

San José State University
Science/Computer Science
CS 255, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Section 1, Fall, 2021

Course and Contact Information

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Prerequisites: CS 155 or instructor consent

Course Description

Randomized algorithms. Parallel algorithms. Distributed algorithms. NP-completeness of particular problems. Approximation algorithms.

Course Format

Technology Intensive, Hybrid, and Online Courses (Required if applicable)

The course adopts an online classroom delivery format. An internet connection and a computer and a tablet or smartphone is required.

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging (Delete if not applicable)

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, notes, assignment instructions, etc. can be found on Canvas Learning Management System course login website at <http://sjsu.instructure.com>. You are responsible for regularly checking with the messaging system through MySJSU on Spartan App Portal <http://one.sjsu.edu> (or other communication system as indicated by the instructor) to learn of any updates. For help with using Canvas see Canvas Student Resources page (http://www.sjsu.edu/ecampus/teaching-tools/canvas/student_resources).

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO) (Required - Delete the word “Required” in final draft)

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

1. CLO 1. Code an example of each of the following types of algorithms:
 - a. Randomized
 - b. Parallel
 - c. Approximation

2. CLO 2. Conduct an amortized analysis.
3. CLO 3. Explain how above techniques are used in several applications, and describe what benefits they have within those applications.

Required Texts/Readings (Required - Delete the word “Required” in final draft)

Textbook

No required textbook we will use chapters from various books:

1. Cormen, Leiserson, Rivest and Stein, Introduction to Algorithms, 3rd Edition MIT Press, 2009. You can find errata (bug reports) for the book <http://www.cs.dartmouth.edu/~thc/clrs-bugs/bugs-3e.php>.
2. Kleinberg and Tardos, Algorithm Design, First edition, Addison Wesley, 2005.
3. Dasgupta, Papadimitriou and Vazirani, Algorithms, McGraw-Hill, 2006.
4. Vazirani, Approximation Algorithms, Springer, 2003

Other technology requirements / equipment / material

Computer

Course Requirements and Assignments (Required - Delete the word “Required” in final draft)

Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus.

Homework assignments: individual, regularly assigned, will include written problem assignments, and perhaps some online exercises. Solutions will be not posted. The homework is a tool for you to learn the material and prepare you for the exams.

Reading assignments: Reading assignments are regular and for the next class.

Quizzes: Unannounced quizzes (at least 4) may be given during class, each taking about 5 minutes total. These generally are problems from the reading assignment and/or the homework.

Project (Programming and Presentation): A programming project of your choice related to the course in groups of two students. At the end of the semester you will present the project in the class. Never use any code you find on the web, unless it is given by me. Penalty for late submission 5% for every 3 days up to 9 days, after that no submission will be accepted. Never email your assignments.

Midterm exams: Two written Midterm exams during the semester.

Final Examination or Evaluation

One final, written, and cumulative exam, split in two parts. The exams contain multiple-choice questions, short answer questions and questions that require pseudocode and/or computations.

Grading Information

No extra point options (only the final exam offers extra points option).

All exams are closed book, and the final exam is comprehensive. No make-ups exams except in case of verifiable emergency circumstances.

Determination of Grades

Final Grade:

25% Project (programming and presentation)

5% Quizzes

10% Homework

5% Participation

5% Discussions

20% Midterm

30% Final

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
A plus	96 to 100%
A	93 to 95%
A minus	90 to 92%
B plus	86 to 89 %
B	82 to 85%
B minus	78 to 82%
C plus	74 to 77%
C	70 to 73%
C minus	65 to 69%
D plus	62 to 64%
D	58 to 61%
D minus	55 to 57%
F	<54%

Classroom Protocol (Delete if not applicable)

Attendance is highly recommended. Please avoid disturbing the class: turn-off cell phones (or put them on vibrate mode), no text messaging in the class or the exams, no taking pictures and video, avoid coming late, no talking or whispering with other students during the instructor's presentation. You may not publicly share or upload material of this course such as exam questions, lecture notes, or solutions without my consent.

University Policies (Required - Delete the word “Required” in final draft)

Per [University Policy S16-9](#), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available

student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on [Syllabus Information web page](https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php) (<https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php>). Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

The instructor might drop students that do not show up during the first two lectures.

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The schedule is subject to change with fair notice and announced on Canvas.

Course Schedule

Lesson	Date	Topic	Assignments
1	8/19	Introduction: Algorithms & Computers	
2	8/24	Some Examples, Stable Matching	HW 1
3	8/26	Running time, growth of functions	
4	8/31(drop)	Graphs, BFS, DFS, topological sorting	
5	9/2	Number-Theoretic Algorithms, Searching	
6	9/7 (before add)	Greedy Algorithms: Scheduling, Shortest paths, Caching, knapsack	
7	9/9	Greedy Algorithms: Minimum spanning tree, clustering	
8	9/14	Divide & Conquer: sorting, integer/matrix multiplication, max subarray	
9	9/16	Divide & Conquer: computational geometry	HW 2
10	9/21	Dynamic Programming: scheduling, knapsack	
11	9/23	Dynamic Programming: all pair shortest path	
12	9/28	Network flow, applications	
13	9/30	Heaps, Amortized Analysis	
14	10/5	Amortized Analysis cont.	Project proposal (due)
15	10/7	Randomization: Quicksort	

16	10/12	Randomization: Hashing			
	10/14	Midterm			
17	10/19	Intractability, P, NP, NP-completeness,	Project Sprint 1 (due)		
18	10/21	Intractability, P, NP, NP-completeness, reductions, time hierarchy			
19	10/26	Intractability, P, NP, NP-completeness, reductions, time hierarchy			
20	10/28	Intractability, P, NP, NP-completeness, reductions, time hierarchy			
21	11/2	Linear Programming, Simplex	Project Sprint 2 (due)		
22	11/4	Approximation Algorithms	HW 3		
23	11/9	Approximation Algorithms			
24	11/16	Distributed Algorithms			
25	11/18	Distributed Algorithms	Project Sprint 3 (due)		
26	11/23	Project Presentations			
27	11/30	Project Presentations			
28	12/2	Project Presentations			
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