committed to treating the whole class fairly, I cannot accept late assignments.

Academic misconduct

If you engage in academic misconduct, you will fail the course. Academic misconduct includes any act in which you represent someone else's work or ideas as your own and any act in which you help someone else to commit academic misconduct. This includes copying anyone else's source code, whether from the web or from a former student.

You are expected to have read the University policy on academic misconduct: [http://www.wisc.edu/students/conduct/uws14.htm](http://www.wisc.edu/students/conduct/uws14.htm)

If you have any questions about academic misconduct, please contact me.

Grades

Exams are worth 63% of your final grade; programming projects are worth 22%; CodeLab exercises, lab attendance, and class participation are worth 5% each. Everything you do in the course will prepare you to do well on the exams.

Do not haggle with me over grades. Doing so will not change your grade, but it may change my disposition.