COMP 2700 – Discrete Structures – Spring 2018

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Check the webpage for the schedule of classes, HW’s, material covered in a lecture, etc. I will also send email once I post the Homeworks.

TA’s: Nisrine Enyinda (ntkhynyn@memphis.edu) and Adithya Chakilam (Adithya.C@memphis.edu). The TA office hours will be conducted in Dunn Hall 314. Nisrine’s office hours are Wednesday 2:00—3:00PM, and Adithya’s office hours are 2:30—3:30PM on Monday.

Lectures: T Th : 1:00 PM - 3:00 pm, Dunn Hall 233.


Grading: The grading items, number of each and their total weights (tentative) are (1) Problem sets (6/36%), (2) Programming assignments (2/24%), (3) Mid-term exams (2/15%) [The better of the two mid-terms will be taken for each student], (4) Final exam (1/20%), and, (5) Attendance and class participation (5%). A third programming assignment will be given which will carry bonus 8%. It is optional.

Problem Sets: Problem sets are due one week later after they are assigned (unless otherwise noted). Late submissions will not be accepted except under extreme conditions. Your solutions must be either typed (Latex, MS word), or neatly printed. You may work with others on assignments, but each student must turn in his or her own work and name all co-workers. As always, the Plagiarism/Cheating Policy applies. Show your work. You will be graded on the following factors:

1. Correctness,
2. Completeness, and
3. Critical thinking.

Programming Assignments: Programming assignments are due one week after they are assigned (unless otherwise noted). Late submissions will not be accepted except under extreme conditions. As always, the Plagiarism/Cheating Policy applies.

You will submit your completed programming assignments to the appropriate dropbox on eLearn. Include all test cases you ran to validate your program. Partial credit will be awarded, so please turn your solution in even if it doesn’t run perfectly.

Exams: There are 2 scheduled exams for this course, plus a final. Other than the final exam, all exams will be taken during the lecture period.

You must be on-time to lecture on exam days. If you miss an exam, you will receive a zero. Under documented, extreme circumstances, other arrangements may be made, but I expect you to reach out to me in advance of the scheduled exam date. The better of the two mid-terms will be considered for each student, however attendance during the exam is compulsory-unless prior approval for absence is taken, or if an emergency arises-proof of such must be provided.

Attendance: There are some bonus points on class attendance and participation. Within the limits of such points, this is however at my discretion. If you show up in class, are attentive, and try to ask/answer questions, you will get full points for this.
It is encouraged that you come to office hours and/or GA office hours but such attendance will not count towards the points for attendance.

All material I cover in class is fair game for problem sets and exam questions. If I say something that is not in the textbook you may well be graded on it.

When you come to class, I ask that you be fully present. Please be respectful of your fellow students and me by participating attentively and non-disruptively. If you have a question related to the material being taught, please raise your hand.

**Late submissions:** All assignments are expected to be completed and turned in on schedule. Due dates will be clearly indicated for each assignment.

Late assignments are NOT accepted except in extreme circumstances. If you feel that your circumstances warrant a late submission, get in touch with me as soon as possible.

**Makeup exams:** Makeup exams will be given only under extreme circumstances. If you feel that your circumstances warrant a makeup quiz/exam, get in touch with me as soon as possible.

**Student Disabilities:** If you have a disability that may require assistance or accommodations, or if you have any questions related to any accommodation for testing, note taking, reading, etc., please speak with me as soon as possible. You must contact the Student Disability Services Office (678-2880) to officially request such accommodations / services.

**Plagiarism/Cheating policy:** All assignments for this class are to be written individually.

You may refer to a book, or the Internet or some other source but in that case, please acknowledge all such sources in your submission. You may work with other students in the course, and I encourage you to do so, but as stated above, every student must write and submit their own assignment. **There should be no direct copying from the assignment of your co-workers, and you are required to name your co-workers.**

If I determine that you copied something directly from an external source (book, Internet, or some other source), you will receive a failing grade on the assignment and (at my discretion) a failing grade in the course. If I determine that you have copied another students assignment, this will happen to both you and the person from whom you copied. The incident may also be forwarded to the University Judicial Affairs Office for further disciplinary action.