

MATH 8650: Advanced Data Structures (Fall 2015)

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Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce students to advanced data structures and algorithms from computer science. The goal is to provide a solid foundation for sophisticated software development, research in computational mathematics, and other computational problems.

We will be using the Python programming language for weekly exercises and larger group projects.

Topical Outline:

1. Overview of Python
2. Stacks, queues, collections
3. Programming paradigms
4. Object oriented programming and abstract data types
5. Inheritance and Polymorphism
6. Functional programming
7. Algorithmic complexity
8. Trees, Graphs
9. Topics in Scientific Computing

Learning outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will be able to:

1. Be proficient in writing software in the Python language.
2. Design, implement, test, and analyze advanced algorithms
3. Implement a design using object oriented programming
4. Contrast and use the different, common programming paradigms

Attendance:

- Class meets TTH 12:30-1:45 in Martin M204
- Students are allowed two unexcused absences during the semester. More than two unexcused absences may result in a student being dropped from the course.
- Attendance at scheduled class tests and exams is MANDATORY, unless prior consent has been given by the instructor. No makeup tests will be given. In the event of an "excused absence"

- from a test that proportion of the students final grade will be added to that of the students final exam.
- Late Policy: If the Instructor is more than 15 minutes late, the class will be considered canceled.

Textbook:

no required text

Course Assessment

Assessment for the class will be based upon a midterm exam, homework, and projects. Late work will not be accepted.

Midterm: 35%, Homework/Projects 65%

Grading Scale

A = 90% - 100%, B = 80% - 89%, C = 70% - 79%,
D = 60% - 69%, F = Below 59%.

Course Etiquette

All course related interactions, including in the classroom and office meetings, will be conducted in a professional manner.

- Any e-mail correspondence with the instructor must adhere to proper professional standards.
- At least 24 hours notice is required for "by appt" office hours.

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Students should present a Faculty Accommodation Letter from Student

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