

# **CS344M**

# **Autonomous Multiagent Systems**

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# Good Afternoon, Colleagues

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Are there any questions?

# Logistics

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- Executable teams due next Tuesday
- Final reports due on Thursday
- Final tournament: Monday, December 17th, 2pm, BUR 136

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- Playing against top-notch competition -> no info
- Playing against a single foe -> too brittle

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- Tests on Nim and 3D Tic Tac Toe
- Stop when perfect play is reached

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- Other approaches to competitive co-evolution?