Syllabus for CSE100-01: Algorithm Design and Analysis

Fall 2018
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Designation: CSE 100 Algorithm Design and Analysis
Catalog Description: Introduction to the design and analysis of computer algorithms. Topics include analysis and implementation of algorithms, concepts of algorithm complexity, and various algorithmic design patterns. Course will also cover major algorithms and data structures for searching and sorting, graphs, and some optimization techniques.

Course Objectives/Student Learning Outcomes: The course introduces the basics of computational complexity analysis and various algorithm design paradigms. The goal is to provide students with solid foundations to deal with a wide variety of computational problems, and to provide a thorough knowledge of the most common algorithms and data structures.

By the end of the course, students will be able to:
(1) apply knowledge of computing and mathematics to algorithm design;
(2) analyze a problem and identify the algorithm appropriate for its solution;
(3) design, implement, and evaluate an algorithm to meet desired needs;
(4) ability to compare and analyze different algorithms and their usage

Program Learning Outcomes: An ability to apply knowledge of computing and mathematics appropriate to the discipline;
An ability to analyze a problem and identify the computing requirements appropriate for its solution; An ability to design, implement, and evaluate a computer-based system, process, component, or program to meet desired needs, and use current techniques, skill, and tools necessary for computing practice. Apply mathematical foundations, algorithmic principles, and computer science theory to the modeling and design of computer-based systems in a way that demonstrates comprehension of the trade-offs involved in design choices. An ability to apply design and development principles in the construction of software systems of varying complexity.

Prerequisites by Topic: Class Prerequisite: CSE 031
Proficient level of programming skills in C/C++/Java and elementary data structures. Basic math and probability knowledge required.

Course Policies:

Academic Dishonesty Statement: a. Each student in this course is expected to abide by the University of California, Merced's Academic Honesty Policy. Any work submitted by a student in this course for academic credit will be the student's own work.
b. You are encouraged to study together and to discuss information and concepts covered in lecture and the sections with other students. You can give "consulting" help to or receive "consulting" help from such students. However, this permissible cooperation should never involve one student having possession of a copy of all
or part of work done by someone else, in the form of an e mail, an e mail attachment file, a diskette, or a hard copy. Should copying occur, both the student who copied work from another student and the student who gave material to be copied will both automatically receive a zero for the assignment. Penalty for violation of this Policy can also be extended to include failure of the course and University disciplinary action.
c. During examinations, you must do your own work. Talking or discussion is not permitted during the examinations, nor may you compare papers, copy from others, or collaborate in any way. Any collaborative behavior during the examinations will result in failure of the exam, and may lead to failure of the course and University disciplinary action.

Disability Statement: Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The University of California Merced is committed to ensuring equal academic opportunities and inclusion for students with disabilities based on the principles of independent living, accessible universal design and diversity. I am available to discuss appropriate academic accommodations that may be required for student with disabilities. Requests for academic accommodations are to be made during the first three weeks of the semester, except for unusual circumstances. Students are encouraged to register with Disability Services Center to verify their eligibility for appropriate accommodations.


Class/laboratory Schedule: see registrar website
Midterm/Final Exam Schedule: Midterm (during class) Final: see registrar website

Course Calendar:
Professional Component:
Assessment/Grading Policy: Homeworks: 20%
Lab assignments: 20%
Midterm: 30%
Final: 30%
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