

Syllabus tl;dr

CMSC 242: Introduction to network and systems programming

Spring 2022

Meets: MWF 12noon , Rotunda G54
Websites: <https://canvas.longwood.edu/courses/1304102>
<https://www.cs.longwood.edu/courses/cmsc242>
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100% office hours: Mondays 2–3pm; Tuesdays 11am–12:30pm;
Wednesdays 3–4pm; Thursdays 2–3:30pm

Textbook and resources

OpenCSF: Computer Systems Fundamentals by the OpenCSF project.

<https://w3.cs.jmu.edu/kirkpams/OpenCSF>

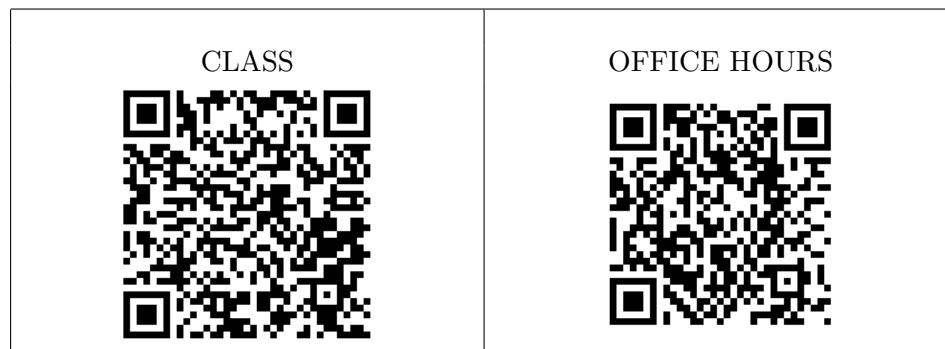
The other main resource is provided by us: you'll be given an account on the department Linux machines (if you don't already have one), and you'll do your programming work there.

Graded work

- Engagement 5%
- Labs and projects 60%
- Homework 15%
- Exam 20%

Final Exam is out Friday, 29 April, due 5 May

Zoom attendance quick links



Grading scale

I tend to grade hard on individual assignments, but compensate for this in the final grades. The grading scale will be approximately as follows:

A–	[85, 90)	A	[90, 95)	A+	[95, 100]
B–	[70, 75)	B	[75, 80)	B+	[80, 85)
C–	[55, 60)	C	[60, 65)	C+	[65, 70)
D–	[40, 45)	D	[45, 50)	D+	[50, 55)

While there will be no “curve” in the statistical sense, I may slightly adjust the scale at the end of the term if it turns out some of the assignments were too difficult. Final grades of A+ are recorded as an A in the grading system. Final grades below the minimum for D– are recorded as an F.

Note that *individual* grades recorded in Canvas should be accurate (and you should let me know if there’s a data entry error!), but *averages* as computed by Canvas sometimes are not, if the averaging is complex or (especially) if an individual student has a special case scenario. The reference gradebook is my own spreadsheet, and while I will try to make Canvas reflect it (including averages) as well as I can, Canvas can’t always handle it.