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## Csc344, Spring 2023, Special Notes

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### Special Note Pertaining to Covid Related Absences

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As you know, I do encourage you to come to class! That said, we certainly don't want you to attend class if you have Covid, if you think that you might have Covid, or if are awaiting a test to see if you do. Since attendance points count for your grade, we need a mechanism whereby I can avoid penalizing you for rightly keeping your distance from class for a Covid related reason.

In order to receive attendance points when an absence is related to Covid, please just send me an email with:

- Subject header: Csc344 COVID ABSENCE
- An indication within the main text box of the email for which class days you have kept your distance due to something relating to Covid.

I will be sure to mark you "present" for those days. Furthermore, everyone will thank you for being a good human, and not coming to class when you might infect someone else!

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### Special Note Pertaining to CSA

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This little note is simply intended to make you aware of the fact that CSA, the Computer Science Association at Oswego, can be a most valuable resource for you if you are having problems with the course, especially if your problems pertain to your machine or installing software on your machine. CSA has a very long (roughly four decades) tradition of helping computer sciences students with issues they may be having with respect to their computer science work.

There is also a discord channel that helps students with questions, and which also serves as a place for students to hang out with other computer science majors.

Details? Ask your classmates. You will find someone who knows something about CSA and the discord channel, or can point you in the right direction to find out what you might like to know about CSA and the discord channel.

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### Special Note Pertaining to our TA

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Good news! We will have a TA for our course this semester. Her name is **Kayla Gray**. The details with respect to time and place of her office hours:

- Tuesdays: 2:30pm - 3:30pm
- Wednesdays: 3pm - 5pm
- Thursdays: 3pm - 6pm

She will be holding her office hours in Room 466 Shineman.