

CSCI 1311 Final Exam Review

The final exam will be formatted very similarly to the midterm. There will be 10 normal questions plus an extra credit question. The questions will be roughly one third short answer, one third coding, and one third tracing. You can get partial credit, but only if you show work/write something down. You will be allowed to use both the Greenfoot API and the full Java API. You will not have access to on-line tutorials, class notes, in class code, or other resources.

The exam will explicitly cover the second half of the semester. Concepts from the first half of the semester will appear only implicitly. That is to say that the topics from the first half of the semester are generally foundational to those in the second half of the semester. So while the questions will be asked about concepts from the second half, they will wind up requiring you to use information from the first half. The topics that were covered in the second half of the semester are listed below along with some general indications on what you should know about them. I don't claim that this covers absolutely everything that will be on the exam, but it gives you a good indication of what I plan to put on the exam.

- Files – Know how to read from and write to files. You want to be able to write code that does this as well as read code that does this. It doesn't have to be CSV, it can be any fairly simple text information.
- Spreadsheets – Understand the basic concepts of how we did “spreadsheet” processing. You should be able to explain, code, or trace the processing of a table of data using loops and basic logic.
- Mouse Handling (Greenfoot) – Know how you would handle mouse input in Greenfoot.
- Graphics (Greenfoot) – Know how you draw your own stuff in Greenfoot.
- Applets – Know how to program applets. This includes the five main methods that are part of the functioning of an applet.
- Applet Interactivity – Know about the use of listeners/events for getting user input and Timers for creating animation in applets. Also know how you do graphics in the applets.
- Lists – Know how to make your own list and use methods like add and remove in addition to get and size.
- Arrays – Know the basic syntax of arrays and their properties. You won't have to write code with them, but you need to be able to trace code with them or answer short-answer questions.
- Reading Images – Know the basics of reading images from a File or URL in an Application or Applet. Coding questions that deal with this will not require proper exception handling.
- Differences – Know what Greenfoot was doing for you and be able to explain how you would get similar behaviors on an applet. Be able to compare/contrast the way you deal with use input in applets to what you did in Greenfoot.