



Course Specifications

Course Title:	Design and Analysis of Algorithms
Course Code:	CSI 321
Program:	Computer Science and Information Technology
Department:	Department of Computer Science and Information
College:	College of Science
Institution:	Majmaah University

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A. Course Identification

1. Credit hours:			
2. Course type			
a.	University <input type="checkbox"/>	College <input type="checkbox"/>	Department <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elective <input type="checkbox"/>	Others <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Level/year at which this course is offered: 6th level			
4. Pre-requisites for this course (if any): Data Structures (CSI 312)			
5. Co-requisites for this course (if any): NA			

6. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply)

No	Mode of Instruction	Contact Hours	Percentage
1	Traditional classroom	48	80 %
2	Blended	6	10%
3	E-learning		0 %
4	Distance learning		0 %
5	Other	6	10%

7. Contact Hours (based on academic semester)

No	Activity	Contact Hours
1	Lecture	30
2	Laboratory/Studio	30
3	Tutorial	
4	Others (specify)	
	Total	60

B. Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

1. Course Description

Algorithms are fundamental to computer science and software engineering. The real-world performance of any software system depends on two things: (1) the algorithms chosen, and (2) the suitability and efficiency of the various layers of implementation. Good algorithm design is therefore crucial for the performance of all software systems. Moreover, the study of algorithms provides insight into the intrinsic nature of a problem as well as possible solution techniques independent of programming languages, programming paradigms, computer hardware, and other implementation aspects. Course Description: This course will cover the following topics: Basic Definitions, Solving Recursions, $O(n^2)$ Sorting Algorithms, Divide and Conquer Paradigm, Searching Algorithms, Graph Algorithms, Advanced data structures, Dynamic Programming Paradigm, Greedy Algorithms Paradigm.



2. Course Main Objective

1. To provide students with the ability to select algorithms appropriate to a particular purpose and to apply them recognizing the possibility that no suitable algorithm may exist.
2. To acquire students with the range of algorithms that address an important set of well-defined problems, recognizing their strengths and weaknesses, and their suitability in particular contexts.
3. To introduce students to a new range of paradigms and techniques to design algorithms and to solve problems.
4. To enable students to be efficient in their work.

3. Course Learning Outcomes

CLOs		Aligned PLOs
1	Knowledge and Understanding	
1.1	Recognize the role of algorithms relative to other technologies used in computer science.	
1.2	Name the key algorithmic design paradigms including Brute force, Divide and conquer, Decrease and conquer, Transform and conquer, Greedy Algorithms, Dynamic programming.	
1.3	Define the language, notation, and concepts of algorithmic design.	
1...		
2	Skills :	
2.1	Predict the resources that the algorithm requires.	
2.2	Develop, analyze and compare existing algorithms for a wide variety of problems including sorting, searching, graphs, and binary search tree.	
2.3	Justify and analyze algorithmic tradeoffs: time vs. space, deterministic vs. randomized, and exact vs. approximate.	
2...	Write efficient algorithms of certain selected problems.	
3	Values:	
3.1	Work cooperatively in a small group environment.	
3.2	Save time and space in each task.	
3.3		
3...		

C. Course Content

No	List of Topics	Contact Hours
1	Basic Definitions: Definition of an algorithm, Time and space tradeoffs in algorithms, Algorithms strategies, Asymptotic analysis of upper and average complexity bounds, Identifying differences among best, average and worst case behaviors, Big oh, omega, and theta notations.	8
2	Solving Recursions: Using recurrence relations to analyze recursive algorithms, Substitution method, Recursion-tree method, Master theorem method.	8
3	O(n²) Sorting Algorithms. Insertion, Selection, Bubble sort.	8
4	Divide and Conquer Paradigm: Elements of the divide and conquer technique, Merge sort, and Quick sort.	8

5	Searching Algorithms. Linear and Binary search.	4
6	Graph Algorithms: Representation of graphs (adjacency list, adjacency matrix), Depth- and Breadth-first traversals. Minimum spanning tree (Kruskal's and Prim's algorithms). Dijkstra's algorithm.	12
7	Advanced data structures: Binary search tree.	4
8	Dynamic Programming Paradigm: Elements of dynamic programming, Matrix chain algorithm.	4
9	Greedy Algorithms Paradigm: Elements of greedy algorithm, optimal binary search tree.	4
...		
Total		

D. Teaching and Assessment

1. Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes with Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

Code	Course Learning Outcomes	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Methods
1.0	Knowledge and Understanding		
1.1	Recognize the role of algorithms relative to other technologies used in computer science.	Lectures, Lab demonstrations, Case studies,	Written Exam, Homework assignments,
1.2	Name the key algorithmic design paradigms including Brute force, Divide and conquer, Decrease and conquer, Transform and conquer, Greedy Algorithms, Dynamic programming.	Individual presentations	Lab assignments, Class Activities, Quizzes
1.3	Define the language, notation, and concepts of algorithmic design.		
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2.0	Skills		
2.1	Predict the resources that the algorithm requires.	Lectures, Lab demonstrations,	Written Exam, Homework assignments,
2.2	Develop, analyze and compare existing algorithms for a wide variety of problems including sorting, searching, graphs, and binary search tree.	Case studies, Individual presentations, Brainstorming	, assignments, Lab assignments, Class Activities, Quizzes, Observations
2.3	Justify and analyze algorithmic tradeoffs: time vs. space, deterministic vs. randomized, and exact vs. approximate.		
2.4	Write efficient algorithms of certain selected problems.		
...			
3.0	Values		
3.1	Work cooperatively in a small group environment.	Small group discussions,	Observations,

Code	Course Learning Outcomes	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Methods
3.2	Save time and space in each task.	Whole group discussions, Brainstorming Presentation	Homework assignments, Lab assignments. Class Activities
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2. Assessment Tasks for Students

#	Assessment task*	Week Due	Percentage of Total Assessment Score
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

*Assessment task (i.e., written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.)

E. Student Academic Counseling and Support

Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice :

F. Learning Resources and Facilities

1. Learning Resources

Required Textbooks	Thomas Cormen, Charles Leiserson, Ronald Rivest, and Clifford Stein, Introduction to Algorithms, Third Edition. MIT Press, 2009
Essential References Materials	<u>Michael T. Goodrich, Roberto Tamassia, and David Mount, Data Structures and Algorithms in C++, John Wiley & Sons Inc, 2011.</u>
Electronic Materials	MIT courseware, videos of the algorithms course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?ttype=2&tid=3440 • http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/faculty/baase/algortext.html#slides http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genetic_disorders
Other Learning Materials	None

2. Facilities Required

Item	Resources
Accommodation (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc.)	Classroom and Lab available at College of science in Zulfi.
Technology Resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.)	All resource are available in the halls
Other Resources (Specify, e.g. if specific laboratory equipment is required, list requirements or attach a list)	

G. Course Quality Evaluation

Evaluation Areas/Issues	Evaluators	Evaluation Methods
First written mid-term exam	6	10%
Second written mid-term exam	12	10%
Presentation, class activities, and group discussion	Every week	10%
Homework assignments	After each chapter	10%
Implementation of presented algorithms	Every two weeks	10%
Electronic Quizzes	Every chapter	10%
Final written exam	16	40%
Total		100%

Evaluation areas (e.g., Effectiveness of teaching and assessment, Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes, Quality of learning resources, etc.)

Evaluators (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify))

Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)



H. Specification Approval Data

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