

# CMPSCI 383 Artificial Intelligence

Spring 2018 Class Syllabus

Professor Philip Thomas

**Class:** Class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00am–9:15pm in room S220 of the Integrated Learning Center. Lectures will be given primarily on the whiteboard.

**Website:** The class website is: [http://psthomas.com/courses/CMPSCI\\_383\\_Spring2018.html](http://psthomas.com/courses/CMPSCI_383_Spring2018.html). Most course information (include homework assignments, announcements, and grades) will be available through Moodle.

**Office Hours:** Prof. Thomas' office hours will be Mondays and Wednesdays immediately after class until 10:00am in LGRT A310.

**Teaching Assistants and Office Hours:** The TAs are Subendhu Rongali and Scott Jordan. Subenhu's office hours will be on Fridays from 10:00am - 11:00am in LGRT 220 and Scott's office hours will be on Thursdays from 9:00am - 10:00am in CS207.

**Questions:** Questions about the homework assignments or grading should be directed towards the TAs. Questions about course material can be asked on Moodle or in office hours. Questions about special exemptions (e.g., a conflict with the midterm time or setting up support for a disability) should be e-mailed directly to the TAs or Prof. Thomas. E-mails about course material or homework assignments will be ignored—the appropriate place for these is Moodle.

**Grading:** Your grade will consist of three components:

1. **Homework Assignments** (50%): There will be between 5 and 9 homework assignments. They may include written and programming components. All assignments must be typed using LaTeX.
2. **Midterm Exam** (20%): There will be an in-class midterm exam (date to be announced later). You may bring one sheet of notes to the exam.
3. **Final Exam** (30%): There will be a *cumulative* final exam on May 4th from 8am-10am in Goessmann room 64. You may bring one sheet of notes to the exam.

Grades will be no more harsh than:

A	[94-100]
A-	[90-94)
B+	[87-90)
B	[84-87)
B-	[80-84)
C+	[77-80)
C	[74-77)
C-	[70-74)
D	[60-70)
F	[0-60)

**Late Policy:** Late homework assignments will not be accepted. Your lowest homework score will be dropped. If, for example, you are sick during the time when the final homework assignment is underway, the score on the final homework assignment can be dropped. Additional late-exceptions will only be given in the case of two or more documented emergencies requiring exceptions from two or more assignments.

**Disability Services:** If a student has a disability and requires accommodations, please let me know as soon as possible. You will need to register with Disability Services (161 Whitmore Administration building; phone (413) 545-0892). Information on services and materials for registering are also available on their website: [www.umass.edu/disability](http://www.umass.edu/disability).

**Cheating:** Cheating will result in failure of the course (an F). Each assignment and exam includes instructions about what forms of collaboration are allowed. Copying answers from online sources or from solutions to assignments from previous years is always considered cheating.