Upon your enrollment, this is called an "i5" account, and we will use it for our web sites. The main computer labs to use for this class are in the 3rd Ave North Dorm and in the Education building. Further information on the labs is available online.

Using the computer facilities

- You will be able to save your work
- Saving your work in the lab
- There are other machines in the lab, you cannot be sure that you will have access to the same machine the next time you enter the lab and the drives in the lab are frequently erased. The best option is to upload your files online and download them as needed. You may find it advantageous to visit the labs at times since there will be people studying and working there.
- In this lab, you can use any software you want, however, you are responsible for the content of your work. The files can be used for anything you want, so long as you are not using anyone else's work.

You will be encouraged to use the computer as much as possible, because this will be useful for you in your college career and beyond. The practical goals of the course are to teach you:

- Basic operating system skills using Mac OS, Windows and Unix
- Desktop publishing
- Web authoring tools
- Multimedia (working with images, animation, and sound)
- Internet tools

License Sections

- Topic 1 - Introduction to the course, overview of principles
- Topic 2 - Photoshop - introduction to creating, editing, and manipulating still images and working with image files
- Topic 3 - Desktop Publishing - manipulating text for printed output, integration of text and graphics (using InDesign)
- Topic 4 - Introduction to operating systems (Mac OS, Windows, Unix)
- Topic 5 - Building Webpages using xHTML and CSS
- Topic 6 - Introduction to animation; building animated GIFs
- Topic 7 - Web-authoring software: using Dreamweaver to build a website
- Topic 8 - Working with sound files and building podcasts
- Topic 9 - Flash - integrating animation, graphics and sound to build interactive "movies"

Grading

Your greatest reward is the knowledge and experience that you receive by taking the course. You will also receive a grade. The assignments (see below) will count for 60% of the grade. The midterm will count for 20%, and the final exam counts for the remaining 20%.

Assignments

In all, there will be seven or eight assignments. It is important not to get behind in turning in assignments. If you do get behind, we will still want you to do the assignment, so it is better to turn in a late assignment than to skip it and you may wish to speak with me about this. However, late assignments will be penalized, and may not be graded except to note that the assignment was turned in.

Assignments that you turn in should be your own work. It is fine to talk to other students and to get assistance in how to do something, but you should not ask your fellow-students to actually do the work for you. When you turn in an assignment, you are saying that you have done this work yourself. The definition of plagiarism is to present someone else's work as though it were your own. Please read the Computer Science Department statement on academic integrity.

Software

Macintosh computers with all of the software packages pre-installed will be made available to you in the ITS labs. Theoretically, you do not need your own computer but you do need to purchase any software. However, you will be learning how to use various software packages, and you may wish to have access to the software at home or on your laptop. Ideally, you must purchase your own copy or use "30 day trial versions" which are sometimes available from the software publisher.

You can obtain browsers and other software provided by ITS to all students, including Norton Anti-Virus, by going to FILES within your NYU "Home" Account.

Saving your work in the lab

You will be able to save your work ITS labs under your NYU Home Account and/or on your own flash drives. Although you can write to the hard disks of the machines in the lab, you cannot be sure that you will have access to the same machine the next time you enter the lab and the machines in the lab are frequently erased. The best option is to upload your files online and download them as needed. You may find it advantageous to visit the labs at times since there will be people studying and working there.

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Course Computer Account

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