

To help me prepare to study with you, please write answers for the following questions and return them to me. I will keep them private and use them only to improve the course for you. Questions shaded like this are intended to give me more detail in case I have never asked you before—or if you have something new to say!

1. What is your name? Tell me a little about the parts of your name and what they mean. What should I call you? What pronouns do you prefer?
2. What is the best way for me to reach you outside of class? When can I hold office hours that would be convenient for you?
3. Including but not limited to degree requirements, why did you choose to take this course? How does CS fit into your studies as a whole?
4. Think about hobbies, jobs, self study, other courses, other schools, and so forth; what background do you have in the subject of this course?
What background (including books, movies, blogs, experiences, friends, sports, quotes, whatever it is for you) do you turn to for analogies when you are trying to understand something new or explain something to a friend?
What languages can you speak? Read? Write? How comfortably?
5. What challenges do you foresee in the material we might cover, or the way this course fits into your life? When you feel overwhelmed or start to fall behind, what warning signs might you, or people who support you, notice? How do you want me to help if I notice them?
6. What do you know about yourself as a learner? Who are you as a person? What other question would you ask on this survey? How would you answer it?