

CSSE 290 attendance, first exam date, in-class partner contract

Please sign all of this document and return it by the end of the Day 1 class meeting. If you cannot sign, please submit a drop slip by the end of the day on Monday, so that someone who can sign both parts can take the course.

Attendance: I understand that, due to the large number of freshmen who wanted to get into this class but could not because both sections are full, the instructor has set a strict attendance policy. Missing a class meeting (or being more than 20 minutes late) will count as two “attendance points” for me. Being more than five minutes late will count as one attendance point. Accumulating three attendance points before Christmas break or six attendance points before the end of the term may result in a failing grade in the course.

(signature) _____ (date) _____

First exam date: On October 16, the instructor announced to all students who were then registered for the course that the first exam will happen during class time on Friday, December 19. I am aware of that exam time, and acknowledge that failure to be here at the prescribed time will result in a score of zero for that exam.

(signature) _____ (date) _____

In-class partners: There will be many in-class activities in this course. Most of them will be done individually, but I will have an assigned partner, with the intention that my partner and I will be the first “go to” people for each other when one of us is having trouble. I will do my best to enhance my partner’s experience and level of learning in the course. I also understand that no outside-the-classroom interaction with my in-class partners will be required.

A few times during the term there will be “partner rotations” when everyone will get a new partner. I may get good and not-so-good partners, but I will do my best to work well with all of them. If problems develop between myself and my in-class partner, I will quickly work to resolve them. If we cannot resolve them, I will involve the instructor in an attempt to resolve the issues as soon as possible. The instructor reserves the right to reassign uncooperative partners at any time in order to try to ensure that those students who desire a good partner relationship can do so. Students who are continually uncooperative will, after several warnings, receive a failing grade in the course.

If I am unable to attend class one day (and I am not in an emergency situation), I will inform the instructor and my in-class partner *via* email **before the class meeting begins**.

When my partner and I both finish an exercise before the rest of the class members, we will actively look for other pairs of students who are stuck and in need of help, so that the whole class can do and understand the exercise as quickly as possible.

My first partner(s) is/are _____ (and) _____.

(signature) _____ (date) _____