

## CSC 258 Labs, Fall 2008

There will be three graded lab sessions, preceded by an equipment familiarization lab session plus a practice session.

You will do these labs (including the practice lab) in teams of two. It is your responsibility to find a lab partner, and your responsibility to inform your lab partner if you will be missing a lab or if you drop the course (so that they can find another lab partner).

You must sign up for lab dates. The signup is done on a web form which is available off the course web page, <http://www.dgp.toronto.edu/~ajr/258/>. You and your partner must each separately sign up for the same dates.

If you have a conflict for some Thursdays, please do your web sign up this week (week of Sept 8) to make sure that you get your desired dates. On the other hand, if you don't care which lab dates you end up with, then while I'd still encourage you to find a partner as soon as possible, I'd request that you *not* sign up until next week (or later), so that those who are less flexible can get what they need.

**Please be sure you are able to make all of the lab dates you are signing up for.** If there is a problem, it is your responsibility to make changes on the lab signup web page, in advance.

Changes are permitted *prior to* the day of the lab session in question. Registration is permitted right up to the lab time (if it hasn't filled up), but deregistration must be done on a previous day.

If you don't have a partner by the first practice lab date, please show up at 6:10 sharp in BA 3165 to arrange a partnership. If your lab partner drops the course and you can't find another partner, please come to the very next lab session to find a new partner.

If you miss a lab completely and do not have adequate documentation (e.g. a medical note), you will get zero for that lab; you must switch out of the lab section *prior to* the day of the lab. This is because your registration for that lab session blocks other students from registering and there are not many extra lab slots for us to play with. Pleas for exceptions should be addressed to the course instructor.

### Lab schedule

The lab will be staffed every Thursday, starting September 18, from 6:10 to 9:00 PM. When you don't have a graded lab to do, you can drop by to perform other experiments as desired, if there is space (although, of course, you must still follow the standard lab procedures so as not to damage any equipment). (However, if no one is there by 7:00 on a day without graded labs, the lab TAs are allowed to go home.)

The lab familiarization session and practice lab are required so that you learn to use the equipment correctly.

The lab schedule is as follows. The labs are in BA 3165, and they run from 6:10 to 9:00 PM, except for September 18 (see below). Please arrange to have your cleanup complete by 9:00.

September 18: Lab familiarization session (required) (no signup needed).

Special schedule: students with surnames A-L from 6:10 to 7:00; students with surnames M-Z from 7:10 to 8:00; lab closes at 8:00. It is not necessary to attend with your partner this time.

Practice lab (required) (you must sign up in advance on the web page): September 25 or October 2.

Lab 1: October 9 or October 16.

Lab 2: October 30 or November 6.

Lab 3: November 27 or December 4.