

Course Syllabus

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1 Course Description

CS 261 is an introduction to the Java programming language for students who are familiar with programming in C++ or Python. Topics include basic language syntax, data structures, control flow, classes, exception handling, and basic elements of the Java API.

This is a web-based class requiring independent responsibility and online communication skills on the part of the student. There are no regularly-scheduled class meetings.

This course is self-paced. Work on it when you like. The only requirements is to complete the assignments by the last day of classes and to take the exam as scheduled.

2 Basic Information

Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Sun Feb 1, 2026	 Lab: Setting Up Your Personal Development Environment	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
	(https://canvas.odu.edu/courses/201499/assignments/2990059) 	
Sun Feb 22, 2026	 Lab: Lab: Throwing and Catching Exceptions (https://canvas.odu.edu/courses/201499/assignments/2990060) 	due by 11:59pm
Sun Mar 8, 2026	 Assignment: Basic Java Programs (https://canvas.odu.edu/courses/201499/assignments/2990062) 	due by 11:59pm
Sun Mar 29, 2026	 Assignment: Classes and Objects (https://canvas.odu.edu/courses/201499/assignments/2990063) 	due by 11:59pm
Sun Apr 26, 2026	 Assignment: collections (https://canvas.odu.edu/courses/201499/assignments/2990064) 	due by 11:59pm
Thu May 7, 2026	 Final Exam (https://canvas.odu.edu/courses/201499/assignments/2990053) 	due by 11:59pm