

## Research School of Computer Science

## COMP2140 • Introductory Programming in Java • COMP6700




2017 Course Administration

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## Preamble

This document gives a brief description of the administrative arrangements for COMP2140/COMP6700 in the first semester 2017. Further details are given on the course Web page (see below).

## Course contacts

-  <http://cs.anu.edu.au/courses/comp6700>
-  [comp6700@cs.anu.edu.au](mailto:comp6700@cs.anu.edu.au)
-  612 52378 (Josh) and 612 53003 (Alexei)
- The course lecturers are **Josh Milthorpe, N216** and **Alexei Khorev, N243** (CSIT Bld.108, middle floor)
- The labs are supervised by **our tutors** and by the lecturers.
- The consultation hours are available on the [course web page](#)
- There is a discussion board on *Piazza*:  
<https://piazza.com/anu.edu.au/spring2017/comp2140comp6700>

If you have a question or problem you would like to discuss or clarify, do this through *Piazza*, and only then (if situation requires) pursue other channels like emailing to lecturers.

- Official announcements will be made on *Piazza* and on the course website.

## Textbook

We do not have a prescribed textbook in this course. You can use any sufficiently modern and detailed text (consult with us if you have doubts regarding a particular book). A substantial part of the course material is covered in the book *Core Java for the Impatient*. The [Book Depository](#) online retailer offers a good deal. Another (Australian based) retailer [Booktopia](#) offers a slightly more expensive deal, but you will support the local economy by paying the GST. Other useful resources are listed on the [Resources](#) web site.

## Lectures

There will be three (2 + 1) hours of live lectures (every week) and a few short (15–20 min each) screencasts over the semester (their release will be announced).

Activity	Day	Time	Venue
Lectures A–B	Wednesday, weeks 1–12	14.00–16.00	RSChem T
Lecture C	Friday, weeks 1–12	14.00–15.00	RSChem T

For a detailed schedule of activities please consult [Schedule](#) on the course Web page. Lecture slides and screencasts will be normally made available at the beginning of the corresponding week.

## Labs

There will be 8 supervised two-hour lab sessions, one drop-in lab and one Mid-Semester Lab Exam – all scheduled between weeks 2 to 12. The timing and location of the lab groups is available on the course website at <http://cs.anu.edu.au/courses/comp6700/labs>. All rooms are located on the ground floor of **CSIT [Bld. 108]**. **All students need to register** for one of the lab groups; do it by going to the StReaMS webpage at <https://cs.anu.edu.au/streams>. If you have problems registering please contact the course coordinator.

## Assessment Scheme

The course assessment consists of the following components:

1. **Homework (10%)** — consists of 8 exercises: the homework exercises which follow every lab. Each homework exercises completed and presented on time will earn you up to 2 points (**the total homework mark will be capped at 10**):

$$H_{\text{tot}} = \min(10, \sum_{i=1}^8 H_i)$$

The homework solutions will have to be presented for marking *during the lab hours* (or submitted through *GitLab*); **emailed solutions will not be accepted!**

2. **Assignments (30%)** — consists of two assignments  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , both worth 15 points. The assignment marks  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  will be redeemable against *practical questions* of the Final Exam according to the formula below, **provided that each of  $A_i$  is at least 6 point** (if it's less or not attempted, no redeeming will be applied).
3. **Quiz** in Week 5, 30 min during a lecture, on paper, worth 5 points, redeemable against Question One (Q1) of the Final Exam (see the formula below); the main goal of the Quiz is to test yourself and to help you decide whether to continue the course by the time of Census;
4. **Mid-Semester Exam (10%)**; MSE is redeemable against the Final Exam — see the formula below.
5. **Final Exam (50%)**

- The final exam will be a 3 hour *hybrid* (theory + practical) test held in a computer lab during the normal examination period in June;
- The mark FE out of 50 will be the sum of four marks for the exam questions: two theory question marks  $Q_1$  and  $Q_3$ , and two practical question marks  $Q_2$  and  $Q_4$ . The mark distribution between the questions and the formula for the mark FE (to include the redeemable Quiz) will as follows:

$$(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4) = \text{out of } (10, 15, 10, 15),$$
$$\text{FE} = 0.5 \cdot Q_1 + \max(0.5 \cdot Q_1, \text{Quiz}) + Q_2 + Q_3 + Q_4$$

6. All the component marks (*except for the homework mark  $H_{\text{tot}}$* ) for the continuous assessment will be redeemable at the final exam. That is, given the final exam mark FE, the total course mark will be calculated as following:

$$\text{Total} = \underbrace{H_{\text{tot}}}_{10\%} + \underbrace{\max(\text{MSE}, 0.2 \cdot \text{FE})}_{10\%} + \underbrace{\text{AM}_1}_{15\%} + \underbrace{\text{AM}_2}_{15\%} + \underbrace{\text{FE}}_{50\%}, \quad \text{where } \text{AM}_i = \begin{cases} \max(A_i, Q_{2:i}), & \text{if } A_i \geq 6, \\ A_i, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

which will be used to determine the grade using the standard scheme. **Final marks are moderated in School Examiners' meetings at the semester end and may be scaled as a result of this moderation.**

## Plagiarism

- **We expect that all the work you submit will be your own.** We do encourage you to discuss your work in the labs and lectures, but we expect you to do the assessed work by yourself.
- We do take plagiarism seriously! You should read the chapter in the *Department of Computer Science Student Handbook* that discusses assessment (Chapter 6), particularly the section 6.4 headed '*Misconduct in examinations*' (which also applies to assignments and other forms of assessment) and the section 6.5 '*Collaboration versus misconduct in assignments*'.

## Supplementary Exam

A supplementary exam will be awarded only to those students who had a final mark of at least 45 out of 100, but less than 50 out of 100.