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CSCI 172.01: Introduction to Computer Modeling

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Introduction to Computer Modeling

Basic Course Information

Course Number	CSCI-172
Prerequisites	Math 095 or Consent of Instructor
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Textbook

CSCI 172 Introduction to Computer Modeling: Exploring Office 2013 Plus

- ❖ ISBN: 9781269977906
- ❖ Custom program put together by the University of Montana
- ❖ Comes with Pearson Online access code **required** to do homework

Course Components

Moodle

Assignments (and due dates) will be posted to Moodle, and will be the primary source of information for the course. The **midterm and final exams** will be on Moodle as well. Although there should be grades on the Pearson lab site, your final grades will be in Moodle.

Pearson My IT Lab

Overview

Pearson provides the Skill-Based Exercises, Grader Projects, and Chapter Quizzes which will be the main part of your grade.

Registration Instructions

Get an Access Code

You can either get an access code:

- ❖ Via the textbook (see above)
- ❖ Via the Pearson Website

If you decide to purchase an access code on the website, you can purchase just the access code itself or an access code bundled with the eText.

Register

1. Go to the Pearson MyLab and Mastering Website
2. Click on the "Student" button at the right of the window (Alternatively, click the "Get Registered" link in "Student")
3. Provide:
    - ❖ **Email:** Use your UM email address! (e.g. first.last@umontana.edu or first.last@umconnect.umt.edu)

- ❖ **Course ID:** [redacted for web]
- ❖ **Access Code:** The Pearson Online access code included in the textbook package

Course Policies

Student Conduct Code
Student Conduct Code found here: Student Conduct Code Webpage

Assignment Information
Here is some general information about the assignments:

- ❖ **Unlimited Attempts**
    - o You can redo assignments as many times as you want *up until to the due date*.
    - o Your grade is the highest grade you receive of all attempts
- ❖ **All Assignments Are Open**
    - o You can work ahead on the assignments and finish the homework ahead of time
- ❖ **No Late Work**
    - o Do your work by the due date!
    - o Late work *will not* be accepted
- ❖ **Back Up Your Work!**
    - o USB Flash Drives
    - o Google Drive
    - o Dropbox
    - o One Drive
    - o UM Box Account
    - o (and many more)

Grading
Every week there will be 3 assignments due:

- ❖ Grader Project
- ❖ Skill-Based Exercise
- ❖ Chapter Quiz

There will also be a Midterm and Final test during the semester.

Attendance is *not graded* and thus not mandatory. However, you are responsible for everything you miss if you choose not to come to class. I will not take up regular class time to make up for those who choose not to attend regularly.

Grading Distribution

Assignments/Tests	Grade Percentage
Grader Projects	60%
Skill-Based Exercises	15%
Chapter Quizzes	5%
Midterm Test	10%
Final Test	10%

Grading Policy

Letter	Highest	Lowest
A	100.00 %	93.00 %
A-	92.99 %	90.00 %

B+	89.99 %	87.00 %
B	86.99 %	83.00 %
B-	82.99 %	80.00 %
C+	79.99 %	77.00 %
C	76.99 %	73.00 %
C-	72.99 %	70.00 %
D+	69.99 %	67.00 %
D	66.99 %	63.00 %
D-	62.99%	60.00%
F	59.99 %	0.00 %

Disability Modifications

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