

### Administrivia

- Syllabus and schedule online, linked from my home page. (If you can't easily remember the URL or bookmark it — a Web search on my full name will likely find it.)

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### About This Course — Some Context

- The department believes that there is much to be gained by having some way to get all the students and faculty together every week.
- We also believe there is value in showing students just beginning a CS major/minor that there is more to CS than one might guess from the introductory sequence (which focuses on programming).
- Hence this course . . .

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### About This Course — Kinds of Talks

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- Presentations by department faculty about their research (overviews emphasizing opportunities for student involvement).
- Presentations by faculty from other departments about research of interest and relevance to CS.
- Presentations by students about research (e.g., results from an REU) or internships.
- Presentations about job and internship opportunities.
- “And stuff” (to borrow a Myers phrase).

### About This Course — Course Requirements

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- Your grade will be based solely on attendance (details in syllabus).
- How to record attendance in a way that works for all of you and is easy for me is a puzzle! but this semester I am going to try again what I did last semester: Each of you will turn in, at the end of class, a piece of paper (*half or full letter size*) with your name and a brief comment about the day's class — something you learned, something you found interesting, a question, or anything else that seems relevant.  
  
(Except today, where I want something more like the “minute essay” I use to record attendance in other classes. Next slide.)

### Minute Essay

- Tell me a little about yourself — your major(s) and minor(s), what areas of CS you find most interesting, and anything else that seems relevant and useful.
- If you have thoughts about speakers/topics you'd find particularly interesting, now might be a good time . . .

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