Introduction To CPSC 231

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  - Office hours: (Monday 2 – 3 PM, Tuesday 11 AM – noon right after my Monday CPSC 231 lecture and my Tuesday CPSC 219 lecture). If I'm not in my office give me a few minutes or check the lecture room.
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  - Appointment: email, phone or call
  - Drop by for urgent requests (but no guarantee that I will be in if it's outside of my office hours!)
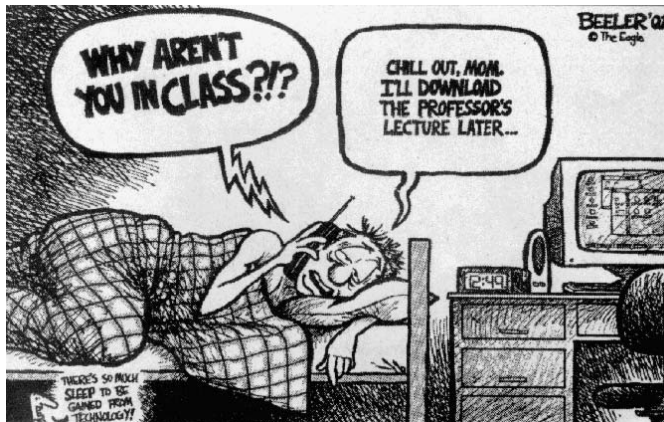
My Office

Course Resources

- Required resources:
  - Course website: http://pages.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/~tamj/231 (Get the notes off the course webpage before lecture)

- Recommended but not required:
  - "*Starting Out with Python*", Tony Gaddis (*Pearson Education):* available in the bookstore
  - "*Learning with Python*" by Jeffrey Elkner, Allen B. Downey and Chris Meyers (Open book project): available online
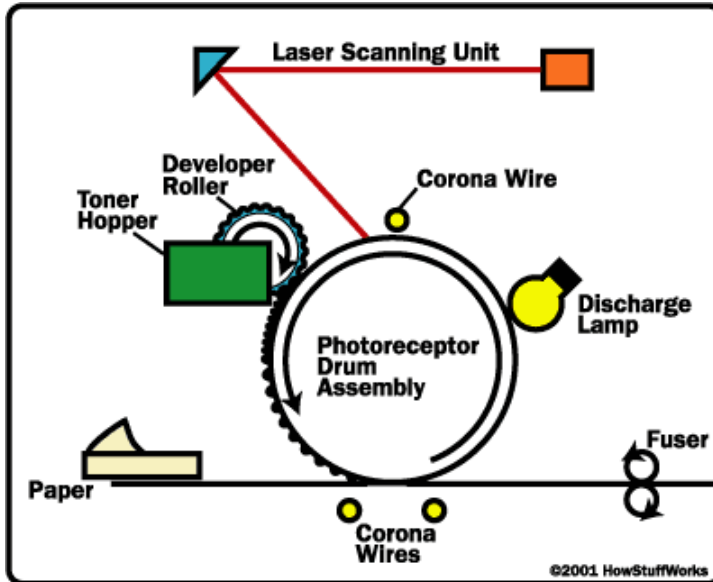
How To Use The Course Resources

- They are provided to support and supplement this class.

- Neither the course notes nor the text book are meant as a substitute for regular class attendance.
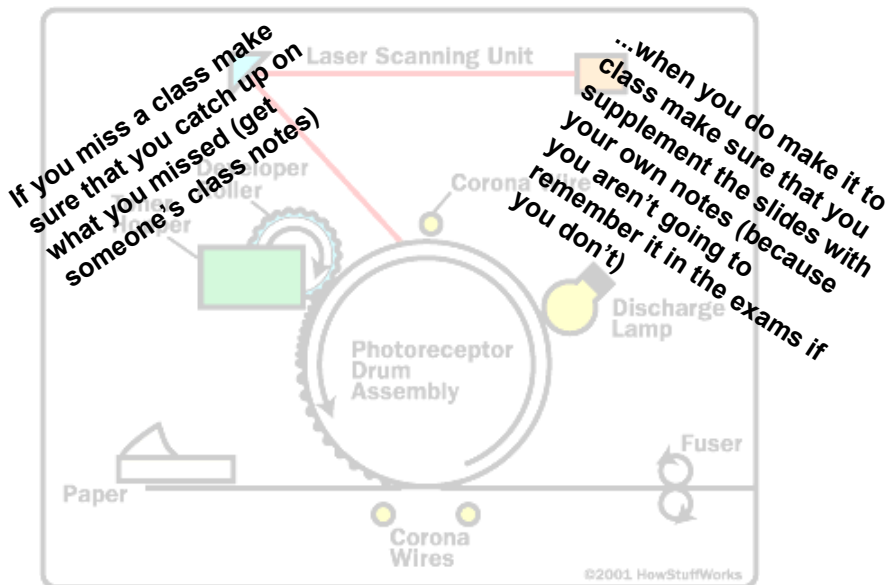
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If you miss a class make sure that you catch up on what you missed (get someone's class notes)

...when you do make it to class make sure that you supplement the slides with your own notes (because you aren't going to remember it in the exams if you don't)

How To Use The Course Resources (3)

•What you are responsible for:
  - Keeping up with the content in class which includes the topics covered but also announcements or assignments whether you were present in the class or not.
  - If you are absent, then you are responsible to get the information from the other students in class.

•However, after you've caught up by talking with a classmate:
  - Ask for help if you need it
  - There are no dumb questions

Feedback

What is he talking about???

Wow I am the greatest speaker in the world!

Let me know how things are going in the course:
  • Am I covering the material too slowly or too quickly.
  • Can you read the slides and my hand writing.
  • Can you hear me in the class.
  • Etc.