

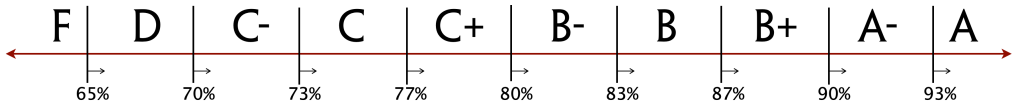
Algorithms

CMPT 435 • Fall 2024

Background

When and where	Wednesdays 8AM—9:15AM and Fridays 11AM—12:15PM in Hancock 1021	
Suggested Text	<i>Introduction to Algorithms</i> , 3 rd or 4 th edition by Thomas H. Cormen, Charles E. Leiserson, Ronald L. Rivest, and Clifford Stein. Published by MIT Press. ISBN: 9780262533058 or 9780262046305	
Web	https://www.labouseur.com/courses/algorithms	
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Grading

Letter grades				
You can earn 1000 points over the course of the semester, broken down as follows:	Assignment 0	5.0%	50 points	[1, 2]
	Assignments 1, 2, 3, 4	30.0%	300 points (4 at 75 points each)	[1, 2]
	Exams	60.0%	600 points (3 at 200 points each)	[1, 2]
	Attendance and Participation	2.5%	25 points for quality and quantity	[1]
	Laziness and Whining	2.5%	25 points for not (lazy or whining)	[1]

Objectives and Assessment

Assessment methods include assignments, quizzes, exams, discussions, presentations, peer review, and projects.	In this course, I hope that you will learn to think like a computer scientist , and...
[References] refer to Department of Computing Technology Goals available at https://www.labouseur.com/courses/goals.pdf	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• gain and demonstrate an understanding of many fundamental concepts in the study of algorithms (including but not limited to sorting, searching, traversing trees and graphs, recursion, and dynamic programming) and their accompanying data structures [1, 2, 5];• gain and demonstrate an understanding of asymptotics and their utility [2];• gain and demonstrate an understanding of the techniques developing, analyzing, and proving correct different kinds of algorithms [1, 2];• learn that developing the algorithms (and the software that is their implementation) is only half the battle, debugging and testing are critical skills for a talented professional, and skills that will be valuable. [1, 2]• gain and demonstrate an understanding that the chasm between programs that work once and programs that work every time is ridiculously huge, and that their asymptotic runtime can be similarly (and also ridiculously) huge. [1, 2];• enhance your continuing education skills. Capable problem solvers never stop learning. You will get practice in finding answers for yourself. Finally, many internship and job interview questions are based on this material. I want you to be so awesome that the company hires you on the spot and sends you home with a Brinks truck full of cash and unreleased video games, including Portal 3.

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– Schedule

#	Week		Due Friday	CLRS 3/4	Topics and Activities
	Wed	Fri			
0	28-Aug	30-Aug	—	1, 2	Studying, characterizing, and analyzing algorithms and data structures
1	4-Sep	6-Sep	0: LaTeX Limericks	10	Elementary data structures: Linked Lists, Stacks, Queues, and (rooted) Trees
2	11-Sep	13-Sep	—	3	Growth of functions and asymptotic notation Analyzing elementary data structures with asymptotic notation
3	18-Sep	20-Sep	—	2	Sorting Lists: permutation, selection, and insertion sorts Running time for Selection Sort
4	25-Sep	27-Sep	—	2.3, 7	<i>Wed</i> : Exam One — HC 2023 — One-page study sheet permitted. <i>Friday</i> : The divide and conquer philosophy: Merge sort and Quick sort,
5	2-Oct	4-Oct	1: Data Structures and Sorting	2.3, 7 10.2, 11	Recursion trees, Running time for Merge Sort and Quicksort Linear and Binary search
6	9-Oct	11-Oct	—	12,13,18	Binary Search trees, Balanced trees, B-trees Hashing with chaining (but probably not probing)
7	16-Oct	18-Oct	—	—	<i>Wed</i> : Exam Two — HC 2023 — One-page study sheet permitted. <i>Friday</i> : <i>No class meeting: Mid-semester break</i>
8	23-Oct	25-Oct			<i>No class meetings. Alan's traveling.</i>
9	30-Oct	1-Nov	2: Searching and Hashing	22/20	Graphs in Theory and practice
A	6-Nov	8-Nov	—	22/20	Graphs in Theory and practice
B	13-Nov	15-Nov	3: Graphs and Trees	22/20 16/15	Breadth-first and depth-first traversals Greedy Algorithms - Fractional Knapsack
C	20-Nov	22-Nov	—	15/14 24.1/22.1	Dynamic Programming with Bellman-Ford SSSP
D	27-Nov	29-Nov	—	—	<i>No class meetings: Thanksgiving Break</i>
E	4-Dec	6-Dec	4: Dynamic and Greedy	4.3 - 4.6	The master method and its proof. Review and contemplation
F	11-Dec @ 8am			—	Exam Three — HC 2023 — One-page study sheet permitted.