CSCE 221H Data Structures and Algorithms
Syllabus
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Course Information

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Class Meeting Information

Lecture: MWF 1:50pm-2:40pm HRBB 126
Lab: MW 3:00pm-3:50pm RDMC 111H

Requirements

Prerequisite: CSCE 121
Corequisite: CSCE 222: Discrete Structures for Computing

Textbook
Course Outcomes

After taking this course a student will be able to:

- Define, implement, and analyze the complexities of the following abstract data types:
  - Linear data structures: Lists, Vectors, Stacks, Queues
  - Trees
  - Maps, Dictionaries, Hashing
  - Graphs
- Define, implement, and analyze the complexity of common algorithms involving searching, sorting, and selection.
- Understand the uses and trade-offs of various algorithms and data structures.

Course Content and Tentative Schedule

During the semester we will discuss the following topics:

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Assignments and Grading

All assignments will be announced in class and posted on the course webpage and all assignment descriptions can be found on the course webpage. If you miss class for any reason, it is your responsibility to find out what assignments you missed.

All assignments must be submitted at the beginning of the lecture on the due date unless stated otherwise. All assignments submitted in hard copy must include a signed coverpage. Assignments without the coverpage will not receive credit.

Your grade will be based on the following components:

1. **Exams — 45%** — There will be two mid-term exams and one final exam, each worth 15%. Each exam will have two components: an in-class exam (10%) covering concepts and algorithms and an in-lab practical exam (5%).

2. **Quizzes and Lab Activities — 10%** — There will be approximately ten in-class and ten in-lab activity during the semester. Each will be worth a half of a point.

3. **Participation — 5%** — This grade includes your in-class participation and attendance grade.

4. **Culture Assignments — 5%** — There is much more to computer science than your normal coursework. These assignments give you the opportunity to learn about some extra research, people, and concepts outside of class. There will be two culture assignments each worth 2.5% of the final grade.
5. **Programming Assignments — 20%** — These assignments are geared towards understanding the implementation aspects of various important data structures and algorithms. There will be four programming assignments through the semester each worth 5%.

6. **Homework Assignments — 15%** — Being able to design and analyze algorithms is an important aspect of computer science. There will be 10 pencil and paper assignments worth 1.5% each.

Final grades will be assigned according to the scale below. The percentage range in the scale is subject to change based on the overall performance of the entire class, but the lower cut-off for a grade will never be higher than shown below.

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**Policies**

**Attendance and Late Assignments**

Attendance at all lab sessions is required. Attendance at lectures comprises 5% of total grade. You are allowed to miss two lectures or labs without penalty throughout the semester. There will be no make-up exams and no late assignments accepted except for university-excused absences. Please discuss unusual circumstances in advance with the instructor when possible.

**Collaboration**

For the assignments in this class, discussion of concepts with others is encouraged, but all assignments must be done on your own, unless otherwise instructed. Reference every source you use, whether it be a person, a book, a paper, a solution set, a web page or whatever. You MUST write up your assignments in your own words. Copying is strictly forbidden. Every assignment must be turned in with a cover sheet available from the course web page, which lists all sources you used.

**Academic Integrity**

The Aggie Honor Code is “An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal or tolerate those who do.” Upon accepting admission to Texas A&M University, a student immediately assumes a commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept responsibility for learning, and to follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor System. Students will be required to state their commitment on examinations, research papers, and other academic work. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the TAMU community from the requirements or the processes of the Honor System. For additional information please visit [here](#).

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