

CSC258: Computer Organization

Welcome to CSC258! This course will provide you with computer hardware knowledge from transistor to microprocessor level. It consists of two one-hour lectures, one lab session and a one-hour tutorial each week, as well as selected readings from the text.

Instructor Information

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Course Website

Information pertaining to this course will be available off of the course website:

<http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/csc258>

This website is required reading, and will have course announcements & materials, relevant readings, assignment, lab & project information, as well as other course details.

Textbook

The only required textbook for this course is Computer Organization (4th edition) by Hamacher, Vranesic and Zaky, available in the bookstore. Other suggested sources will be available off the course website for supplemental reading, but are not required.

Course Breakdown

Component	Weight
Assignments (3 total, 5% each)	15%
Labs (7 total, 3% each)	20%
Midterm Exam (during lab time, room TBA)	20%
Final Exam	45%

- The labs consist of in-lab exercises that must be completed by the end of the Tuesday practicum session and demonstrated to the TA. The assignments are paper-based, and must be handed in to the TA at the beginning of the lab session in which they are due.
- The dates for these labs, assignments and midterms are outlined on the following page.
- The TA will be available during Thursday tutorials to discuss the week's course topics.

Important Dates

Date	Event
Sept 11	Classes start
Sept 26	Lab 1
Oct 3	Lab 2
Oct 9	Thanksgiving
Oct 10	A1 due
Oct 17	Lab 3
Oct 24	Midterm
Oct 31	Lab 4
Nov 7	A2 due
Nov 14	Lab 5
Nov 21	Lab 6
Nov 28	Lab 7
Dec 5	A3 due
Dec 8	Classes end

Late assignments will be allowed in cases of medical emergency. Lateness due to personal reasons must be brought to the instructor for consideration, as early as possible.

Academic Offenses

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<http://www.erin.utoronto.ca/regcal/WEBcalendar.html>