

CS121 Course Information

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- Newsgroup:** The class has a newsgroup at su.class.cs121. If you need help getting access to the newsgroup check out the Stanford Usenet information page at <http://www.stanford.edu/services/usenet/index.html> or email the staff. Please note that this newsgroup will not be monitored by the course staff.
- Staff list:** You can reach the staff at cs121-sum0809-staff@lists.stanford.edu for whatever questions or concerns you may have about the course, homeworks, exams, etc. Though we encourage you to use the class newsgroup if at all possible.
- Lectures:** MW 1:15 - 3:05 p.m.
Gates B03 (and available via scpd.stanford.edu)
- Prereqs:** As described on axes, you should have taken CS103 or CS103B, or at least be familiar with the topics covered. You should also have some facility with differential calculus, vector algebra, and probability theory. Otherwise you are responsible for learning such material as needed throughout the course.
- Texts:** The only required text for the course is *Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach, Second Edition* by Stuart Russell and Peter Norvig.
- Homeworks:** There will be 6 homeworks, one of which will contain a programming component. These assignments are meant to solidify your knowledge of AI, as we believe you learn best by solving problems.
- Exams:** There will be two exams, a 2 hour midterm exam and a 3 hour final.
Midterm: Wednesday, July 22nd 7-9 p.m.
Final: Friday, August 14th 12:15-3:15 p.m.
The location of each are still to be determined, so check the course website when that is decided. Be sure to check the course website if any changes are made.
- Grading:** The final grades for this course will be calculated based on the following weights:
Homeworks: 35 %
Midterm: 25 %
Final: 40 %
- Late Policy:** Because we want to be able to grade and return your homeworks as quickly as possible, you will have no late days in this class. We will, however, drop the lowest homework grade when computing your grade for the class.

Regrades: If you take issue with the way a homework or exam problem was graded you can request a regrade for the problem in question, but we do reserve the right to regrade everything, so be careful what you wish for! Also a point here or there will not be significant in determination of final grades, so I encourage you to not split hairs over such things.

Honor Code: You are allowed and encouraged to discuss the homework problems with other students, but your final write up should be original and completed independently. On the homeworks themselves, you should acknowledge who you collaborated with by noting the names of your collaborators in your write ups. Also as we may reuse problem set questions from previous years, we expect the students not to copy, refer to, or look at the solutions in preparing their answers. It will be considered an honor code violation to intentionally refer to previous year's solutions.