

CS 1302 – Spring 2026

Class Information

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1 Instructor Information

Instructor: Dr. Dave Gibson, 1128 Nevins, 229.333.7151 (office), 229.253.4410 (Dept. office)

Email: dgibson@valdosta.edu, All email addressed to me should:

- Be from a VSU account
- Have a subject that begins with: CS 1302 (e.g. CS 1302-HW 1 question)

Office Hours: Mon: 10-11, 3:15-4

Tue: 2-3

Wed: 3:15-4

Thu: 2-3

Fri: anytime by appointment

2 Class Information

Class: Nevins 1121, Tue & Thu – 9:30-10:45; Wed – 10-10:50

Final Exam: Section A: Thu, May 7, 8-10

Course Website: The course website is found by going to my homepage: <https://cs.valdosta.edu/~dgibson/>, and choosing the CS 1302 link which will display the course Schedule. The Schedule provides a list of exactly what we do in class, exams and quizzes, assignments, and due dates. It is your responsibility to check the Schedule regularly.

Textbook: The textbook is written by me and is available on the Schedule. We will follow my textbook in class, many times projecting it to the screen. I recommend that you print the chapters and take notes on them. There is strong statistical evidence that writing notes by hand increases the information you remember long-term¹.

Blazeview: Used only for turning in homework, labs and posting grades. It is not used for communication, use email instead.

Communication: We use VSU email to communicate with one another (or phone).

General Policies:

- Electronic devices are allowed for viewing course notes. Any other use is not allowed. Any violation of this results in an absence.
- Phones are muted or turned off and stored off the surface of your desk and not within sight. Phones are not to be used in any capacity during class. Any violation of this results in an absence.
- Check the Schedule on the website regularly. Check your VSU email account regularly.
- Drinks with a lid are OK. Food/candy/snacks are not allowed.

¹ <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/news/releases/take-notes-by-hand-for-better-long-term-comprehension.html>

- For all tests and final exam, all materials (book bag, phone, smart watch, etc.) are stored at the front of the classroom, except for a pencil or pen.

Tutoring: Tutoring is available via *Knack*.

Students looking for additional assistance outside of the classroom are advised to consider working with a peer tutor through Knack. Valdosta State University has partnered with Knack to provide students with access to verified peer tutors who have previously aced this course. For students to view available tutors, visit valdosta.joinknack.com and sign in with your student account.

3 Additional Information

Workload: Heavy and continuous. This class requires a steady 9-12 hours outside of class every week to succeed. Prepare to spend a significant amount of time on this course. **If you do not have the time to commit, please consider taking this course in a future semester.**

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Accommodations Statement: Students with disabilities who are experiencing barriers in this course may contact the Access Office (<https://www.valdosta.edu/student/disability/>) for assistance in determining and implementing reasonable accommodations. The Access Office is located in University Center Room 4136 Entrance 5. The phone numbers are 229-245-2498 (V), 229-375-5871. For more information, please visit VSU's Access Office or email: access@valdosta.edu. To request reasonable accommodations for pregnancy and childbirth, contact Ms. Myia Miller, Title IX Compliance Officer, at maburden@valdosta.edu. Please note, you will be required to provide documentation from an appropriately licensed medical professional indicating the requested accommodations are medically necessary.