Lecturer: Andrew Taylor andrewt@cse.unsw.edu.au
Consultation times posted on the class web page.
For extraordinary matters make an appointment with Andrew.
Most matters talk to Andrew immediately after a lecture or by posting a question on the class forum.

COMP1911 & COMP1917 assume no programming experience.
CS majors must take COMP1917.
Non-CS majors with an interest in coding/CS should take COMP1917.
If you have previous programming experience - and enjoyed it - choose COMP1917.
Students mostly take COMP1927 before taking further COMP courses. Course progression to COMP1927 via COMP1921 if you take COMP1911:

COMP1917 → COMP1927
COMP1911 → COMP1921 → COMP1927
But we also offer a mid-year bridging course.

COMP1911 vs COMP1917

COMP1911 - COMP1917 bridging course

One week (free) course in last week of mid-year break.
Covers (quickly) key material in COMP1917 but not COMP1911.
Lecture, 4 tut-labs and prac exam.
Satisfactory performance on bridging course exam allows you to proceed directly to COMP1927.
Also lets you into any course which has COMP1917 as prerequisite.
Email sent to all COMP1911 students after final marks released.
If course capacity reached, students with best marks get in.
Guaranteed entry if you get a HD.

COMP1911 - Computing 1A

About COMP1911

- introductory programming course
- for non-CS majors
- no prerequisites
- assumes zero previous programming experience
- covers less material than COMP1917
- fundamental programming concepts
- solve problems with C programs
- problem solving - design, testing, debugging
How to succeed in COMP1911

Successful COMP1911 students:
- prepare for tutorials and participate
- work on lab exercises before and after labs
- start assignments early
- do assignments and labs themselves
- practice - code, code, code
- don’t panic - think, persevere

Assessment

- 10% Labs
- 13% Assignment 1 - due week 8
- 17% Assignment 2 - due week 12
- 60% Final exam

In addition to pass the course you must obtain a satisfactory result on the final exam. Any of the above marks may be scaled to ensure grade boundaries are appropriate, and to ensure consistency across exam sessions. Typically scaling is not required.

Plagiarism

What is plagiarism?
Presenting the (thoughts or) work of another as your own.

Cheating of any kind constitutes academic misconduct and carries a range of penalties. Please read course intro for details.

Examples of inappropriate conduct:
- groupwork on individual assignments (discussion OK)
- allowing another student to copy your work
- getting your hacker cousin to code for you
- purchasing a solution to the assignment

Remember
You are only cheating yourself and chances are you will get caught!

Course Website

All course information is placed on the course web site.
- http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~cs1911/

Most UNSW courses use Moodle.
COMP1911 (and other COMP courses) does not use Moodle.
Other Sources of Information/Help

- course outline: http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~cs1911/CourseOutline.html
- lecture recordings (linked to class webpage)
- course forum (linked to class webpage)
- Andrew: after lectures, by e-mail andrewt@cse.unsw.edu.au & in consultation times
- your tutor
- class consultations http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~cs1911/Consultations.html
- CSE Student Office (K17 G04) for enrollment/course/academic issues
- CSE Help Desk for system problems http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~helpdesk/

Course Text

Optional Course text

*Programming, Problem Solving, and Abstraction with C*
Alistair Moffat, Pearson Educational, Australia, 2012, ISBN 1486010970

- good textbook - recommended if you want a text
- not required

Lectures

2nd hour of Wednesday lecture used for (optional) revision - week 4 on.
Lectures recorded, see link on course home page.

Tutorial & Labs

Tutorial & labs start week 2.
No marks for tutorial attendance but crucial you use tutes to learn.
Tutes questions will prepare you for exercises in following week.
The first lab in week 2 is designed to help you familiarise yourself with the CSE Linux lab environemnt.
UNSW students are automatically given a zmail address.

It looks like: z1234567@student.unsw.edu.au or
d.ritchie@student.unsw.edu.au

You must read it, important information is sent to it.

If you redirect your zmail address, e.g. to gmail, make sure you get it right - test the forwarding!

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Before week 2

- Find course website: http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~cs1911/
- Read course outline: http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~cs1911/CourseOutline.html