

CDS 130: Computing for Scientists

Fall 2021 Section 12

Syllabus and Class Policies

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Mode of Instruction:

- This face-to-face (F2F) class meets every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00am to 10:15am in Innovation 222. Class attendance is highly recommended. All students taking this course are required to following the university's public health and safety precautions and procedures outlined on the university's Safe Return to Campus webpage (<https://www2.gmu.edu/safe-return-campus>).

Meeting Face-to-Face:

- All students taking courses with a face-to-face component are required to follow the university's public health and safety precautions and procedures outlined on the university Safe Return to Campus webpage. Similarly, all students in face-to-face and hybrid courses must also complete the Mason COVID Health Check daily, seven days a week. The COVID Health Check system uses a color code system and students will receive either a Green, Yellow, or Red email response. **Only students who receive a "green" notification are permitted to attend courses with a face-to-face component.** If you suspect that you are sick or have been directed to self-isolate, please quarantine or get testing. Faculty are allowed to ask you to show them that you have received a Green email and are thereby permitted to be in class.
- Students are required to follow Mason's current policy about facemask-wearing. As of August 11, 2021, **all community members are required to wear a facemask in all indoor settings**, including classrooms. An [appropriate facemask](#) must cover your nose and mouth at all times in our classroom. If this policy changes, you will be informed; however, students who prefer to wear masks either temporarily or consistently will always be welcome in the classroom.

Office and Office Hours:

- I have an office on campus: Research Hall, room 378 during the Fall 2021 Term.
- Students may contact me anytime by email for help. See the Class Website for the schedule of ALL Office hours for me and the STARS.
- I may be contacted using: email or by using the "Ask the Professor" discussion on the left side of the website. My responses on "Ask the Professor" will be available to all class members.
- All meetings via phone and outside of published office hours are by appointment only. Students wishing to meet with me are asked to send an email requesting a meeting time. Be sure to list when you are available to meet and how you want to meet.
- I will always endeavor to answer email questions as soon as possible and always within 24 hours. Please note that emails received during the weekends may be a little delayed.

- If I will be away from email for more than one day, times will be posted on the announcement tab in the Blackboard course folder.
- I will announce any General Help Sessions being held on the class website. Sessions will be held via Blackboard Collaborate, Zoom, or in person.

CDS-130 STARS:

- STARS working primarily with Section 12 will be Handan Karaman and Matt Ritzo.
- STARS will hold “Office Hours” (either in person or via text) during the week. See the Class Website for the schedule of ALL Office hours.
- For Section 12, the STARS will be the person who will grade most of your assignments and will be familiar with your work. Your STAR will be contacting you to offer help when we see that you may be having trouble. You are welcome to contact either STAR for help, but please start with your STAR.

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