

# CSE 101 Midterm Instructions

The first midterm for CSE 101 will be held on February 12th 2021 (or thereabouts). Here are the instructions for taking the exam:

- **Timing:**

- The exam will be made available on gradescope at 1pm pacific time on February 12th 2021. Most students will be expected to start the exam at that time. If you have cleared an excuse with the professor, you may instead start at another time within the next 24 hours.
- Like homeworks, the exam will ask you to upload a file with your solutions. This can either be scanned or produced by some kind of word processor. However, in either case it is your responsibility to ensure that what you have is legible.
- We will be using gradescope's enforced time limit feature. You will have 1 hour from when you first download the assignment to complete your work on it. You may submit solutions multiple times and gradescope will keep whichever was submitted last before the time limit expires. It is *highly recommended* therefore, that you submit at least a draft solution several minutes before the time limit expires so that you do not miss it due to technical issues. If you do miss the deadline, immediately email [dakane@ucsd.edu](mailto:dakane@ucsd.edu), including your solution in the email. Your score will be docked 10% plus additional penalties if it is substantially late.
- If you have an approved OSD accommodation for extended time, your time limit will be extended as appropriate.
- You *may not* discuss the content of the exam with anyone else outside of course staff until 2pm on February 13th, pacific time.

- **Questions During the Exam:**

- A list of clarifications about exam questions will be maintained in a google doc here: <http://cseweb.ucsd.edu/~dakane/CSE101/Exam2Corrections.html>.
- If you need further clarification, you should contact your professor by email or gchat at [dakane@ucsd.edu](mailto:dakane@ucsd.edu). He will make sure to be online 1-3pm pacific on January 22nd.

- **Allowable Aids:**

- The test is open book, open notes, and open internet.
- However, you *may not* discuss the exam with other people, nor use the internet in any way that you would expect to get a response from another person within 24 hours except to ask for clarifications about questions as described above.
- **Violations of this policy will be considered a serious breach of the course academic integrity policy.**

- **Exam Material:**

- The exam consists of 3 questions.
- Please answer all questions completely, however, you need only answer what is asked for. In particular, the first question will ask you to perform some straightforward task and merely returning a (correct) output will be worth full credit (however, showing your work may be valuable in attaining partial credit if your full answer is not exactly correct). For algorithms questions, you will likely be allowed to omit either the proof of correctness or runtime analysis (or both). Pay careful attention to exactly what is asked for by the problem.
- The exam will cover material from Dasgupta, Papadimitriou, Vazirani Chapters 2 and 4.

Please sign your name below to acknowledge that you have read and understood the above.