
CS 101: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS THE COMPLETE NAME OF THE COURSE?

According to <http://catalog.njit.edu/courses/cs.php> the name of the course is

CS 101 : Computer Programming and Problem Solving

2. WHO TAKES THIS COURSE?

Engineering and other students NOT specializing in computer science. The oxymoron part of the course is the use of MATLAB (acronym for MATrix LABoratory). The concept of a matrix (as used in mathematics, not in films) will be formally introduced in a Linear Algebra class, although we give a brief definition as well.

3. HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE PREREQUISITES?

There are NO listed prerequisites. However, the instructor expects that every student knows his/her NJIT ID number, or at least the last four digits of it. Memorize the last four digits because they are required in all course events. Students also should know their UCID login and corresponding password. Students ought to know what a mathematical function is.

4. COURSE WEB ACCESS? PROBLEMS? WHAT DO I DO?

The course Web-page is described in Handout 1 to follow. If the prefix <http://www.cs.njit.edu> does not work for the URLs in the handouts to follow, then try <http://web.njit.edu>, or <http://cs.njit.edu>, otherwise there is a serious NJIT computing services problem.

5. COURSE EMAIL?

You are encouraged to contact us by email if you cannot drop by during office hours. The instructor's email is alexg+cs101@njit.edu. There is a plus between the words alexg and cs101. Do not try to improvise or filter out one or the other word. If you plan to send an email to the instructor or the TA (aka assistant, grader) make sure that you specify in the Subject line the course number. Thus a **cs101** is required! (No spaces between the cs and the 101.) Note that mini-projects are to be emailed to TWO (2) email addresses, one of which is the instructor's. The assistant's email address will be provided in due time at the course Web-page (under Course Information) and will be similarly structured. If you receive an email from us and you want to reply to that email, DO NOT USE your mailer's reply button or option. Send a NEW email.

6. PROTECTED AREA OF THE COURSE WEB-PAGE? PASSWORDS?

Learn how to navigate around the course web-page. In order to access the protected area, section C of the web-page, you may need to type in a login name and a password. There is no Oh! in the login/password, it is a zero! The password and login name are both case sensitive.

Login : cs101 (use cs101 or alg101)
Password: (only in the hardcopy;first class)

7. HOW DO I USE THE AVAILABLE COURSE NOTES?

The notes in section C of the course web-page are summaries of the material we cover in class. THEY DO NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR THE BOOK. DO NOT RELY SOLELY ON THEM. Homeworks and exams draw from the material of the textbook. The midterm and the final are open textbook; you will not be able to bring the notes. It is thus imperative that you know how to navigate around the textbook. *The symbol on the right indicates the end of this document.* ■