

# Lecture 0

## CSC 256 Course Overview

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# Course Logistics

- **Instructor:** Dr. Zonghua Gu
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- **Office:** SIC 219
- **Office hours:** Thur 2:00-6:00 pm
- **Course website:** <https://guhofstra.github.io/CSC256Sp25/>
- **Lectures:**
  - SIC 206, R 8:10 PM-10:00 PM

# Discord Channel and Feedback Form

- Join the Discord channel:  
<https://discord.gg/wEP6dhGqS8>
  - IMPORTANT! Used for all announcements and online Q&A
- Course tutor
  - Samson Mathew  
[smathew5@pride.hofstra.edu](mailto:smathew5@pride.hofstra.edu)
  - Available on discord and on-demand ZOOM meetings
- Use the [anonymous feedback form](#) anytime to provide your comments and suggestions for me.



# No Textbook

- No required textbook.
- Exams are based on lecture slides only

# Lab Assignments

- Two lab assignments
  - Please sign up on Canvas to form groups of 1-3 students each
- **Late Days:** Each student is allowed a total of 3 late days for this class, which may be spent in units of one day (24 hours) on any project(s) throughout the semester. Once your late days have been used up, late work will not receive any credit. Late days are intended to handle all issues, including unexpected problems such as illness.

# Grading Policy

- Midterm exam: 30%
- Final exam: 40%
- Labs: 30% (10 + 20)
  - Graded on a curve based on the final points
  - Absolute marks do not matter, but your relative ranking in the class determines your final letter grade

