

# Sample Midterm

Handout 13  
CSCI 334: Spring, 2012

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This is a sample midterm. While the class's topics and focus vary from semester to semester, it should give you an idea of what type of questions you will be asked. (This example is also a bit light compared to most.) The midterm will be a self-scheduled exam. Here are the guidelines:

1. The midterm will cover the lecture and reading material for everything up through Spring Break. The best way to prepare is to look over the homework problems and your lecture notes.
2. You may take the exam any time between 9am on April, 4 (Wed) and 5pm on April 7 (Saturday). You may pick it up from either Lorraine or Steve during *normal business hours*. Exams must be returned to Lorraine's office *no later than 5pm on Saturday*.
3. This sample has very little programming. You are likely to be asked to write a few *short* pieces of code. These questions will test your understanding of basic concepts, and not minutia of specific languages we have seen.
4. Here are the exact instructions from the midterm's cover sheet:

This is a *closed book* exam. You have **[either 90 or 120...]** minutes to complete the exam. All intended answers will fit in the space provided — clarity is more important than length. You may use the back of the preceding page for additional space if necessary, but be sure to mark your answers clearly. The most credit will be given for the most concise, elegant, and complete answers.

Be sure to give yourself enough time to answer each question— the points should help you manage your time. If you do not understand what part of a question is asking, answer it as best you can and state any assumptions you are making in your answer.

Drop off the exam in Lorraine's office no later than 5pm on Saturday. Slide it under her door if it is locked.

*You may not discuss any aspect of this exam with anyone except me until after the entire exam period is over. This includes students enrolled in the class, other students, other faculty, etc. If asked about the exam, the only acceptable response is "I'm not allowed to discuss it."*

*In addition, you may not keep or copy any portion of this handout and should hand in all scratch work.*