Principles of Computing
Course Overview

Why Are You Here?

- *Curiosity*: find out about computing technology and its many effects on society.
- *Professional development*: computing skills can make you more successful at work.
- *Academic requirement*: a computing course is required for your major. Why?
- *Intellectual growth*: you can learn to **THINK LIKE A COMPUTER SCIENTIST!**
Course Organization

• Instructors:
  – Dave Touretzky and Dilsun Kaynar

• Lectures: Mon/Wed/Fri
  – First section: 2:30 to 3:20
  – Second section: 3:30 to 4:20

• 14 recitation sections meet on Thursday
  – Which one are you in? Where does it meet?

• 16 Course Assistants to help you

Resources

• Course web page:
  [www.cs.cmu.edu/~15110-f12](http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~15110-f12)

• Textbooks:
Resources

- [piazza](#) course message board
- Lots of evening help sessions led by CAs
  - See course web page for schedule
- Additional one-on-one tutoring help available through Academic Development. See their web page.
- Ruby textbooks and other materials available on the Resources page of the course web site.

Assignments

- Written problem sets:
  - Go out on Friday
  - Due next Friday at start of lecture
- Labs: do in recitation; hand in at end.
- Programming assignments:
  - Go out on Wednesday
  - Due next Tuesday night (11:59 PM)
Late Policy

• Assignments must be handed in on time.
  – Late assignments receive a grade of 0.

• You can drop 1 written assignment and 1 programming assignment without penalty (except where noted).

Exams

• You must take all the exams, at the time they are given.
• No makeups except for extreme circumstances (major illness, death in immediate family, or a university-sanctioned event with documentation and prior permission)
  – 2 Lab Exams (done on the computer)
  – 3 Written Exams
  – Final Exam
Academic Integrity Policy

• University Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism
• Academic Integrity Form
  – On the Assignments page of the class web site.
  – Print it out.
  – Read it.
  – Sign it.
  – Bring it to class on Friday 8/31