SYLLABUS CSC 505 SECTION 651 SUMMER I 2022 (3 CREDIT HOURS)
DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

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Section 651   DE-Online

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course covers
- algorithms and data structures for classical problems such as sorting, searching, graph problems, etc.
- algorithm design techniques, for example, recurrence, divide and conquer, dynamic programming, greedy choice, and approximation
- performance analysis: asymptotic bounds for worst-case, best-case, and the average-case
- NP-completeness

PREREQUISITES
The class has the following prerequisites:
- calculus and lower-level math,
- discrete mathematics, for example, CSC 224/226, or a comparable course,
- data structures, for example, CSC 314/316, or a comparable course, and
- basic programming skills in python or java.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
You will learn how to solve computational problems using concepts of algorithms and discrete mathematics, e.g.
- prove the correctness of sorting, selection, graph, and other algorithms,
- reduce an instance of a problem to a smaller instance of the same problem,
- give big-oh, big-omega, big-theta, little-oh, and little-omega bounds for functions,
- analyze the worst- and average-case running time of algorithms described in pseudocode,
- prove a lower bound on comparison-based sorting algorithms and distinguish between lower bounds for algorithms and lower bounds for problems,
- solve recurrence relations related to divide and conquer algorithms,
- identify properties of problems that lead to efficient algorithms or make them intractable,
solve problems using algorithm design techniques: greedy, divide and conquer, dynamic programming, graph searching, and the use of efficient data structures,

describe algorithms and their characteristics, such as worst-case running time, space requirements, etc., in textual form,

identify problem domains in which theoretical results in algorithm design and analysis have practical applications and derive appropriate models for the practical problems,

define NP-completeness and outline a proof of NP-completeness of a given decision problem.

**TEXTBOOK**


Web Link: [https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/introduction-algorithms-fourth-edition](https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/introduction-algorithms-fourth-edition)

The textbook is required.

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COURSE STRUCTURE AND POLICIES

The coursework consists of lectures, readings, homework assignments, and exams.

- Lectures (videos) might depart from our textbook. Some of the material presented might not be available through the lecture notes or textbook. You are responsible for all material presented or discussed in class (videos).
- Readings will generally be taken from our textbook with possible supplements from the literature.
- We will have multiple announced online quizzes, one midterm, and a final exam.
- All quizzes and exams are closed-book exams. However, calculators (not programmable!) are permitted. Sorry, no cell phones are allowed. Exams might include material from lectures, assignments, and readings.
- There will be four homework assignments. All homework assignments are intended to be individual work.

ELECTRONICALLY HOSTED COURSE COMPONENTS

Students may be required to disclose personally identifiable information to other students in the course via electronic tools like email or web postings. Examples include online discussions of class topics and posting of student coursework. All students are expected to respect the privacy of each other by not sharing or using such information outside the course.

**Electronically hosted components:** Moodle Web site contains information about the syllabus and a tentative timeline. We will be using Piazza for class discussion. Find our piazza sign-up page at https://piazza.com/ncsu/summer2022/csc505651.

**Communication:** Rather than emailing questions to the teaching staff, I encourage you to post your questions on Piazza. The system is highly catered to getting you to help fast and efficiently from classmates, the TA, and myself. If you have any problems or feedback for the developers, email team@piazza.com. For questions about personal grades or meeting requests, please contact the instructor or the TA via private piazza post. Do not post solutions to assignments or exams before they have been returned - this will be considered cheating.
Grading

Grades will be computed with a weighted average using the weights shown below.

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<td>one midterm exam (proctored)</td>
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<td>multiple announced online quizzes (NOT proctored)</td>
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This Course uses Standard NCSU Letter Grading.

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- The final exam score will replace lower midterm scores and quiz scores.
- Half of your quiz grade will be awarded for participation; you will receive the other half if you obtain at least 10% of the optimal score.
- There is a one-week time limit for submitting disputes for exams and assignments. The entire exam or homework may be regraded, not just the disputed question.
- There are no makeup assignments or exams. If you are forced to miss an assignment or exam, you must contact the instructor before the deadline, and a university-accepted excuse must be presented. If the reason is accepted, your final exam score will be used to replace the grade of the missed assignment or exam.
- Course grades may be curved up, but they will never be curved down.
- Extra credit: there might be extra points in homework assignments and exams. Bonus points earned in a specific task will be counted towards achieving 100% and cannot be transferred to other tasks.
- At the end of the class, every student will obtain an increase of x percentage points (the instructor will announce x) in the final grade point average. The purpose of these bonus points is to protect students that cannot double-check their final exam from grading mistakes. The bonus will be removed if a regrade request is submitted.
HOMEWORK POLICIES

- All homework assignments are intended to be individual work. Turning in an exam or assignment that is not the student’s work is cheating. Copying text, code, or other content from the Internet (or other sources) is plagiarism. Write all homework solutions from scratch using your own words; paraphrases of answers from other sources are unacceptable even if you cite those sources.

- If an academic integrity violation occurs, the offending student(s) will be assessed a penalty that is at least as severe as getting a 0 for the whole homework for which the violation occurred. The case will always be reported to the Office of Student Conduct.

- Any tool/resource must be approved in advance by the instructor and identified and acknowledged clearly in any work turned in; anything else is plagiarism. For more information, please consult the university’s Code of Student Conduct.

- Homework assignments must be submitted in printed form via Moodle before the announced deadline. Please do NOT submit scanned writing or pictures in pdf format to avoid reduced marks. Scanned writing is hard to read, takes longer to grade, and produces gigantic files. Use "UnityID_HW#" as the name of the pdf file, where # should be replaced by the current homework number; write your name and unity ID at the top of your homework on page one. Please try this out well before the due date to ensure it works.

- Late Policy: All assignments are due at 9 PM of the due date. Late homework will be accepted only in circumstances that are grounds for excused absence under university policy (policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-20-03, item 3). The university provides mechanisms for documenting such reasons (severe illness, death in the family, etc.) described on the website. If possible, arrangements for turning in late homework must be made the day preceding the due date. Unexcused late submissions will result in a 10%/40% point reduction on the first/second day after the due date. No credit will be given for submissions three or more days late.

POLICIES ON INCOMPLETE GRADES

If the Graduate School does not authorize an extended deadline, an unfinished, incomplete grade will automatically change to an F after either (a) the end of the next regular semester in which the student is enrolled (not including summer sessions) or (b) by the end of 12 months if the student is not enrolled, whichever is shorter. Incompletes that change to F will count as an attempted course on transcripts. The burden of fulfilling an incomplete grade is the responsibility of the student. The university policy on incomplete grades is located at http://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-50-03. Additional information relative to incomplete grades for graduate students can be found in the Graduate Administrative Handbook in Section 3.18.F at http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/grad_publicns/handbook/.

REQUIREMENTS FOR AUDITORS

This class cannot be audited.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students must comply with the university policy on academic integrity found in the Code of Student Conduct found at http://policies.ncsu.edu/policy/pol-11-35-01.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

See http://policies.ncsu.edu/policy/pol-11-35-01 for a detailed explanation of academic honesty.

HONOR PLEDGE

Your signature on any test or assignment indicates, "I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this test or assignment." Students are responsible for reviewing the PRRs which pertain to their course rights and responsibilities. These include http://policies.ncsu.edu/policy/pol-04-25-05 (Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Policy Statement), http://oied.ncsu.edu/oied/policies.php (Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity), http://policies.ncsu.edu/policy/pol-11-35-01 (Code of Student Conduct), and http://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-50-03 (Grades and Grade Point Average).

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES

Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with verifiable disabilities. To take advantage of available accommodations, students must register at Holmes Hall, Suite 304, Campus Box 7509, 919-515-7653. For more information on NC State’s policy on working with students with disabilities, please see the Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Regulation (REG02.20.01) (https://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-20-01/).

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

NC State provides equal opportunity and affirmative action efforts and prohibits all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation ("Prohibited Conduct") that are based upon a person's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability, gender identity, genetic information, sexual orientation, or veteran status (individually and collectively, "Protected Status"). Additional information as to each Protected Status is included in NCSU REG 04.25.02 (Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Complaint Procedure). NC State's policies and regulations covering discrimination, harassment, and retaliation may be accessed at http://policies.ncsu.edu/policy/pol-04-25-05 or https://oied.ncsu.edu/divweb/. Any person who feels that they have been the subject of prohibited discrimination, harassment, or retaliation should contact the Office for Equal Opportunity (OEO) at 919-515-3148.
This syllabus is subject to change.