

Welcome to the CSC 255, **Objects and Algorithms**.

Here are some useful items of information.

**Course Web Site Address**

<http://www.papademas.net/occ/CSC255/csc255.htm>

**Oakton Student On - Site Computer Login ID**

<http://www.oakton.edu/resource/it/idlookup.html>

**Oakton Student Account**

<https://my.oakton.edu>

**Oakton Web Mail**

<http://romulan.oakton.edu>

**Adobe Acrobat Reader**

The documents associated with this course are available as Adobe Acrobat PDF files. To view these files, it is required to have the Adobe Acrobat Reader software program.

If you do not have the Adobe reader, you can download it free from the following address:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readermain.html>

**Electronic Mail ( email )**

A current, valid email address is required for this online course.

**Sending an Attachment**

For the online version of the course, all assignments are to be submitted by email. In the Subject text field of the email, include your name and assignment number. For example, Jill Smith when submitting her lab assignment Lab 1 will write **Jill Smith CSC 255 Lab 1** as the subject of the email and then attach the file associated with the assignment.

The generic steps to attach an email attachment are:

After the email message has been composed, click the button usually labeled . Click the  button to locate the file to be attached. Select the file and click  to upload the file. The attachment should then be included with the email message. Send the email message.

**Course Content**

A weekly coursework schedule is posted on the course Web site. The coursework includes:

- Reading assignments from the course textbook(s).
- Laboratory assignments from the course Web site.
- Homework assignments from the course Web site.
- Quizzes and Tests will either be posted or sent to the students via email.

**Software Requirements**

Access to a computer having the following software programs is required:

- Windows Accessories Programs ( MS Calculator, MS Notepad, MS Paint, MS WordPad )
- Internet Web Browser ( MS Internet Explorer, Netscape Browser )
- Office Applications ( MS Access, MS Excel, MS Expression Web, MS PowerPoint, MS Word )
- Programming Applications ( MS Visual Studio )

If a particular project requires the use of the Microsoft Visual Studio, you can download a free version of the Visual Basic or other component to the Visual Studio by visiting the following address:

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/vstudio/express/downloads/default.aspx>

**Submitting Homework Assignments**

Homework assignments are to be submitted by their posted due dates. From the course Web site, download and view the associated Adobe PDF or MS Word assignment sheet. Download also the associated MS Excel assignment sheet, if applicable, and enter your answers in the answer sheet and submit the Excel file for credit via email.

Submit the homework assignments to this email address: [papademas@aol.com](mailto:papademas@aol.com)

**Submitting Laboratory Assignments**

Laboratory assignments are to be submitted by their posted due dates. From the course Web site, download and view the associated Adobe PDF laboratory assignment sheet. Construct the associated MS Visual Studio projects or UNIX based applications for the assignment and submit the project files for credit via email.

Submit the laboratory assignments to this email address: [papademas@aol.com](mailto:papademas@aol.com)

Instead of printing a lab project's output, as is often requested in the lab assignment packet, online students will merely submit, via email, the MS Word document, Web page or MS Visual Studio project files associated with the assignment.

If for a particular assignment you are required to submit more than one file, you can create a folder on their computer's **Desktop** and save all the files associated with a particular lab assignment to this folder. Then create a Zip file ( compressed file ) from your **Desktop**.

The generic steps to create and Zip a **Desktop** folder are:

Right - click on an empty area of the **Desktop**. When the submenu appears, use your mouse to point to **New** and then point to and click on **Folder**. Type the name of the folder, such as **Lab 01** over the text **New Folder** that appears within the folder icon. Click on an unused area of the **Desktop** to complete the process. After you save any files within the **Desktop** folder, right - click on the folder and choose **Add to Zip** to create a Zip file. On some systems, you can instead choose to right - click on the folder and select **Send To** from the menu and then select the option **Compress ( Zipped ) Folder**.

**Useful Internet Links**

The World Wide Web is a valuable tool for researching a topic. Here are some useful links for information concerning the course material.

Web Site	Type	Web Address
Ask	Search Engine	<a href="http://www.ask.com">http://www.ask.com</a>
Dictionary	Online Dictionary	<a href="http://www.dictionary.com">http://www.dictionary.com</a>
HTML Goodies	Web Page Tutorials	<a href="http://www.htmlgoodies.com">http://www.htmlgoodies.com</a>
Lycos	Search Engine	<a href="http://www.lycos.com">http://www.lycos.com</a>
Webopedia	Online Dictionary	<a href="http://www.webopedia.com">http://www.webopedia.com</a>
Wikipedia	Encyclopedia	<a href="http://www.wikipedia.com">http://www.wikipedia.com</a>

**Course Timetable**

The course **begins** on the week of **January 17, 2010** and **ends** on the week of **May 14, 2010**. You can always start earlier by reading the textbook and doing the exercises.

Please understand that the course is tied to the Oakton Community College Semester system. You may complete the course before the deadline, but, no grades will be issued until the end of the semester. You need to finish all material that you want to count toward your grade by the last deadline below.

**Onsite Support**

During the summer semester, the college is open Monday through Thursday, should you need to complete any assignments on campus.

**Onsite Tutoring**

Tutors are available, by appointment, in room 2400 of the Des Plaines campus.

Good success and have a great semester!

Sincerely,

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