Course Syllabus

CMPT 340: Programming Language Paradigms

Catalogue Description
A comparative study of programming languages and paradigms.

- Introduction to functional programming languages, such as Haskell. Topics include:
  - Recursion
  - Higher-Order Functions
  - Polymorphic Types
  - Lazy Evaluation
- Introduction to concurrent programming languages and paradigms. Topics (tentatively) include:
  - Processes, Concurrency and Communication
  - Asynchronous Message Passing; Actors
  - Synchronous Message Passing; CCS
  - Programming Paradigms; Manager / Workers Paradigm
  - Coordination Languages and Models; Linda
- Introduction to logic programming languages, such as Prolog. Topics include:
  - Unification
  - Backtracking
  - Resolution
- An introduction to interpreters, parsers, program transformations, and semantic models.

Prerequisite(s): CMPT 214, CMPT 260 and CMPT 270 required. CMPT 215 or EE 331 recommended.

Class Time and Location:
Lecture: 11:30 pm - 2:20 pm MWF, Arts 146; Tutorials: T02: Friday 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm Thorvaldson Building S320; T04: Thursday 9:00 am - 9:50 am Thorvaldson Building S320; T06: Wednesday 3:30 pm - 4:20 pm Thorvaldson Building S320.

Instructor Information

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Course Objectives

- An in-depth introduction of the foundations and use of programming paradigms beyond imperative and object-oriented programming.
Student Evaluation

Grading Scheme

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Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass

- Up to seven programming assignments will be assigned, which will be due roughly every two weeks.
- Midterm and cumulative marks will be scaled.

Tentative Schedule

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Attendance Expectation

Students will be expected to know all information passed on during lectures and tutorials and through the webpage, Moodle and email. If they miss a lecture or tutorial, they are responsible for acquiring material covered in the session.

Final Exam Scheduling

The Registrar schedules all final examinations, including deferred and supplemental examinations. Students are advised not to make travel arrangements for the exam period until the official exam schedule has been posted.

Note: All students must be properly registered in order to attend lectures and receive credit for this course.

Textbook Information

Recommended Texts


Lecture Schedule

- Tentative schedule of topics to be covered:
  
  Lecture 1  Overview
  Lectures 2 – 17  Functional Programming
  Lectures 18 – 22  Concurrent Programming
  Lectures 23 – 36  Logic Programming
  Lecture 37  Review

Course Overview

- The course aims to familiarize students with different programming paradigms with the goals of (1) teaching them about specific new paradigms and increasing their curiosity about different paradigms and underlying theoretical foundations, and (2) increasing their comfort level in learning about and using paradigms and languages best suited to different types of problems.

- Additional reading materials may be identified over the course of the term, such as for the programming languages used.

- The course focuses on programming paradigms rather than specific programming languages. Although there will be tutorials to provide some help with the programming languages, students will be expected to self-learn necessary additional features of the languages used for completing their assignments.

Policies

Recording of Lectures

Lectures may not be recorded in audio or video without prior written permission from instructor.

Late Assignments

- Assignments must be turned in at the times and dates and locations they are due, unless you have received permission in advance for an extension.

Missed Assignments

Students should submit early versions of their programming solutions frequently to avoid the possibility of missing a deadline. Students will receive zero marks for assignments missed without prior permission from the instructor. If there is a compelling reason why seeking prior permission is not possible, the student should contact the instructor at the earliest opportunity for consideration of alternative arrangements. The instructor will judge whether the reason is compelling.

Missed Examinations

1. Students who miss an exam should contact the instructor as soon as possible. If it is known in advance that an exam will be missed, the instructor should be contacted before the exam.

2. “A student who is absent from a final examination due to medical, compassionate, or other valid reasons, may apply to the College of Arts and Science Undergraduate Student’Ss Office for a deferred exam. Application must be made within three business days of the missed examination and be accompanied by supporting documents.”

(http://artsandscience.usask.ca/undergraduate/advisingategies.php)
Incomplete Course Work and Final Grades

“When a student has not completed the required course work, which includes any assignment or examination including the final examination, by the time of submission of the final grades, they may be granted an extension to permit completion of an assignment, or granted a deferred examination in the case of absence from a final examination.

Extensions past the final examination date for the completion of assignments must be approved by the Department Head, or Dean in non-departmentalized Colleges, and may exceed thirty days only in unusual circumstances. The student must apply to the instructor for such an extension and furnish satisfactory reasons for the deficiency. Deferred final examinations are granted as per College policy.

In the interim, the instructor will submit a computed percentile grade for the class which factors in the incomplete coursework as a zero, along with a grade comment of INF (Incomplete Failure) if a failing grade.

In the case where the student has a passing percentile grade but the instructor has indicated in the course outline that failure to complete the required coursework will result in failure in the course, a final grade of 49% will be submitted along with a grade comment of INF (Incomplete Failure).

If an extension is granted and the required assignment is submitted within the allotted time, or if a deferred examination is granted and written in the case of absence from the final examination, the instructor will submit a revised assigned final percentage grade. The grade change will replace the previous grade and any grade comment of INF (Incomplete Failure) will be removed.

A student can pass a course on the basis of work completed in the course provided that any incomplete course work has not been deemed mandatory by the instructor in the course outline and/or by College regulations for achieving a passing grade.” (http://policies.usask.ca/policies/academic-affairs/academic-courses.php)

For policies governing examinations and grading, students are referred to the Assessment of Students section of the University policy “Academic courses: class delivery, examinations, and assessment of student learning” (http://policies.usask.ca/policies/academic-affairs/academic-courses.php)

Academic Honesty

The University of Saskatchewan is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Students are particularly urged to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Student Conduct & Appeals subsection of the University Secretary Website and avoid any behaviour that could potentially result in suspicions of cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation of facts and/or participation in an offence. Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from the University.


Academic honesty is also defined and described in the Department of Computer Science statement on Academic Honesty: http://www.cs.usask.ca/students/academic-honesty/index.php.

For more information on what academic integrity means for students see the Student Conduct & Appeals subsection of the University Secretary Website at: http://www.usask.ca/university_secretary/pdf/dishonesty_info_sheet.pdf

Examinations with Disability Services for Students (DSS)

Students who have disabilities (learning, medical, physical, or mental health) are strongly encouraged to register with Disability Services for Students (DSS) if they have not already done so. Students who suspect they may have disabilities should contact DSS for advice and referrals. In order to access DSS programs and supports, students must follow DSS policy and procedures. For more information, check http://www.students.usask.ca/disability/, or contact DSS at 966-7273 or dss@usask.ca.
Students registered with DSS may request alternative arrangements for mid-term and final examinations. Students must arrange such accommodations through DSS by the stated deadlines. Instructors shall provide the examinations for students who are being accommodated by the deadlines established by DSS.