FIRST YEAR							CS101
Week	Begins	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Topic
		Orientation week: Monday 5 to Friday 09 Feb					
1	12 Feb						Python Programming, Problem Solving and Computational Thinking interleaved
2	19 Feb						
3	26 Feb	TEST					
4	4 Mar						
5	11 Mar						
6	18 Mar	TEST			Human Rights Day		
7	25 Mar						
	1 Apr	Vacation					
8	8 Apr						Python Programming, Problem Solving and Computational Thinking interleaved
9	15 Apr	TEST					
10	22 Apr						
11	29 Apr			Workers Day			
12	6 May						
13	13 May	TEST					
		Swot Time (20 May - 23 May) & June Exams (24 May - 14 Jun)					

							CS102
Week	Begins	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Topic
14	8 Jul						Introduction to Java
15	15 Jul						
16	22 Jul	TEST					
17	29 Jul						Java Programming and Project
18	5 Aug					Women's Day	
19	12 Aug	TEST					
	19 Aug	Vacation					
20	26 Aug						Java Programming and Project
21	2 Sep						
22	9 Sep	TEST					
23	16 Sep						
24	23 Sep		Heritage Day				
25	30 Sep						
26	7 Oct	TEST					
		Swot Time (14 Oct - 17 Oct) & November Exams (18 Oct - 15 Nov)					

First-year mainstream courses
CS101 & CS102

CS101 is a semester course, which is offered in the first semester of the year. The course is written off at the end of the semester. CS101 is the entry-level course for majoring in Computer Science. CS102 is a follow-on course in programming, compulsory for anyone wanting to major in Computer Science in his or her degree. CS102 is offered and examined in the second semester of the year. CS101 and CS102 together make up Computer Science 1.

NOTE: if you wish to continue with Information Systems, you will be required to take CS112 in semester 2, even if you do CS101 and CS102.

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR

Your course co-ordinator is **Mr James Connan,** Room 108, Hamilton Building (J.Connan@ru.ac.za).

All queries and comments about the course should be addressed to your course co-ordinator.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS AND SUBMINIMA

	CS101	CS102
Entrance Requirement	None	40% in CS101 in the same year, or having gained credit in CS101 previously
Minimum performance for the granting of supplementary examinations	40%	40%
Minimum performance for a non-continuing Computer Science 1 aggregation (NCR)	40%	40%
Minimum performance for a continuing Computer Science 1 credit	40%	50%

NOTE: Although a 50% pass entitles a student to continue with the next Computer Science course (provided there is space), our experience has shown that students who do not achieve an overall pass of 60% or more in one course are unlikely to succeed in later courses.

It is not necessary to take a course in mathematics as a pre- or co-requisite for CS101, BUT students who wish to major in Computer Science (i.e. take any third year courses in Computer Science) are required to take a semester course in Mathematics or Statistics.

LECTURES AND PRACTICALS

There are: 5 formal lectures per week
                    Tests during the semester
                    1 formal practical session per week (3 hours per session)
                    Additional after-hours reading and exercises

Lectures: Monday   1 (7:45am)
                    Tuesday   2 (8:40am)
                    Wednesday   3 (9:35am)
                    Thursday   4 (10:30am)
                    Friday   5 (11:25am)
Practicals: Weekday afternoons starting at 14h00, as allocated by the University system.

Practicals will be held in the HAMILTON LABORATORY provided there is space. You will be allocated to an afternoon practical session and tutor. You are encouraged to discuss the problems set on practical afternoons with each other, and to build your understanding by seeking help from each other (and, of course, from your tutor). However, you are expected to hand in your OWN INDIVIDUAL SOLUTION, unless you have specifically been asked to work as part of a team. Students who don't abide by this will be dealt with severely. Please read the Plagiarism Policy.

NOTE: It has been shown over many years that students who attend lectures regularly, perform better in summative assessments than those with similar abilities. We therefore, strongly advise that you attend all timetabled lecture, tutorial, and practical sessions. If you really feel that you can master the course content by teaching yourself, then you should perhaps consider enrolling at a correspondence university, which is likely to be more cost effective.

TEXTBOOKS AND HANDOUTS

Course material is available online via RUconnected, and course handouts may be provided.

A non-refundable amount of R300-00 for CS101 and R200 for CS102 will be charged to your University account at the start of the course for class handouts and consumables.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND OUTLINE: CS101

This course presents basic problem solving techniques with an emphasis on logical, algorithmic and computational processes using the Python programming language. Students are introduced to programming concepts including: output, input, variables, types, operators and operands, debugging, iteration, modules, functions, selection, strings, lists and files.

The prescribed book is "How to Think Like a Computer Scientist: Learning with Python 3" by Peter Wentworth, Jeffrey Elkner, Allen B. Downey and Chris Meyers and a printed copy will be provided.

The book also has an interactive edition hosted at http://runestone.academy. The interactive edition contains videos, animations, quizzes and even allows you to write code in the book. You will be asked to enroll in a specific course created for CS101 at Runestone Academy. Instructions for doing so will be provided.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND OUTLINE: CS102

This course further develops programming skills, and deals with algorithms, object-oriented principles and practices, and more advanced language features.

The prescribed book is "Think Java: How To Think Like a Computer Scientist" by Chris Mayfield and Allen Downey and a printed copy will be provided. This is a free textbook that can be read online or downloaded for use on your own computer.

YOUR TIME COMMITMENT

The Department of Computer Science expects a CS101 and CS102 student to spend a minimum of **12 hours per week** on Computer Science. This time should be divided up approximately as follows:
- 5 hours per week on attending lectures in Computer Science
- 4 hours per week on lecture revision, practical preparation and further reading
- 3 hours per week on practicals

IMPORTANT: It is important that you are up-to-date with the material covered in lectures when you arrive at the computer laboratory for your practical session so that you are in a position to get started on the assignment straight away. This is how you will be able to take maximum advantage of the tutorial help available at practical sessions, and ensure that you complete the assignments set for the practical session.

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Academic Development Programme (ADP) exists to enhance student learning in that we provide focused support to students with regard to their weekly practicals and regular course content.

Any student may take advantage of the ADP, but if your lecturers or tutors believe that you have some critical gaps in your learning, you will be required to participate in the ADP. The aim of this programme is to work with you and help you to resolve those minor obstacles that may prevent you from achieving your true potential as a great programmer! If you do not wish to participate in the ADP, you will need to motivate your withdrawal in writing.

To find out more about this programme once the academic year has started, see the course page on RUconnected.

PERFORMANCE AND ASSESSMENT

DP regulations

Please see DP Regulations under Departmental Dynamics.

WE DON'T TAKE ATTENDANCE INTO CONSIDERATION IF YOUR TEST, PRACTICAL AND EXAM MARKS ARE GOOD. HOWEVER, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE YOUR ATTENDANCE RECORD INTO ACCOUNT FOR BORDERLINE DECISIONS.

Assessment

- For your CS101 and CS102 DP to be granted, you are required to maintain an average of at least 40% for your practicals and achieve an average of at least 40% for your tests.
- You are expected to collect all your test scripts, make the necessary corrections, and ensure that they are handed to your tutor by the following practical afternoon. Failure to do this, may result in you losing your DP.
- The test and examination system is based on a mark per minute.

The assessment of students in CS101 is based on a total of:
- 20% semester mark (calculated from the results of practicals and test assessments)
- 80% examination (laboratory exercises under examination conditions)

The assessment of students in CS102 is based on a total of:
- 20% semester mark (calculated from the results of practicals and test assessments)
- 80% examination (laboratory exercises under examination conditions)

A prize, generously sponsored by
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is offered for the top student in the course.

SECOND YEAR							CS201
Week	Begins	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Topic
		Orientation week: Monday 5 to Friday 09 Feb					
1	12 Feb						Architecture
2	19 Feb						
3	26 Feb						
4	4 Mar						
5	11 Mar						Advanced Programming
6	18 Mar				Human Rights Day		
7	25 Mar						
	1 Apr	Vacation					
8	8 Apr						Advanced Programming
9	15 Apr						
10	22 Apr						
11	29 Apr			Workers Day			Systems-level Programming
12	6 May						
13	13 May						
		Swot Time (20 May - 23 May) & June Exams (24 May - 14 Jun)					
							CS202
Week	Begins	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Topic
14	8 Jul						Operating Systems
15	15 Jul						
16	22 Jul						
17	29 Jul						
18	5 Aug					Women's Day	Theory of Computation
19	12 Aug						
	19 Aug	Vacation					
20	26 Aug						Theory of Computation
21	2 Sep						
22	9 Sep						
23	16 Sep						Databases
24	23 Sep		Heritage Day				
25	30 Sep						
26	7 Oct						
		Swot Time (14 Oct - 17 Oct) & November Exams (18 Oct - 15 Nov)					

Second year
CS201 & CS202

In your first year in the Computer Science Department, you became reasonably confident and competent in designing computer programs. The second year course builds on these skills and widens your knowledge both of computer systems and programming languages.

At the end of the course, you should be able to code algorithms using the Java and C/C++ programming languages. You should be familiar with advanced and object oriented programming features, data and file structures, the theory of computation, database methods, operating systems and the background to algorithmic and low level paradigms.

The CS201 course is offered in the first semester and examined in June. CS202 is offered in the second semester and examined in November. These two courses may be aggregated to obtain a pass in Computer Science 2 if they are taken in the same calendar year.

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR

Your CS2 course co-ordinator is **Mr Josh van Staden,** Room 101, Hamilton Building (Joshua.vanStaden@ru.ac.za).

Queries and comments about these courses should be addressed, initially, to your course co-ordinator.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS AND SUBMINIMA

	CS201	CS202
Entrance requirement	Minimum of 50% for both CS101 and CS102	Minimum of 40% in CS201
Minimum performance for the granting of supplementary examinations	40%	40%
Minimum performance for Computer Science 2 aggregation	40%	40%

LECTURES AND PRACTICALS

There are: 5 Formal lectures per week
1 Formal practical session per week
1 Tutorial session per week, if required
Additional after hours reading, exercises and essay work.

Lectures:	Monday:	3	09:35
	Tuesday:	4	10:30
	Wednesday:	5	11:25
	Thursday:	1	07:45
	Friday:	2	08:40
Tutorials:	Wednesday:	6	12:20
Practicals:	Wednesday:		14:00 - 17:00

Practicals are held in the UNDERGRAD laboratories in the Hamilton Building on WEDNESDAY afternoons, unless you are notified otherwise. They begin at 14h00 SHARP and officially end at 17h00.

Students will be required to complete practical work amounting to at least 6 hours per week – three hours under formal supervision, and the rest in their own time. You are encouraged to discuss the problems set on practical afternoons with each other, and to seek help from each other (and from the tutors present). However, you are expected to hand in your OWN INDIVIDUAL SOLUTION, unless you have been specifically asked to work as part of a team. Students who copy will be dealt with severely, and could lose their DP.

In your second year of Computer Science, you are considered to be a sufficiently experienced programmer to know that you should:
a) plan your algorithm,
b) write a well structured, well commented program.

NOTE: It has been shown over many years that students who attend lectures regularly, perform better in summative assessments than those with similar abilities. We therefore, strongly advise that you attend all timetabled lecture, tutorial, and practical sessions. If you really feel that you can master the course content by teaching yourself, then you should perhaps consider enrolling at a correspondence university, which is likely to be more cost effective.

TEXTBOOKS, HANDOUTS AND READING LISTS

CS2 text books

There are NO prescribed textbooks.
Printed notes will be provided for all of the modules.

A non-refundable charge of R400-00 for CS201 and R250-00 for CS202 will be made on your university account for printed materials. This includes an amount for paying royalties on copyright material. Several books for additional reading will be referenced during the year, but these will be made available through the library and you will NOT be required to purchase them. You will be told which books these are and where to find them as you need them.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND OUTLINE: CS201

Architecture

This module introduces the logical basis of computer design and how the major components fit together, with emphasis on instruction execution. You will learn how low-level instructions that can be executed directly in hardware relate to code in a higher-level language. The main focus is on understanding the hardware layer by coding in MIPS assembly language. You will also gain an understanding of factors that affect the performance of a computer.

Advanced Programming

This module builds on the data structures and algorithms covered in Computer Science 1, introducing several new topics. Dynamic data structures are an important focus of the course and underlie the concepts of abstract data types. Important classes of algorithms (such as sorting and searching) are considered and used to introduce simple aspects of algorithm analysis.

Systems-level programming

This module introduces the syntax of a high-level language such as C, with emphasis on low-level constructs and on features that have not been encountered thus far. The course fosters builds on knowledge about machine architecture to foster understanding of lower-level, unmanaged languages and how to use them effectively.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND OUTLINE: CS202

Operating Systems

This module covers the fundamental considerations involved in the design and use of a modern operating system.
The topics include:
- Introduction to operating systems
- Processes and threads
- Memory management
- Process scheduling
- Disk scheduling
- File management.

The emphasis in the course is on low-level programming in C++.

Theory of Computation

This module focuses on the more theoretical aspects of Computer Science. It covers computability, complexity, automata, and specifications of formal languages.

Databases

The Databases module centres on the core of most modern software: data storage and retrieval. It introduces students to relational database concepts and the language used for database interaction – SQL. Students are exposed to the PostgreSQL relational database management system and its client application pgAdmin.

YOUR TIME COMMITMENT

The Department of Computer Science expects a second year student to spend a minimum of **15 hours per week** on Computer Science 2. This time should be divided up approximately as follows:
 • 5 hours per week on attending lectures
 • 4 hours per week on lecture revision and further reading
 • 6 hours per week on practicals

PERFORMANCE AND ASSESSMENT

Tests

You will be notified at the start of each module which days have been set aside for tests. In addition, spot tests may be set at the discretion of the lecturer. The average test mark is subject to a 30% sub-minimum for DP requirements.

Practicals

Correctness of a program is usually worth about 50%, the rest of the marks being awarded for style, readability, ingenuity, documentation, error detection, testing procedures, and example results. Please note that in some modules, the mark for practicals will be obtained from practical tests and not from the practical work submitted. Students must maintain an average of 40% for practicals and practical tests in order to obtain a DP.

Examinations

CS201- Examined in June

Paper 1 (Three hours)	Architecture	55 marks
	Advanced Programming	85 marks
	Systems-level programming	40 marks
		180 marks

CS202- Examined in November

Paper 1 (Three hours)	Operating Systems	55 marks
	Theory of Computation	70 marks
	Databases	55 marks
		180 marks

The assessment of students in CS201 & CS202 is based on a total of
  33% - semester mark, calculated from the results of assignments, practicals, and tests.
  67% - allotted to final examination, totalling 3 hours.

NOTE: The examination system is based on a mark per minute in all exams.

COMPUTER SCIENCE 2 AGGREGATED CREDIT

A student who has attempted CS201 and CS202 in one calendar year and has failed to pass the assessment for one of the courses, but who has achieved a mark of 50% or better when both courses are added together and the average taken, may be granted an aggregated credit in Computer Science 2. Note that aggregation cannot occur if the mark for the failed course is less than 40%. A pass in Computer Science 2 requires that all DP and sub-minimum requirements in both CS201 and CS202 should have been met. Note that the courses may only be aggregated if they are taken in the same calendar year.

A prize, generously sponsored by
Janinne Franke,
is offered for the top student in the course.

THIRD YEAR							CS302
Week	Begins	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Topic
		Orientation week: Monday 5 to Friday 09 Feb					
1	12 Feb						Functional Programming
2	19 Feb						
3	26 Feb						
4	4 Mar						
5	11 Mar						
6	18 Mar				Human Rights Day		
7	25 Mar						Networks
	1 Apr	Vacation					
8	8 Apr						Networks
9	15 Apr						
10	22 Apr						
11	29 Apr			Workers Day			
12	6 May						Software Development Practices
13	13 May						
		Swot Time (20 May - 23 May) & June Exams (24 May - 14 Jun)					

							CS301
Week	Begins	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Topic
14	8 Jul						Programming Language Translation
15	15 Jul						
16	22 Jul						
17	29 Jul						
18	5 Aug					Women's Day	
19	12 Aug						
	19 Aug	Vacation					
20	26 Aug						Programming Language Translation
21	2 Sep						
22	9 Sep						Web Technologies and Security
23	16 Sep						
24	23 Sep		Heritage Day				
25	30 Sep						
26	7 Oct						
		Swot Time (14 Oct - 17 Oct) & November Exams (18 Oct - 15 Nov)					

Third year
CS301 & CS302

In your first year in the Computer Science Department, you became reasonably confident and competent in designing computer programs. CS2 built on these skills and widened your knowledge of data structures, low-level programming, theoretical computer science, and data access using languages such as Java, C/C++ and SQL.

At the end of your third year, you should have a good knowledge of the principles of compilers, networking, practical software development, and web development, and a good introductory knowledge of programming styles and functional programming.

The CS302 course is offered in the first semester and examined in June. CS301 is offered in the second semester and examined in November. These two courses may be aggregated to obtain a pass in Computer Science 3 if they are taken in the same calendar year.

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR
Your CS3 course co-ordinator is **Dr Zelalem Shibeshi,** Room 003, Hamilton Building (Z.Shibeshi@ru.ac.za).

Queries and comments about a course should be addressed, initially, to your course co-ordinator.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS AND SUBMINIMA

	CS302	CS301
Entrance requirement	Minimum of 40% in both CS201 and CS202, and an aggregate pass in the second year.	Minimum of 40% in both CS201 and CS202, and an aggregate pass in the second year.
Ancillary requirement	A pass in one of first year MAM, MAT, MST or STA (Maths or Stats)	A pass in one of first year MAM, MAT, MST or STA (Maths or Stats)
Minimum performance for Computer Science 3 aggregation	40%	40%

LECTURES AND PRACTICALS

There are: 5 Formal lectures per week
1 Formal practical session per week
1 Tutorial session per week, if required
Additional after-hours reading, small projects, tests, exercises and essay work.

Lectures:	Monday:	2	08:40
	Tuesday:	3	09:35
	Wednesday:	4	10:30
	Thursday:	5	11:25
	Friday:	1	07:45
Tutorials:	Thursday:	6	12:20
Practicals:	Thursday:		14:00 - 17:00

All lectures will be held in Room C11 in the GEOLOGY building. Practicals are held in the UNDERGRAD laboratories in the Hamilton Building on THURSDAY afternoons.

NOTE: It has been shown over many years that students who attend lectures regularly, perform better in summative assessments than those with similar abilities. We therefore, strongly advise that you attend all timetabled lecture, tutorial, and practical sessions. If you really feel that you can master the course content by teaching yourself, then you should perhaps consider enrolling at a correspondence university, which is likely to be more cost effective.

Students will be required to complete practical work amounting to at least **10 hours** per week (three hours under formal supervision, and the rest in their own time). You are encouraged to discuss the problems with each other, and to seek help from each other (and from the tutors present) when stuck with a problem. However, you are expected to hand in your OWN INDIVIDUAL SOLUTION, unless you have been specifically asked to work as part of a team.

Students who plagiarise will be dealt with severely, and could lose their DP. As third year students you are reminded to always plan your algorithm and write a well-structured program. In addition you are encouraged to use one of the document formatting or word processing programs available to produce professional looking documents for essays, practical write-ups and exercises that have to be handed in for marking.

TEXTBOOKS, HANDOUTS AND READING LISTS

CS302 text book
Kurose, J.F. and Ross, K.W., Computer Networking, Pearson, 2008.

CS301 text book
Connolly and Hoar, Fundamentals of Web Development, Pearson 2018

Students will also be issued with sets of comprehensive notes. A non-refundable charge of R200-00 for CS301 and R200-00 for CS302 will be made on your university account for such materials. This includes an amount for paying royalties on copyrighted material.

Several books for additional reading will be referenced during the year, but these will be made available on campus and students will NOT be required to purchase them. You will be told which books these are and where to find them as you need them.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND OUTLINE

Functional Programming
This module introduces a style of programming that avoids state, mutability, inheritance, and nulls and favours purity, immutability, higher-order functions, and options. A strongly-typed cross-platform language will be used for most practical work during this module.

Software Development Practices
This module situates modern programming in its historical context and exposes students to the kind of supporting tools, practices, environments, and workflows that are used by professional software developers.

Networks
This module introduces the fundamental principles of computer networking, primarily focusing on the practical study of the Internet. We will explore areas such as protocol design and the standardization of computer networks protocols. The module closely follows the structure presented in the textbook "Computer Networking: A Top-Down Approach", by Kurose & Ross, which guides us through the five traditional layers of the Internet protocol stack starting from the top, the application layer.

Programming Language Translation (PLT)
This module is concerned with the theoretical and practical aspects of programming languages and their translation. A simple stack based virtual machine (the Parva Virtual Machine) is studied and programmed at the assembler level. This is followed by a discussion of the theory behind modern high level languages, which leads to the practical aspects of writing compilers, facilitated by the use of compiler writing tools. An in-depth study is made, not only of a compiler for a simple imperative language (Parva, targeting the stack based PVM), but also of various other syntax-directed software.
The course is based on "Compiling with C# and Java", by Terry, P.D., published by Pearson, 2005. However, as this book is out of print, a substantial excerpt thereof will be provided as printed course notes.

Web Technologies and Security
This module introduces web technologies used at both the front- and back-end of current Web applications. Front-end technologies that will be discussed include: HTML, CSS and JavaScript. PHP and MySQL (another relational database) will be discussed as examples of technologies for the back-end. The security considerations will focus on the core concepts of Web application security primarily focusing on the OWASP top 10 security vulnerabilities and how one can develop a secure website. Topics include the client/server request/response loop, the HTTP protocol, mark-up languages, the Document Object Model, technologies for asynchronous communication and core security considerations. The emphasis of the course, based on the book by Connolly and Hoar, "Fundamentals of Web Development", is on the overall architecture of Web applications and how the various technologies help in the construction of applications that go beyond desktop applications.

YOUR TIME COMMITMENT

The Department of Computer Science expects a third year student to spend a minimum of **20 hours per week** on Computer Science 3. This time should be divided up approximately as follows:
- 5 hours per week on attending lectures
- a minimum of 5 hours per week on lecture revision and further reading
- a minimum of 10 hours per week on practical work

PERFORMANCE AND ASSESSMENT

Tests
You may be notified about which days have been set aside for tests at the start of each module. In addition, spot tests may be set at the discretion of the lecturer. In some modules, marks are also awarded for short weekly tests on the material of each prac. The average test mark is subject to a 30% sub-minimum for DP requirements.

Practicals
Correctness of a program is paramount, though marks may also be awarded or deducted for such things as style, readability, ingenuity, documentation, error detection, testing procedures, and example results. Students must maintain an average of 40% for practicals to obtain a DP.

Examinations
CS302- Examined in June

Paper	Module	%
Paper 1 (Four hours)	Functional Programming	30.9%
	Software Development Practices	10.3%
Paper 2 (Three hours)	Networks	25.8%

CS301- Examined in November

Paper	Module	%
Paper 1 (Four hours)	PLT ***	41.2%
Paper 2 (Three hours)	Web Technologies and Security	25.8%

*** The CS301 PLT exam has an unconventional format. Students are given part of the paper in advance of the exam to allow them to prepare practical solutions to demonstrate the extent of their knowledge. The venue is a computer laboratory. The content of the whole exam is a mixture of practical and theory. Further details will be available nearer the time.

The assessment of students in CS301 & CS302 is based on a total of:
- 33% semester mark, calculated from the results of assignments, practicals, and tests.
- 67% allotted to final examinations.

COMPUTER SCIENCE 3 AGGREGATED CREDIT

A student who has attempted CS301 and CS302 in one calendar year and has failed to pass the assessment for one of the courses, but who has achieved a mark of 50% or better when both courses are added together and the average taken, may be granted an aggregated credit in Computer Science 3. Note that aggregation cannot occur if the mark for the failed course is less than 40%. A pass in Computer Science 3 requires that all DP and sub-minima requirements in both CS301 and CS302 should have been met. Note that the courses may only be aggregated if they are taken in the same calendar year.

A prize, generously sponsored by
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is offered for the top student in the course.