



Course title and number CSCE 411 Design and Analysis of Algorithms
Term (e.g., Fall 200X) Fall 2012
Meeting times and location MWF 11:30-12:20 HRBB 113

Course Description and Prerequisites

The course focuses on the study of computer algorithms, in particular design paradigms of algorithms, the analysis of time and space requirements of algorithms, and the correctness of algorithms. Furthermore, the course studies NP-completeness and undecidability.

Prerequisites: CSCE 221 and CSCE 315

Learning Outcomes or Course Objectives

At the end of the semester, you should:

- be familiar with fundamental algorithms and algorithmic techniques;
- given a particular application, be able to decide which algorithm among a set of choices is best;
- be able to prove correctness and analyze running time and space complexity of a given algorithm;
- be able to design efficient algorithms for new situations using the techniques learned;
- be able to prove that a problem is NP-complete using reduction and understand the implications;
- understand the notion of undecidability, know that some problems are undecidable, and comprehend the implications.

Instructor Information

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Textbook and/or Resource Material

Cormen, Leiserson, Rivest, Stein: Introduction to Algorithms, 3rd edition, The MIT Press, 2009.

Grading Policies

Your grade will be based on these components:

- Quizzes: 10% (your lowest quiz grade will be dropped)
- Homeworks: 40% (written problems and programming assignments)
- Exams: 45% (one midterm worth 20% and one final exam worth 25%)
- Culture reports 5% (5 reports, see course webpage for deadlines)

The course grades will be assigned according to the scale:

A (90-100 % of total points), B (80-89%), C (70-79%), D (60-69%), F (0-59%)

A curve might be applied if the course average is below expectation.

Grades must be earned and are not negotiable.

Course Topics, Calendar of Activities, Major Assignment Dates

The midterm exam is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 8, in class.
The final exam is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 10:30am-12:30pm.

A tentative schedule is given below:

Dates	Topic	Required Reading
M Aug 27	Introduction	
W Aug 29	Sorting Lower Bound	
F Aug 31	Sorting Lower Bound	
M Sep 3	Divide and Conquer Algorithms	
W Sep 5	Divide and Conquer Algorithms	
F Sep 7	Divide and Conquer Algorithms	
M Sep 10	Greedy Algorithms	
W Sep 12	Greedy Algorithms	
F Sep 14	Greedy Algorithms	
M Sep 17	Matroids	
W Sep 19	Matroids	
F Sep 21	Matroids	
M Sep 24	Dynamic Programming	
W Sep 26	Dynamic Programming	
F Sep 28	Dynamic Programming	
M Oct 1	Amortized Analysis	
W Oct 3	Amortized Analysis	
F Oct 5	Amortized Analysis	
M Oct 8	Midterm Exam	
W Oct 10	Graph Algorithms	
F Oct 12	Graph Algorithms	
M Oct 15	Graph Algorithms	
M Oct 22	Graph Algorithms	
W Oct 24	Graph Algorithms	
F Oct 26	Graph Algorithms	
M Oct 29	Randomized Algorithms	
W Oct 31	Randomized Algorithms	
F Nov 2	Randomized Algorithms	
M Nov 5	Randomized Algorithms	
W Nov 7	Randomized Algorithms	
F Nov 9	Randomized Algorithms	
M Nov 12	NP-Completeness	
W Nov 14	NP-Completeness	
F Nov 16	NP-Completeness	
M Nov 19	NP-Completeness	
W Nov 21	NP-Completeness	
F Nov 23	No class - Thanksgiving	
M Nov 26	Undecidability	

W Nov 28 Undecidability
F Nov 30 Undecidability
M Dec 3 (A&M: F Dec 3) Review

Other Pertinent Course Information

The course webpage is

<http://faculty.cs.tamu.edu/klappi/csce411-f12/index.html>

You will find homework assignments, a current class schedule, and other information on that page

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