

CS 172: Intro to Computer Modeling

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Fine Arts 302

Lab Section 31: M,W 3:10-4:00pm

LA 206

Lab Section 32: M,W 4:10-5:00pm,

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Course Description: We will learn how to use computer based spreadsheets and databases to help understand and solve real-world problems through examples.

Prerequisites: From the catalogue, “Prereq., previous computer experience and Math 100 or equiv. score on math placement test, or consent of instr.” Essentially, you must have basic computer skills and an understanding of basic math and algebra. There will be extra help sessions available for people who don’t feel comfortable doing basic computer tasks such as emailing attachments and downloading files.

Texts: Microsoft Office 2007 (Excel and Access), by Robert Grauer, Published by Prentice Hall.

Grading: Homework/Projects: 70%, Tests: 30%.

Turning in Homework/Projects: Assignments will be handed in by two methods. Hard copies and Blackboard. You can read about blackboard at this link.

<http://www.umt.edu/ce/umonline/students/welcome.htm>. Please, hand in or submit your assignments on time.

Grades will be assigned as follows:

94% and above:	A	74-<77%:	C
90-<94%:	A-	70-<74%:	C-
87-<90%:	B+	67-<70%:	D+
84-<87%:	B	64-<67%:	D
80-<84%:	B-	60-<64%:	D-
77-<80%:	C+	less than 60%:	F

Policies: Please review the Student Conduct Code at <http://www.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/index.cfm/page/1321>. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or disciplinary sanction by the University.

Eligible students with disabilities will receive appropriate accommodations in this course upon request. Please provide a letter from your DSS.

Drops/Incompletes: Please see <http://www.umt.edu/catalog/acpolpro.htm#5> for information on drop dates for this semester. I follow the standard incomplete policy that can be found in the course catalogue.

Collaboration Working together on assignments is fine. You are, however, responsible for understanding the material. If you cannot reproduce the work you submit when asked to do so, I will assume you simply copied the work. Copying and plagiarism will not be tolerated. If you do work with anyone else, please indicate that you did so and include their name(s). Every student must turn in an assignment.

Cell phones are best off and not used during class.

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