

Object-Oriented Design

CS 151

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Course materials, including handouts, notes, assignment instructions, and more, are available on the Canvas Learning Management System at <https://sjsu.instructure.com>.

Students are responsible for checking Canvas regularly—at least once per day—to stay informed about assignments and due dates.

Office Hours

TR 14:15 - 15:45

Online, by appointment

Please email me **at least 12 hours in advance** if you'd like to request an office hour.

For most questions, the **best and fastest way** to get help is by posting in the course **Discord**, where others can benefit from the discussion as well.

You can find the Discord link in **Canvas → Discussions → Course Discord**.

Course Description and Requisites

Design of classes and interfaces. Object-oriented design methodologies and notations. Design patterns. Generics and reflection. Exception handling. Concurrent programming. Graphical user interface programming. Software engineering concepts and tools. Required team-based programming assignment.

Prerequisite(s): MATH 42, CS 46B, and [(CS 48 or CS 49J) if CS 46B was not in Java], each with a grade of C- or better; Allowed Declared Majors: Computer Science, Applied and Computational Math, Software Engineering, or Data Science; or instructor consent.

Grading: Letter Graded

* Classroom Protocols

Consent for Recording of Class and Public Sharing of Instructor's Material

- Common courtesy and professional behavior require notifying individuals when you are recording them.
 - You must obtain the instructor's **written permission** before making any audio or video recordings in this class.
 - Any granted permission is strictly for **your personal study purposes**.
 - All recordings are the **intellectual property of the instructor** and may not be reproduced, shared, or distributed without explicit written consent.
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In-Person Class Protocol

- Please arrive on time.
 - Cell phones must be set to silent mode and kept in your pocket or backpack; they should not be used during lectures.
 - Laptops should remain closed unless they are needed for a specific in-class activity or for note-taking.
 - Activities such as instant messaging, emailing, texting, tweeting, or other similar distractions are strictly prohibited during class.
 - While attendance is highly recommended, it is not mandatory, **except during exams**.
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Online Class Protocol

- All microphones will be automatically muted upon joining the Zoom meeting.
 - If you have a question, you may unmute yourself and speak, or type your question in the chat.
 - The chat will be private; the instructor will read questions aloud and respond.
 - Cameras are not required during lectures but **are required during exams**. Please dress appropriately, following a *business casual* dress code.
 - Attendance is highly recommended but not mandatory, **except during exams**.
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Program Information

Diversity Statement - At SJSU, it is important to create a safe learning environment where we can explore, learn, and grow together. We strive to build a diverse, equitable, inclusive culture that values, encourages, and supports students from all backgrounds and experiences.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Object-Oriented Design

- Follow a systematic object-oriented design methodology.
 - Develop use cases, perform noun–verb analysis, and interpret and produce CRC cards.
 - Interpret and produce UML diagrams.
 - Demonstrate a solid understanding of object-oriented concepts.
 - Apply common design patterns.
 - Practice SOLID design principles.
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Advanced Java Language

- Implement fundamental object-oriented programming (OOP) concepts in Java.
 - Use core Java constructs such as interfaces, abstract classes, nested classes, and related features.
 - Implement standard Java object methods.
 - Apply Java's type system, including lambda expressions, serialization, and generics.
 - Implement robust exception handling.
 - Develop multithreaded programs and use thread-safe data structures.
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GUI Programming

- Use JavaFX to design and implement graphical user interfaces (GUIs) for desktop applications.

Course Materials

This course does **not** require a textbook. All required materials will be provided in the lecture notes.

Further Readings

1. **Cay S. Horstmann**, *Object-Oriented Design & Patterns*, 3rd Edition
 - A watermarked edition will be provided via Canvas.
 - Additional resources for this book can be found online at:
<http://horstmann.com/oodp3/> (<http://horstmann.com/oodp3/>)
2. **Stephen Gilbert and Bill McCarty**, *Object-Oriented Design in Java*, Sams, ISBN-13: 978-1571691347
3. References listed at the end of each lecture note.

Course Requirements and Assignments

Requirements

- **Java** is the standard programming language for this course. Sufficient knowledge of Java and object-oriented programming is essential for understanding and successfully completing the course.
 - A computer equipped with a **microphone and camera** is required for online activities, including some lectures, office hours, and online exams.
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Workload

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend approximately **6–10 hours per week** on course-related work, including:

- Completing programming assignments
- Preparing for exams (quizzes, midterms, and the final exam)
- Working on the term project

Grading Information

- To encourage the good habit of reviewing course materials regularly, there will be a **weekly short quiz**.
- There will be **two midterm exams** and a **final exam**.
- To practice the covered material in a realistic software development context, the course includes a **term project** and several **individual assignments**.
- All examinations will cover material **from the beginning of the semester**.
- All examinations will be **closed-book and closed-notes**.
- **No makeup exams** will be given.
- To promote effective time management, **late submissions will incur a penalty of 20% of the total assignment score**, plus an additional 20% for each subsequent 24-hour period.

Assignments	10%
Term Project	25%
Quizzes	20%
Midterm #1	10%
Midterm #2	15%
Final	20%
Total	100%

Nominal Grading Scale

From	To	Grade
97	100	A plus
93	96.99	A
90	92.99	A minus
87	89.99	B plus
83	86.99	B
80	82.99	B minus
77	79.99	C plus
73	76.99	C
70	72.99	C minus
67	69.99	D plus
63	66.99	D
60	62.99	D minus
0	59.99	F

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Course Schedule

Note: This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change but with fair notice.

Day	Date	Lec #	Topics	Exams (Fridays)
1	08/19	0	Greensheet; A big picture of the course	
2	08/24	1	Enter OOP (Part 1)	
3	08/26	2	Enter OOP (Part 2)	Quiz 0
4	08/31	3	Software Development Lifecycle (Part 1)	
5	09/02	4	Software Development Lifecycle (Part 2)	Quiz 1
6	09/07		Labor Day Holiday	
7	09/09	5	Software Development Lifecycle (Part 3)	Quiz 2
8	09/14	6	Software Development Lifecycle (Part 4)	
9	09/16	7	GUI Programming (Part 1)	Quiz 3
10	09/21		Review, Study Guide, Q & A	
11	09/23		Exam: Mid 1	Quiz +

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12	09/28	8	OOP Fundamentals (Part 1): Abstraction, Inheritance	
13	09/30	9	OOP Fundamentals (Part 2): Encapsulation, Interfaces	Quiz 4
14	10/05	10	OOP Fundamentals (Part 3): Polymorphism	
15	10/07	11	Java Constructs (Part 1); abstract class, nested class	Quiz 5
16	10/12	12	Java Constructs (Part 2); Anonymous class, Lambda expressions	
17	10/14	13	GUI Programming (Part 2)	Quiz 6
18	10/19	14	GUI Programming (Part 3)	
19	10/21	15	OOD Guidelines (Part 1): Design Patterns	Quiz 7
20	10/26	16	OOD Guidelines (Part 2): Design Patterns	
21	10/28	17	OOD Guidelines (Part 3): SOLID Principles	Quiz 8
22	11/02		Study Guide, Q & A	
23	11/04		Exam: Mid 2	Quiz ++
24	11/09		Solution of Mid 2; Disucssions	
25	11/11	18	Implementation Guidelines (Part 1)	Quiz 9
26	11/16	19	OOD Guidelines (Part 4): SOLID Principles	

Day	Date	Lec #	Topics	Exams (Fridays)
27	11/18	20	Advanced Java (Part 1)	Quiz 10
28	11/23	21	Advanced Java (Part 2)	
29	11/25		Thanksgiving Holiday	
30	11/30	22	Advanced Java (Part 3)	
31	12/02	23	Implementation Guidelines (Part 2)	
32	12/07		Study Guide, Q & A	

Final Exam

Date and Start Time	Fri, December 11 @ 3:15 PM
Duration	Will be announced in Study Guide
Venue	Our Classroom