

## Welcome to COSC1336

Welcome to your ACC Programming course. My name is Dr. Martinez, your professor for the semester. Please familiarize yourself with the syllabus/schedule [here](#). The syllabus/schedule contain information that is absolutely critical to success in the course. I recommend to NOT print the schedule and other course material but rather access it periodically online to check for changes and updates.

**Course Orientation:** If you have not done so, please review the syllabus, schedule, and Blackboard content. After you have reviewed those three information sources, view the *Course Orientation* video and take the Orientation Exam.

Ensure your **ACC email account** is functional. Call the ACC student help desk if you require assistance accessing your ACC email or Bb accounts.

These steps comprise the required mandatory online course orientation. Remember, all email must be via your **ACC email account**. Include your course and synonym number when emailing. Messages from non-ACC email sources are spam filtered and therefore cannot be acknowledged.

**Azure Dev Tools for Teaching (ADTT; formerly MADTT, Microsoft Imagine or DreamSpark):** You should receive an email from MADTT, kovuto.com, or on-the-hub.com with login instructions. The account entitles you to select Microsoft development and operating system software at no charge. Various versions of Visual Studio can be downloaded from the MADTT. I recommend the Community version which can also be downloaded for free from Microsoft.

1. Check your spam folder if the email does not arrive in your inbox. Call the Student Help Desk if you require assistance accessing your ACC email or Bb accounts. The **VS Community version** can be downloaded for free from Microsoft [directly](#). Note: Visual Studio is used in COSC 1337 and ITSE 2331 for C++ development, and in ITSE1330 for C#. VS Code is used in ITSE2302 for webdev.
2. If you do not receive the ADTT email by the end of the third day of class, navigate to the [ADTT link](#). Sign In on the page. Use your ACC email to sign in. If you have questions or difficulties:
3. **Contact ACC Student Technology Support at 512-223-4636 (option 8) for assistance.**

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Students may 'opt out' of MADTT registration by email notification to your professor by 8pm of first day of class. Include 'MADTT Opt Out' in the email subject line. Be advised, opting out of registration prevents access to free Microsoft products offered on the MADTT site.

**Write Code!:** I strongly encourage you to code the examples in the chapters and get them working per the instructions. Some tutorials suggest starting with a student file. This starting code must be coded by the student. The code is either listed directly in the tutorial or provided within one or two pages of the tutorial. It is far more valuable to code the examples than simply review them.

The examples are usually highly representative of your programming assignments. Keep in mind that each assignment is primarily designed to exercise knowledge and develop skills associated with the topics covered in that chapter.

**Tutoring:** There is a link to tutoring services on the syllabus in the event you desire tutoring assistance. Tutoring is generally limited to introductory material.

Unless you have a substantial amount of programming experience, this course will likely require a significant amount of time and effort. I HIGHLY recommend that you begin with and maintain a consistently purposeful commitment.

**Questions:** Email me with questions and include your course and synonym number. I usually respond within 24 hours except on Sundays when I do not monitor my ACC inbox.

Make it a great semester.

Thanks,  
Dr. Martinez