

CS 1436.006 Course Syllabus

COURSE INFORMATION:

Course Number: CS 1436.006
Course Title: Programming Fundamentals
Course Term: Fall 2023
Schedule: T Th 11 am – 1:15 pm
Location: ECSS 2.312

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

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[Click here to enter my Office room](#)

GRADER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Email: When you send a mail to me or TA, please **specify CS1436.006 in the subject of the email.**

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

CS 1436 Programming Fundamentals (4 semester credit hours) Introduces the fundamental concepts of structured programming. Topics include software development methodology, data types, control structures, functions, arrays, and the mechanics of running, testing, and debugging. Programming language of choice is C++. The class is open to students in the School of Engineering and Computer Science only. May not be used to satisfy degree requirements for majors in the School of Engineering and Computer Science. Note a grade of C or better in this class is required to register for (CE 1337 or CS 1337 or TE 1337).

LECTURE PLATFORM:

Lectures will be conducted in-person in the designated classrooms.

CLASS PARTICIPATION:

Regular class participation is expected regardless of course modality. Students who fail to participate in class regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty. It also includes engaging in group or other activities during class that solicit your feedback on homework assignments, readings, or materials covered in the lectures (and/or labs). Class participation is documented by faculty and 5% of your grade is assigned for

participation. Successful participation is defined as consistently adhering to university requirements, as presented in this syllabus. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

CLASS MATERIALS:

The instructor may provide class materials that will be made available to all students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. These materials may be downloaded during the course; however, these materials are for registered students' use only. Classroom materials may not be reproduced or shared with those not in class or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:

1. Ability to develop algorithmic solutions for use on computers
 2. Ability to perform console input and output, utilize basic operators, and perform sequential processing
 3. Ability to utilize the basic control structures for selection
 4. Ability to utilize the basic control structures for repetition logic
 5. Ability to perform sequential file input and output
 6. Ability to develop programs in a functional form
 7. Ability to process data in arrays
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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS:

Required Textbook:

Starting out with C++. From control structures through objects, Ninth Edition, by Tony Gaddis, Pearson Education, Inc. ISBN: 978-0-13-449837-9.

Zybooks:

Zylabs is mandatory and it will cost \$40. Labs, inclass activities, assignments and practice problems will be posted in Zylabs and you will post the solutions there. It is an auto grader tool. The feedback will however be provided to you.

1. Click any zyBooks assignment link in your learning management system

(Do not go to the zyBooks website and create a new account)

2. Subscribe

A subscription is **\$40**. Students may begin subscribing on Jul 24, 2023 and the cutoff to subscribe is Dec 09, 2023. Subscriptions will last until Jan 12, 2024.

C/C++ Compiler:

Any standard C++ compiler and Integrated Development Environment (IDE) can be used to develop, debug and run your programs. [Microsoft Visual Studio](#), [Microsoft Visual Express](#), [Code::Blocks](#), [NetBeans](#), [Eclipse](#) and [jGRASP](#) are a few popular tools.

I will use code blocks. codeblocks-17.12mingw-setup.exe can be downloaded from

<http://www.codeblocks.org/downloads/26>

Slides, Sample Programs, etc.:

Class materials including the syllabus, slides, and programs will be shared through **UTD box folder**.

Important Dates and Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of class: Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023 • Exam 1: Thursday, Oct 13th, 2022 @ Testing center • Exam 2: Thursday, Dec 1st, 2022 @ Testing center
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Please register for the exams at UTD testing center as early as possible.
[Testing Center - The University of Texas at Dallas \(utdallas.edu\)](https://www.utdallas.edu/testing-center)

Tentative Course Calendar

Week	Class Activity/Notes	Read ...
Aug 22 nd , 24 th	Review of syllabus Intro. to Computers and Programming	Chapter 1
Aug 29 th , 31 st	Data types, Expressions and Interactivity	Chapter 2
Sep 5 th , 7 th	Expressions and Interactivity	Chapter 3
Sep 12 th , 14 th	Making Decisions & Problem solving	Chapter 4
Sep 19 th , 21 st	Making Decisions & Problem solving	
Sep 26 th , 28 th	Loops & Problem solving	Chapter 5
Oct 3 rd , 5 th	Loops & Problem solving	
Oct 10 th , 12 th	Review, Exam 1: Thursday, Oct 12th	11.00 – 12.30 pm (90 mins)
Oct 17 th , 19 th	Files, MidSem Feedback Review	
Oct 24 th , 26 th	Functions	Chapter 6
Oct 31 st , Nov 2 nd	Functions	
Nov 7 th , 9 th	Arrays	Chapter 7
Nov 14 th , 16 th	Arrays	
Nov 21st, 23rd	Thanksgiving Holidays	
Nov 28 th , 30 th	Problem Solving, Exam review	
Dec 5 th , 7 th	Exam 2: Tuesday, Dec 5th, Activity	11.00 – 12.30 pm (90 mins)

CS 1334, CS 1337, CE 1337, TE 1337 etc. have a minimum grade requirement for CS 1436. Make sure you know what grade you need in CS 1436 to matriculate to your next programming course.

Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

97-100	A+	94-97	A	90-94	A-
87-90	B+	84-87	B	80-84	B-
77-80	C+	74-77	C	70-74	C-
67-70	D+	64-67	D	60-64	D-
Below 60	F				

GRADING POLICY:

Grading Criteria	In class Activities: 15%, Labs: 10% Exam 1: 20%, Exam 2: 20%, Programming Assignments: 30%, Attendance 5%
Programming Assignments	Programming assignments are given every week. Weekly Assignments will be assigned on Thursdays and are due by next Wednesday at midnight.
In class Exercises	Small exercises will be given at the end of each lecture class based on the material covered. If you cannot finish it within your class timings, You can use your lab time to finish it. There are no make-ups for these. It must be submitted by midnight of the lecture day.
Labs	A sequence of labs will be assigned and graded for CS 1436. Graders will supervise the lab sessions. Your instructor will be available for 20 – 30 minutes and graders will take over after that. Every lab assignment must be done during the lab time which will be 1 hour after your class lectures.
Make-up Exams	Make-up examinations will be administered only for well-documented emergencies . A student must make every attempt possible, via email, to notify the instructor that he/she will miss a scheduled exam prior to the scheduled date and time or immediately thereafter. If notification is not received in a timely manner, no make-up will be given.
Extra Credit	Practice problems may be assigned to get some extra credits.
Late Work	Late submissions will not be accepted. However if a student is stressed out one day late submission will be allowed and two late submissions per students will be allowed.
Class Attendance	Regular attendance is highly recommended. Two attendances will be dropped. As per the Department of Computer Science policy, three consecutive absences lead to one letter grade drop. Four consecutive absences lead to a F.. http://cs.utdallas.edu/education/undergraduate/attendance-policy/
Classroom Citizenship	The instructor encourages students to take active part in class discussions. No question is too simple/stupid to be asked. So, do not hesitate. Use of Laptops and smart phones for purposes other than related to class work is strictly prohibited. Sometimes, I may insist that laptops be closed.
UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures	The information contained in the following link constitutes the University's policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus. Please go to http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies for these policies.

Weekly Assignments will be assigned on Thursdays and are due by next Wednesday at midnight.

Historically students who skip programming assignments, or do not put much effort into their programming assignments, or get a lot of help from classmates, mentors, or others, do not perform well on exam questions testing the material covered by the assignment.

Programming assignments will be done in Zylabs and must be submitted through links provided in elearning. You need to submit only .cpp files for individual assignments, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

Each weekly assignment will require the students to spend a few hours to even days programming in a computer. Right way to approach any programming assignment is to start right away & ask for help when you get stuck (you can approach the instructor or TA for help). Do not waste several hours trying to fix a small glitch. In simple words, your approach will determine whether the programming assignments provide an enjoyable learning experience or end up as painful & seemingly useless activities.

Assignments will be graded on a 100-point basis, utilizing the following criteria:

		Max Score
Pseudocode	High level explanation of steps at the top of program/each function	10%
Source Code	Overall design of the program	40%
Source Code	Assigning meaningful names for variables and functions	10%
	Formatting and coding style	10%
Execution	Test cases	30%
Total		100%

What you need to do to be successful in this course:

- Attend every meeting and pay close attention.
- Dedicate 9-10 hours per week outside of class meetings to CS 1436 for reading, watching recordings, practicing writing code, assignments, exercises and studying for exams.
- Enter the sample programs from the text. Experiment by making small changes. Note how the changes affect the program translation and/or execution.
The more programs you practice with outside of lecture the better you will do in this course. I can teach you the syntax of the C++ programming language and about typical programming constructs. I will also show you samples of programs and of the use of programming constructs / patterns. I will introduce you to program development methodologies. However, you learn to program by doing – coding, testing, and fixing (debugging).
- Complete the Checkpoint questions at the end of the sections of the text.
- Complete the Review Questions and Exercises at the end of the chapters of the text.
- Pick a few of the Programming Exercises at the end of the chapter and write programs that satisfy the requirements given. This is good practice for the types of coding/MC questions I will ask you on the exam.
- Start your assignment immediately. All assignments are designed to be worked on over a period of days. I expect that you will work on the assignment a little at a time rather than waiting until a day or two before it is due. Those that procrastinate will find this class to be much harder than it should be and will face the risk of below average grades.
- Ask for help!

- The instructor and graders are available to help during office hours.
 - Be proactive.
 - Don't wait till the day an assignment is due to seek help. Please note that I do not have office hours every day. If you wait till close to the assignment due date to seek my help, it is possible that I won't have any office hours that day or there may be many students who will be competing for my time when you come to my office hours. **You may not email your code to the instructor or grader expecting us to find your errors.**
 - You can also ask help at CSMC <https://csmc.utdallas.edu/>
 - Don't wait till the end of the semester to seek help. If you have gotten far behind in your coursework or have done significant damage to your course average, I may not be able to help.
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COURSE & INSTRUCTOR POLICIES:

Student Responsibilities:

- You are responsible for all the material in the assigned reading in the required course textbook.
- You are responsible for all the material in the slides and slide recordings.
- You are responsible for all material discussed in course meetings.
- You are responsible for all material supplied on eLearning (including announcements and discussion postings).
- Students are expected to be respectful of each other and of the course instructor. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

You may not send your source code to the grader or instructor unsolicited by email expecting us to debug it. Also, part of learning to program is developing your own debugging skills. It is your responsibility to develop your code in a manner that minimizes errors. You should only ask for help with debugging as a last resort. We will help you find errors in person during office hours, but you should have narrowed down the problem before coming to see us.

Academic Integrity:

All assignments, exercises and exams are to be individual efforts. You are not to collaborate with other students. Prior to the assignment due date, you are not to: discuss assignment solutions with other students, distribute your code to others, or publish your code. Copying of programming assignments, exercises or exams, in whole or in part, from other students will be considered an act of scholastic dishonesty. Copying of assignments from previous semesters will be considered an act of scholastic dishonesty.

For programming assignments, you may use source code provided by the instructor. You are not to view, copy, or distribute code from any other sources, including code from other students, code from assignments submitted in past semesters, or code from the Internet. Plagiarism detection software will be employed to detect copying of code.

Grading Concerns:

If you think there is a mistake in the grading of your assignment or exercise and would like to request that it be regraded, **you must notify both the grader and the instructor (email the grader and copy the instructor)** of this by email within **one week** after the date the grade is posted in the grade book on eLearning. Keep in mind that a regrade may result in an increase or in a reduction of the original grade.

Most deductions are made because students, did not fully read the assignment instructions, did not adequately test their programs, or did not follow the style guidelines provided. You may not change the problem to suit your purposes. Most assignments restrict the use of programming constructs

and library functions not covered in lecture, others require that you use particular constructs or functions. To get the maximum credit you must read the directions carefully and test your programs thoroughly.

If you think there is a mistake in the grading of your quiz or exam and would like to request that it be regraded, **you must notify the instructor** of this by email within **two weeks** after the date the grade is posted in the grade book on eLearning. Your request for any regrade must describe in detail what you perceive as the problem with the grading. Keep in mind that a regrade may result in an increase or in a reduction of the original grade.

COMET CREED:

This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:

"As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do."

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The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.