CMPS 201 Class Expectations, Spring ‘10

Each student should read, understand and agree to the following:

1. The goal of the class is learning, and I will strive to maximize my knowledge and understanding of the class material.

2. Developing the necessary skills and understanding takes time and effort. I realize that the time commitment for CMPS 201 will vary from student to student, and is likely to take at least 15 hours per week of high-quality effort.

3. I am responsible for my own understanding. If anything is unclear I will ask questions in lecture, ask the instructor/TA in class/sections/office hours and/or post a question in the moodle discussion forum.

4. New topics build directly on previous topic, so I will keep up and read ahead.

5. Lectures are important, and attendance is required. Classes will start promptly at 2:00, so you should be there then (although it is better to attend part of a class than none of it).

6. The textbook is not like a mystery novel, where everything is revealed only at the end. If things are unclear, I will read it again, experiment, and/or ask questions until they become clear.

7. Students entering the course should have an appropriate background. See the instructor if you are in doubt as to your preparation and/or you have difficulty with the preliminary examination.

8. I will try to raise the level of the class by contributing my questions, expertise, and understanding to the discussions in class, sections, and on the Moodle forum.

9. In any group work, all group members are collectively responsible for fully understanding the group’s solution. It is inappropriate to simply “divide up the problems.”

10. I understand that any help, useful knowledge, or insights from sources other than the text, course staff, or group members must be clearly acknowledged on the assignment. This includes sources such as roommates, family members, other books, and the web.

11. Academic Honesty violations, such as submitting the un-attributed work of others, are serious issues and will result in a modified final grade and a report to the dean of graduate studies. Improperly borrowed work can be as large as an entire solution or as small as a sentence or key idea.

12. I understand that due dates are firm, and that it is my responsibility to manage my time and complete the assignments on time. I will read and think about the assignments the day they are assigned so I can ask questions and get the help I need long before the due date.

13. I will check Moodle and the class web page regularly (about every other day) for announcements and course updates.

14. Incompletes will only be given when there is a medical, family, or similar emergency that prevents a student who is doing clearly passing work from completing the class.

15. If any accommodations for emergencies or disabilities may be needed, inform the instructor as far in advance as possible. DRC forms should be given to the instructor by April 6.