Tips for Success in CS 1101

* Put in at least 12 hours per week outside of class (see the CS 1101 FAQ’s on the syllabus)
* Make each hour of work a quality-hour:
  + Turn off your phone
  + Close all tabs in your browser except those that you need for CS 1101
  + Turn off email and other alerts
  + Work in a place where you won’t be distracted

One hour of work without distractions is worth 3 hours of work with distractions. I made up those numbers, but you get the idea.

* Know the vocabulary. If a test question asks for a data definition, do you know what to provide? How about if the question asks about a template, predicate, test case, selector, constructor, signature, purpose, function definition, example of data, function parameter, expression, value? You can’t answer a question correctly if you don’t understand what’s being asked.

* Try to solve the homework problems on your own, before you meet with your partner. There’s a big difference between being shown how to do something, and trying to do something on your own.
* Start studying for Exam 1 on day 1. Try the sample exam question given with each day’s class objectives. Look at the published answers for each quiz and make sure you understand them. Begin preparing your “cheat sheet” for the next exam. Keep up with the work on a daily basis.
* Come to office hours – we’re here to help!