CS 4120: DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

Semester Hours: 3.0
Contact Hours: 3
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SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

Catalog Description:

Algorithms for solving problems that occur frequently in computer applications. Basic principles and techniques for designing and analyzing algorithms. Introduction to computational complexity, divide-and-conquer, dynamic programming, greedy approach, and graph algorithms. Prerequisites: MATH 2220 or MATH 3220 or equivalents and grade of C or better in CS 3350.

Course type: REQUIRED

SPECIFIC COURSE GOALS

- I can determine the complexity of an algorithm.
- I can explain and implement different types of algorithms (e.g., Divide-and-Conquer, Dynamic Programming, Greedy Algorithms).
- I can explain and implement different graph algorithms.
- I understand the classes of algorithms (P, NP, and NP-complete) and the role of polynomial-reduction in establishing NP-completeness.
- I understand the implications of algorithm design in real-world applications.

STUDENT OUTCOMES ADDRESSED BY THIS COURSE

- B.1 Analyze a given problem, and identify and define the computing requirements appropriate to its solution
• B.3 Apply mathematical foundations, algorithmic principles, and computer science theory as appropriate in modeling and solving real-world problems

LIST OF TOPICS COVERED

• Introduction (1 week)
• Algorithmic Complexity (1 week)
• Divide-and-Conquer Strategy (2 weeks)
• Binary Search Tree (1 week)
• Dynamic Programming (3 weeks)
• Greedy Algorithms (1 week)
• Graph Algorithms (3 weeks)
• NP-Complete Problems (3 weeks)