

CS 2

Introduction to Programming Methods

Welcome to CS 2!



Office hours
start tonight.

My name (tonight only)
is Adam. Adam's OH will
be held in
the
"Adam's Office"
channel on
discord



- My pronouns are **they/them**.
- Call me “Adam” or “Prof. Blank”.
- I **care** about your experience in this course and at Caltech.
- CS 2 is my **favorite** course to teach!
- I love my dog **Hopper**.

Outline

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CS) Python
~~CS~~ Java
CS) C

Some of the labs/projects you will be implementing are:

➔ ■ Mini Google Maps

➔ ○ ■ A scheme to hide text in images

➔ ○ ■ A guitar sound synthesizer

➔ ○ ■ An Othello bot



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- Adam holds six office hours a week.
 - Feel free to set up a private appointment if you prefer.
 - TAs hold office hours at all kinds of times! Times posted on the course website.

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**This is the course where you stop thinking like a “programmer”
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- Procedural programming vs. object-oriented programming
 - Python: code does not need to be in a function
 - Java: not only does code need to be in a function, but all functions must be in a class