

Class Syllabus

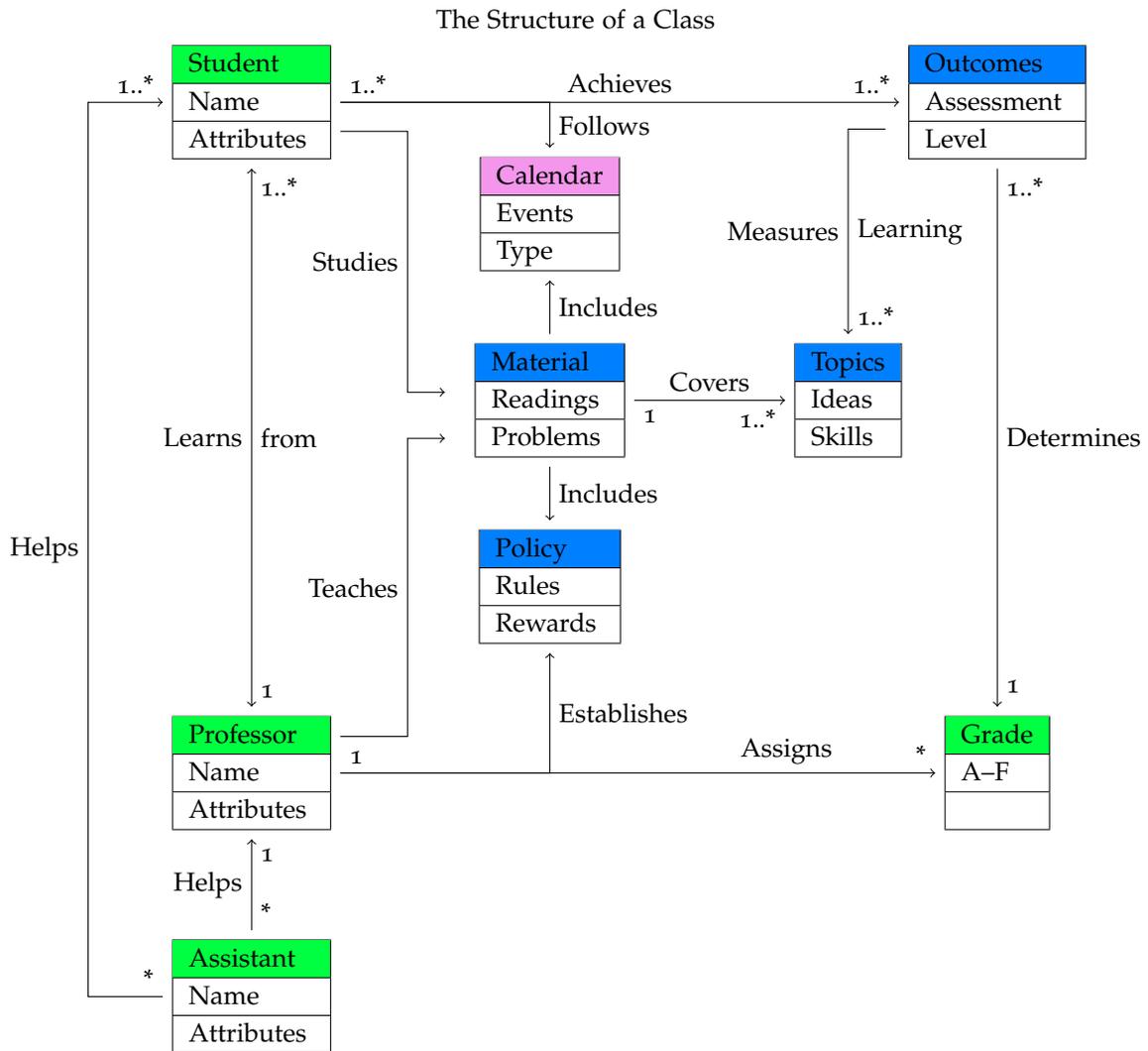
CSE 4081 Introduction to Analysis of Algorithms

Department of Computer Sciences

School of Computing

Florida Tech

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Course Description

CSE 4081 Introduction to Analysis of Algorithms (Credit Hours: 3) Covers time and space complexity of algorithms. Analyzes algorithms for sorting, searching, string processing and graph problems. Presents strategies such as divide-and-conquer, and greedy and dynamic programming as problem-solution techniques. Prerequisite: CSE 2010 or ECE 2552, ECE 3541

Prerequisites by Topic

Algorithmic paradigms, efficiency measures, rates of growth and asymptotic behavior, graph theory, recursion, data structures, and discrete mathematics

Students, Professor & Assistants

Students

Get to know your fellow classmates. Help each other.

The Professor



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MWF 10:00 – 10:50 & 1:00 – 1:50, by appointment, walk-ins welcome (most of the time)

Assistant

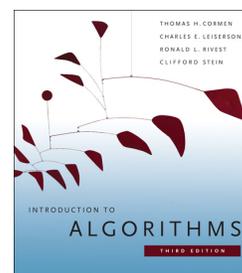
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Calendar

The course calendar is included in the [handouts](#). Florida Tech's Fall calendar can be accessed [here](#).

Material

The textbook for this class is (Cormen et al., 2009). The URL for the class is



<http://cs.fit.edu/~wds/classes/iaa>

There you will find the following material

1. [This syllabus](#)
2. [The class handouts](#)
3. Grades stored on the course management system

There are many excellent sources that you can use to learn the topics about algorithms see (Bentley, 1982) (Bentley, 1986) (Bentley, 1988) (Knuth, 1997a) (Knuth, 1997b) and (Knuth, 1998). There is also some material on the course management system, but the main use of the CMS is communicating, posting grades, and linking back to the [class URL](#).

Policy

Attendance

The class meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:00 to 12:50. The location is Crawford 220. Attendance is required. If, for some reason ¹, you cannot attend class [inform your professor](#) as soon as possible. Written documentation is necessary for an absence to be excused.

Rules for quizzes and exams

1. No notes, books, conversations, peeking at a neighbor's answers, note-passing, sign language, mechanical/electrical devices: abacus, camera, telephone, calculator, etc.
2. First violators of rule 1 will receive a 0 for the test. Second violators of rule 1 will receive an F for the course.

Rules for homework

1. You are encouraged to work with other students in the class or with others from whom you can learn.
2. The [Academic Support Center](#) is scheduling group study sessions for students in this class.
3. Do not turn in homework when you do not understand the answers. Ask for guidance instead.

Academic integrity

The department enforces an [honor code](#). This honor code establishes a recommended penalty and reporting structure for academic dishonesty.

¹ Religious holiday, illness or accident, family emergency, ...

The Patsy Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, aka Title IX:

What is Title IX?

Title IX of the Educational Amendments Act of 1972 is the federal law prohibiting discrimination based on sex under any education program and/or activity operated by an institution receiving and/or benefiting from federal financial assistance.

Behaviors that can be considered "sexual discrimination" include sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, relationship abuse (dating violence and domestic violence), sexual misconduct, and gender discrimination. You are encouraged to report these behaviors.

Reporting

Florida Tech can better support students in trouble if we know about what is happening. Reporting also helps us to identify patterns that might arise – for example, if more than one complainant reports having been assaulted or harassed by the same individual.

Florida Tech is committed to providing a safe and positive learning experience. To report a violation of sexual misconduct or gender discrimination, please contact Security at 321-674-8111. * Please note that as your professor, I am required to report any incidences to Security or to the Title IX Coordinator (321-674-8700). For confidential reporting, please contact CAPS at 321-674-8050.

Offense	Recommended Penalty	Report to
First	Zero on work	Dean of Students
Second	F in course	Dean of Students
Third	Expulsion from Program	UDC

Florida Tech provides [guidelines](#) to help students understand plagiarism, its consequences, and how to recognize and avoid academic dishonesty. Lipson describes three principles for academic integrity (Lipson, 2004).

1. “When you said you did it, you actually did.”
2. “When you use someone else’s work you cite it, When you use their word, you quote it openly and accurately.”
3. “When you present research materials, you present them fairly and truthfully. That’s true whether the research involves data, documents, or the writing of other scholars.”

Issues and Concerns

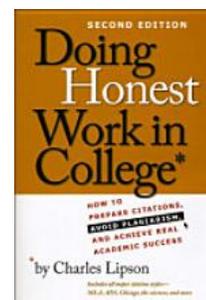
1. If you have a disability, inform your teacher. Accommodations can be provided.
2. If you have an academic problem, your teacher can link you to support services.
3. If you have a personal issue, without revealing private information, your teacher can link you to support services.
4. No forms of discrimination or harassment will be tolerated.

Where to Get Help

1. Your professors (For this class: MWF 10 & 1 or by appointment)
2. Your academic advisor
3. Your teaching assistants
4. Students staffing the [Computer Sciences Help Desk](#)
5. The Academic Support Center
6. Counseling and Psychological Services

Topics

1. Divide and conquer
2. Dynamic programming



Don't fail in silence!

Richard Ford's advice to new students, The Florida Tech Crimson, Fall 2011, Issue 2

The emphasis is on algorithmic problem-solving. Algorithmic efficiency, elegance, and generality are quality characteristics.

3. Greedy algorithms
4. Graph algorithms
5. Complexity theory

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, each student will be able to:

1. Design and analyze algorithms. (1: Fundamental knowledge)
 2. Find algorithmic solutions to computational problems. (2: Scientific, computing, and engineering problem solving)
 3. Design space-time efficient algorithms. (4: Trade-offs in design choices)
 4. Analyze through experimentation algorithms they have programmed. (2: Scientific, computing, and engineering problem solving and 3: Skillful software construction)
 5. Skillfully present their work to peers. (5: Communicate effectively)
 6. Work on a small team to complete a project. (6: Effective teamwork)
1. An ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, computing, and software engineering
 2. An ability to identify computing and engineering problems, identify and define the requirements, design and conduct experiments, analyze and interpret data appropriate to solving these problems
 3. Achievement of skills necessary to construct complex software systems
 4. Comprehension of the trade-offs involved in design choices
 5. An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences
 6. An ability to function effectively on multidisciplinary teams to accomplish a common goal

Grades

Your final grade will be based on your performance on quizzes and projects. Projects will be submitted electronically using the [submit server](#).

Grades and their relation to performance					
Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Performance	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Failure

Student performance is measured in the following ways.

1. Individual Projects (25% of grade)
2. Team project (25% of grade)
3. Midterm Exam (25% of grade)
4. Final examination (25% of grade)



Your score S will be a number between 0 and 100 computed by the formula

$$S = \frac{25}{100} \sum (\text{individual projects} + \text{team project} + \text{midterm} + \text{final})$$

Extra credit will not be given.

Final letter grades will be assigned based on the range in which your score S falls:

$$(90 \leq S \leq 100) \Rightarrow A, \quad (80 \leq S \leq 89) \Rightarrow B, \quad (70 \leq S \leq 79) \Rightarrow C, \quad (60 \leq S \leq 69) \Rightarrow D, \quad (0 \leq S \leq 59) \Rightarrow F$$

The last day to withdraw for the class with a final grade of W is Friday, October 21.

Checking Grades

Check you grades on the course management system. [Contact your professor](#) when you find an error in your recorded grades. Be able to document the error.

Measure of Success

The target achievement levels for the class are:

- 70% of students will score at or above average (70%) on the final comprehensive examination. The questions on the final measure attainment of course outcomes.
- 80% of students will rate their teammates as good to excellent as measured by a rubric completed by teammates.
- 80% of students will be rated as good to excellent communicators as measured by a rubric completed classmates and the instructor.

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