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CHAPTER 1

CH410/510 Scientific Computing

- The class will meet Mon and Wed at 9 am 1 hr, and then Fri for 2 hr.
- In general, Mon and Wed will be instruction days where we cover new programming material. Fri will be an open “lab” where you will work on exercises in class.

CHAPTER 2

People

- Mike Harms OH: 12 pm Thursdays, Will 342)
- Joseph Harman OH: 1 pm Wednesdays, Will 342)

CHAPTER 3

Conceptual Goals

By the end of the course, students should understand:

- Basic python: data types, key words, control, functions and imports
- Core python extensions for scientists: scipy, numpy, and jupyter
- Strategies for dissecting problems and formulating solutions in code
- Where to go to pick up skills in the future as the need arises

CHAPTER 4

Skill Goals

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Write basic python programs from scratch
- Identify existing libraries for a problem and learn how to use them
- Generate arbitrarily complex custom plots
- Simulate experimental sampling
- Manipulate scientific datasets of the following types (at a basic level):
- High-throughput sequencing data
- Chemical structure data from databases such as the PDB
- Images

[Course schedule](#)

CHAPTER 5

Assignments

- Project prospectus (Due May 10)
- Final project (Due June 10)

5.1 Weekly assignments

- There will be 8 labs.
- We will (generally) start the labs on Fri in class.
- They will be due the following Wed in class.
- They can be turned in by email.

CHAPTER 6

Grading

- **Breakdown:**

- 25% attendance
 - 25% final project
 - 50% labs (6.25%/lab)
- Labs will be graded based on whether they are turned in, whether we can run the notebook, and whether they notebooks give the right results.
- The final project will be graded according to the rubric given in the [Final project description](#).

CHAPTER 7

Resources

- [Cool Python cheat sheet.](#)
- [Python cheat sheet](#)
- [main github repo.](#)

CHAPTER 8

Indices and tables

- `genindex`
- `modindex`
- `search`