
WELCOME TO THE CS 115 LAB

LAB WEIGHTS

- The lab makes up 20% of your final CS115 grade
 - 5% for punctual attendance
 - 15% for oral exams

LAB FORMAT

- You are expected to learn the lab material **before coming to lab** by watching the instructional videos created by Shelby. **The first lab is an exception** and will include an introduction and guidance on how the labs will run.
- Lab time will be used **only for evaluation**, through a **one-on-one oral exam** with your TA.
- The lab session is **not a teaching period**, so questions cannot be asked during the lab itself.
- If you have questions about the lab content, please bring them to **Nova's office hours** before your scheduled lab.
- **Attendance will be taken at the beginning of the lab.** Once the attendance list has been read, any students arriving afterward will be considered **late** and will **not receive the punctual attendance mark** for that lab.
- Due to the **large number of students**, we are **unable to accommodate attendance in alternate lab sections**. Your assigned lab time is the one you are expected to attend for the entire semester, so please plan your work and extracurricular commitments around your scheduled lab.
- In addition to the regular labs, there will be **one extra lab: the Midterm Review Session**. This lab will be run as a **group study session** to help you prepare for the midterm exam. **Attendance will be taken** during this lab as well.

ORAL EXAM DETAILS

- Oral exam questions may cover **UNIX commands, theory, finding errors in weekly solutions, and/or modifying/writing code.**
- Some oral exam questions will be based on the **entire lab exercise or Shelby's videos.** If the lab is not fully completed, you may be at a disadvantage during your oral exam.
- There will be **six oral exams** in total. The final oral exam on **Linked Lists** is **mandatory.**
- Your final grade will be based on the **best four of the first five oral exams**, plus the **Linked Lists oral exam.**
- The oral exam will be held in a **room near the lab** and will be a **closed-book exam.**

HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE ORAL EXAM

To do well on the oral exam, we strongly recommend that you:

- Follow Shelby's instructions carefully when completing the code.
- Take your own notes as you work through the material to help you think through the concepts.
- Practice explaining the ideas out loud — to a classmate, a friend, or even to yourself — so you're comfortable talking through your understanding