CMSC 131
Object-Oriented Programming I
Course Intro
Course intro

- Course home page is at
  - http://www.cs.umd.edu/class/fall2015/cmsc131/
- Let’s go over the syllabus
- Regarding e-mail
- Regarding TA Room
  - Read the information available at
  - http://www.cs.umd.edu/~nelson/taRoom/
  - Due to the large number of CS students we request that once you have been helped you leave the TA room. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter
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• To succeed in this course
  • Have a reasonable course load
  • Are you in doubt about your course load? Talk to us after class
  • Start projects immediately they are posted.
• Regarding recording lectures
• Regarding computers and phones
We believe you should have access to your computer in lab and lecture and I expect you to use it for tasks related to the course.

It is fine to quickly check e-mail or a social network, but this should be brief.

It is not appropriate to play games, watch TV, or be working on other non-class related activities in lab and lecture. However, if for some reason you need to engage in this kind of activity, please seat on the back row of the classroom. We have received complains that playing games, watching TV, etc., is distracting to students that really want to pay attention in lab/class.

If there is a problem with the course (e.g., TAs are not performing their duties, problems in lab with classmates, etc.) please contact us first, before you contact the undergraduate office. We are always open to your suggestions and to address any situation you might be experiencing.
Class schedule

• The class schedule is available at:

  http://www.cs.umd.edu/class/fall2015/cmsc131/schedule.shtml

• Please make sure you know the date this class ends and when the final takes place. The final exam date is on the schedule.

• Dates for quizzes and midterms (not the final exam) are tentative and may change. Regarding make-ups for quizzes and midterms.
Which project gets graded

- Which Project/Exercise Gets Graded - Highest scoring project from on-time/late submissions
About debugging

• We expect you to do your own debugging
• Learn the debugger (we will cover the debugger in lab/lecture)
• Take a look at “The Essentials of Debugging”
  • http://www.cs.usfca.edu/~parrt/doc/debugging.html
  • Pay attention to the “The Essentials” and “Summary” sections
• TAs will provide guidance/suggestions, but you need to find the bugs 😊
To connect to the grace cluster you need to activate your terpconnect account. Visit the following link to activate it:

- [http://www.oit.umd.edu/new/](http://www.oit.umd.edu/new/)

Your TerpConnect account will be available within 1-3 days, that means you should activate it today. You should see the message **TerpConnect Activated** once your account is ready.

You may have already activated your account.