

Program and Course Code	Computing & Information Science CIS507
Course Title	Design and Analysis of Algorithms
Credit Hours	3
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Bulletin Course Description	This is an advanced programming course, focusing on techniques for the design and analysis of efficient algorithms, emphasizing methods useful in practice. Topics include sorting; search trees, heaps, and hashing; divide-and-conquer; dynamic programming; greedy algorithms; graph algorithms; and shortest paths. Advanced topics may include network flow; approximation algorithms; and NP-completeness.
Pre-requisites	Knowledge of computer programming; undergraduate algorithms and data structures; undergraduate discrete mathematics; basic probability theory.
Co-requisites	None
Course Objectives (Learning Outcomes of the Course)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Describe and use major algorithmic techniques (divide-and-conquer, dynamic programming, linear programming, greedy paradigm, graph algorithms) and cite problems for which each technique is suitable; (ii) Argue the correctness of algorithms using inductive proofs and loop invariants; (iii) Evaluate and compare different algorithms using worst-, average-, and best-case analysis. (iv) Explain the difference between tractable and intractable problems, and identify the basic complexity classes, such as P, NP and NP-complete; (v) Use reduction techniques between algorithmic problems; (vi) Explain the basic properties of randomized algorithms and methods for analyzing them.

Week	Course Topics and Contents
1	Review: Asymptotic notation, elementary data structures
2	Review: Divide-and-conquer, Search
3	Review: Sorting (Heap sort, Quick sort, Priority queues,

	Counting sort)
4	More sorting and searching
5	Hashing
6	Shortest path algorithms
7	Randomized Algorithms
8	Mid-semester break
9	Greedy algorithms
10	Dynamic Programming
11	Max flow min cut, and matching algorithms
12	Linear Programming
13	NP, P, and NP-Completeness
14	NP-Complete problems
15	Approximation algorithms and inapproximability
16	Final Exam

Relationship of course objectives to program outcomes	
Program Outcome 1	Use and apply current technical concepts and practices in core computing and information technologies.
Program Outcome 2	Analyze a problem, and identify and define the computing requirements appropriate to its solution.
Program Outcome 3	Design, implement, and evaluate computer-based systems, processes, components, and programs both in teams and individually to meet desired outcomes.

Course Grading	
A mid-term exam	20 %
A final exam	40 %
Four home work assignments	10 % each
Total	100 %

Assignment	Handed	Due	Topic
1	Week 3	Week 5	E.g. Asymptotic analysis
2	Week 5	Week 7	E.g. Sorting and searching
3	Week 9	Week 10	E.g. Randomized algorithms
4	Week 13	Week 15	E.g. Linear and dynamic programming

Class/Laboratory schedule and Methodology	
Class	The class meets 15 weeks, 2 lectures per week, 90 minutes each.

Laboratory	
Teaching and learning methodologies	A combination of white board use, Power-point slide presentation, and interactive class discussions to encourage student participation and enhance the learning.

Course Materials	
Textbooks	T. H. Cormen, C. E. Leiserson, R. L. Rivest and C. Stein. <i>Introduction to Algorithms</i> . MIT Press, 3rd Edition, 2009
Recommended Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Skiena. <i>The Algorithm Design Manual</i>. Springer, 2nd edition, 2008 • J. Kleinberg and E. Tardos. <i>Algorithm Design</i>. Addison Wesley, 2005 • S. Dasgupta, C. Papadimitriou, and U. Vazirani. <i>Algorithms</i>. McGraw-Hill, 2006 • M. T. Goodrich and R. Tamassia. <i>Data Structures and Algorithms in Java</i>. Wiley, 5th edition, 2010 • J. Edmonds. <i>How to Think About Algorithms</i>. Cambridge University Press, 2008 • M. R. Garey and D. S. Johnson. <i>Computers and Intractability: A Guide to the Theory of NP-Incompleteness</i>. V. H. Freeman, 1979 • O. Goldreich. <i>Computational Complexity: A Conceptual Perspective</i>. Cambridge University Press, 2008 • C. H. Papadimitriou. <i>Computational Complexity</i>. Addison Wesley, 1993 • S. Arora and B. Barak. <i>Computational Complexity: A Modern Approach</i>. Cambridge University Press, 2009
Instructional material and resources	