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# FIRST YEAR FAQ

## CSCI 1226

Introduction to Computing Science and Programming

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### Tips for Success

Pay close attention to the CSCI 1226 course site on Brightspace—and check it often! You'll hear more about it on the first day of classes, but keep in mind that **very important notices about labs and assignments will be posted there.**

Start your assignments early, and make sure you submit them often, even if you haven't finished them yet. We only see the last version of each file you submit, so you don't need to worry about us grading the wrong file. Also, **we accept no late assignments**, so by passing files in early you will always have something submitted for a grade.

And remember that **we are here to help you:**

- Ask questions in lectures and labs.
- Visit us during our office hours and/or online office hours.

**Most importantly: read and write lots of programs! The only way to become a good programmer is to read lots of well-written programs and to practice writing lots of well-written programs.**

### Is there a Required Textbook?

There is no textbook this year. You will have access to the CSCI 1226 course site when you log into Brightspace; all course material will be found there. This material includes exercises, and we encourage you to do them.

CSCI 1226 (Introduction to Computing Science and Programming) is one of the University's first courses in programming. It is intended for students who wish to explore the subject, as well as those who want to major in it. This course is a prerequisite for CSCI 1228, a second course for interested students and those who wish to major in Computing Science.

### Do You Need Your Own Laptop?

You don't need a laptop for in-person classes; you will be able to do all your work at home or in one of the labs on campus. **Having a laptop in class might be helpful, but turn your social media off!**

There is some software that you need to install on your computer to create the programs for the assignments and labs. It's available for Linux, Mac and Windows (but not for Chromebooks), and they mostly work the same. We'll provide links to that software and videos on how to download it for use in lectures and labs.



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