Staff and Course Information

1. Course Staff

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Online zoom link: [https://ucsd.zoom.us/my/yic242](https://ucsd.zoom.us/my/yic242)

Online office hours: Tuesday 9am - 11am, Thursday 8am - 9am. Or by appointments. One exception is there won't be office hour on Tuesday 4/20. Instead, we will have office hour on Thursday 4/22 from 9am - 11am.

Email me if you need to make an appointment. Please only email instructors with personal (confidential) questions. If you need to see us at a time other than the office hours, you should email us in advance to set up a time. You should look at their calendar and propose a few time slots of 30 minutes or less.

**Tutors**

We have many tutors for this class who are available to help you online. If you need tutor help, just submit your ticket on autograder.ucsd.edu [autograder.ucsd.edu](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fautograder.ucsd.edu&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNH1azkMxyosHMRGR7h4KBqlV1RN6Q). All tutoring sessions are online via zoom.

2. Course Components

1. **Class Sessions (a.k.a. Lectures)**

These are instructor lead sessions that will focus on explanations of complicated and important Python programming concepts including variables, flow control statements, functions, lists and 2d lists, and dictionaries. Instructors will use in-class polls to work out different problems with students. These sessions will be recorded and will be available online. It is strongly encouraged that everyone attends lecture sessions for more effective learning. We understand that sometimes it isn't possible under the current situation affected by Covid-19. For those who can't attend lectures real-time, you should watch the recorded video.

2. **Reading Assignments**

To prepare you for these interactive class sections, there will be reading assignments to be completed before each class section. These readings are required, and you should complete the reading assignments before the deadline specified by the course schedule.

3. **Midterm/Final Exam**
We will have one midterm in the fall quarter and the midterm will be completed asynchronously. Similarly, our final exam will be asynchronous. We will provide more details about our exams later in the quarter.

4. Problem Solving Assignments (PAs)

Most weeks there will be a problem-solving assignment due by 11:59pm on the due date. These will consist of reading a problem statement formulating a plan to solve the problem (an algorithm) implementing a solution (writing a program in Java that solves the problem). You must work on the assignments individually.

5. Discussion Sections

Discussion sections are optional. Discussion sections start Week 1. Discussion sections in 8A focus on basic concepts and are more like problem-solving sessions. They are extremely helpful to you. You should try to attend the discussion session you registered in.

6. Labs

In labs, you will get both participation points (for showing up to your assigned lab on time and working consistently) and a quiz score for a quiz you will take at the end of each lab. All labs MUST be finished in the allotted appointment time and cannot be made up. As soon as you finish, you may leave lab. We will provide more details on how appointments work for our labs.