

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE BROOKLYN COLLEGE CISC 1170

What is this course? This course is called **Java for Programmers**. It is intended for students who have completed a basic programming course in a language other than Java (often C++). Most *cis* students will **not** take this course; and students who do take it (even they should not) will lose credit doing so.

The *cis* department now provides its basic instruction in Java. Students who enter the program at the beginning will **not** take CISC 1170. It is intended primarily for transfer students – students who began their computer science education elsewhere and need to merge their previous training with the Java program at Brooklyn College.

How the course works: The number of students who require this course to proceed in the computer science sequence at Brooklyn College varies from semester to semester. In order to accommodate the needs of a varied group of students (with varied scheduling limitations), the Department does **not** offer specific sections of CISC 1170; rather, the department allows students who are registered for CISC 1170 to join an existing section of CISC 1115 (the introductory programming course in Java for students who have had no previous programming courses). The student who joins an existing section of CISC 1115 will act as a student in that section. At the end of the semester, the instructor of that section of CISC 1115 will file the grade earned by the student with the chair of the Department and it will be posted as the student's grade in CISC 1170. Although the student enrolled in CISC 1170 (a 2 credit course) will participate in a 4 credit course, the CISC 1170 student will receive 2 credits. This arrangement allows the student to receive some credit for basic programming (the student presumably already received credit for basic programming in another language) while studying the nuances of Java that the student will need to proceed with the *cis* program.

What are the student's responsibilities? – Once a student has (received permission for and) enrolled in CISC 1170, the following must be done:

Failure to follow these steps may result in the delay or denial of credit for CISC 1170.

1. Advise the chair of the Department (Professor Langsam: langsam@sci.brooklyn.cuny.edu) that you are enrolled in CISC 1170
2. *Locate* a section of CISC 1115 in which you would like to participate. You should request permission of the instructor of that section to sit in his/her class as a student of CISC 1170. Some instructors (often due to overcrowding or other reasons) may not allow you to sit in the class in this fashion – seek another section. After you have secured the instructor's approval to join the class (as a student in CISC 1170), you should notify the chair of *cis* (see 1 above) of this fact.
3. Ask the instructor what he/she expects of you (attend class, submit assignments, take class exams, etc.). Participate in the class as per instructions of the instructor of CISC 1115.
4. Take the uniform final exam for all students of CISC 1115 (along with the other students in the section which you have joined).
5. Before the final exam, remind the instructor of your section of CISC 1115 to transmit your grade to the department chair (to be posted as your grade in CISC 1170).
6. **Reminder: Register for CISC 1170 -- Attend CISC 1115**