

CSE 3318-003: Algorithms & Data Structures - Spring 2025

MW 4:00 - 5:20 p.m., ???

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Hours: MW 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

GTA: Contact information will be on my personal webpage

Prerequisites: C programming (CSE 1320, including basic UNIX competence)
Discrete Structures (CSE 2315, including combinatorics, trees, and graphs)

Objectives: In future design situations, students will be capable of developing, applying, and evaluating algorithmic solutions.

Outcomes:

1. Understanding of classic approaches to algorithm design - decomposition, dynamic programming, and greedy methods.
2. Understanding of particular algorithms and data structures that have wide applicability.
3. Understanding of basic algorithm analysis concepts by applying math skills to worst-case and expected time using recurrences and asymptotic notation.
4. Improved programming skills - especially data structures, recursion, and graphs.

Textbook: Cormen, Leiserson, Rivest, Stein, *Introduction to Algorithms, 4th ed.*, MIT Press, 2022. (Henceforth known as CLRS)

References: R. Sedgewick, *Algorithms in C, Parts 1-5, 3rd ed.*, Addison-Wesley, 2003.

<http://elementsofprogramming.com>

Readings: Indicated on calendar later in syllabus.

Homeworks: Three homeworks with answers will be on the course web page.

Grade: Based on the following weights:

Exams: 80% divided evenly among 3 exams.
(Exam 3: Friday, May 2 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.)

Programs ("labs"): 20% divided evenly among five assignments. Lab 5 will be due on Wednesday, April 30

Final grade cut-offs: A - 85, B - 73, C - 61, D - 50

No extra credit! Don't bother asking about a "curve".

Policies:

1. Regular attendance is expected. The lectures are being recorded and will have a link under Canvas.
2. Lecture notes, homework, old exams, lab assignment files and sample code for various algorithms are on the course web page <https://ranger.uta.edu/~weems/NOTES3318/cse3318.html>.
3. You are expected to have read the assigned readings by the specified date. Lectures will review and augment the material, but will also consider exercises from the book.
4. **CHEATING - YOU ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW UNIVERSITY POLICIES.** If you are suspected of cheating, the matter must go through university channels outside of the CSE Department.
<https://www.uta.edu/student-affairs/community-standards>
5. Any request for special consideration must be appropriately documented in advance. (Special consideration does not include giving a higher grade than has been earned.)
6. Late programs are penalized according to the following schedule. Submissions are due at 3:45 p.m. on the specified date. After the due time, assistance will be minimal.

<u>Degree of lateness</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
Up to 3:45 p.m. next day	5 pts
Up to 3:45 p.m. two days	15 pts
Up to 3:45 p.m. three days	30 pts
Up to 3:45 p.m. four days	60 pts

7. Each lab is graded on a 100-point scale as follows:

Some Issues

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| a. Output/Code | 60% | If you know that your program has problems, you should let the GTA know what parts are functional. Test cases that demonstrate the limited functionality are useful. |
| b. Internal Comments | 6% | <p>Beginning of file including <code>main()</code> should identify the assignment and who you are, along with giving a high-level description.</p> <p>Each function: identify each argument, describe processing, and each <code>return</code>. You may reference notes and text.</p> <p>Excess line-by-line comments are not needed, but the processing for each iteration of a (significant) loop should be explained.</p> |
| c. Modularity | 6% | Functions are used appropriately. <code>main()</code> is kept simple. |
| d. Structure | 6% | Code is not unnecessarily complicated or long. It is often better to rewrite code rather than patching several times. |
| e. Names | 6% | Should indicate the purpose of the function, variable/field, or type. Cute or misleading names will be penalized. |

- f. Spacing 6% Indenting, blank lines, placement of {}. Be consistent.
- g. Generality 10% Program is not unnecessarily limited.

All programs must be written in standard C to compile and execute on `omega.uta.edu`. Execution on other platforms (e.g. Visual Studio, Code::Blocks) does not assure compliance.

You are responsible for correctly submitting each programming assignment on Canvas.

No points will be awarded for programs that do not compile. *Points for b-g will not be awarded to submissions that are not substantially complete and perform **significant** processing.* Submissions not reflecting the algorithmic problem-solving techniques discussed in the lab handout will not receive credit.

8. If you require a reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact me no later than the second week of this semester. Further details are available at <https://www.uta.edu/student-affairs/sarcenter>

Course Content (in chronological order)

1. (1, 2) Algorithmic Concepts - Selection Sort, Insertion Sort, Divide and Conquer, Mergesort (trivial recursion tree), Binary Search (with and without duplicates)
 2. (3) Growth of Functions - Asymptotic Notation (O , Ω , Θ), Upper Bounds, Lower Bounds
 3. (appendix A) Summations - Geometric Series, Harmonic Series, Math Induction, Integrals
 4. (4.3, 4.4) Recurrences - Substitution Method, General Recursion Trees
 5. (6.1-6.5) Heapsort/Priority Queues - Properties, Building a Heap, Sorting, Integrating with Other Data Structures
 6. (15.1-15.3) Greedy Algorithms - Quality-of-Solution Issues, Unweighted Interval Scheduling, Knapsack, Huffman Codes
- Exam 1: Items 1.-6.
7. (14.1-14.4) Dynamic Programming - Weighted Interval Scheduling, Optimal Matrix Multiplication, Longest Common Subsequence, Longest Increasing Subsequence, Subset Sum, Knapsack/Memoization
 8. (7.1-7.2, 9.2, 8.1-8.3) Quicksort - PARTITION, Selection/Ranking, Lower Bounds - Decision Tree Model, Stability, Counting and Radix Sorts
 9. (10.2) Linked Lists - Use in Dictionaries, Headers, Sentinels, Circular Lists, Double Linking
 10. (10.1) Stacks/Queues - Policies and Applications
 11. (10.3, 12.1-12.3, 17.1, 13.2) Rooted Trees - Structure, Traversals, Binary Search Trees - Properties, Operations, Rotations
- Exam 2: Items 7.-11.
12. (11.1-11.4) Hashing - Concepts, Chaining, Open Addressing
 13. (20.1-20.5) Graph Representations - Adjacency Matrices, Adjacency Lists, Compressed Adjacency Lists, Search - Breadth-First, Depth-First, Search-Based Algorithms - Topological Sort, Strong Components
 14. (19.3, 21.1-23.2) Minimum Spanning Trees - Three Versions of Prim's MST, Disjoint Subsets, Kruskal's MST
 15. (22.3, 23.2) Shortest Paths - Dijkstra's Algorithm, Warshall's Algorithm, Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

16. (26.1-26.3) Network Flows and Bipartite Matching - Concepts, Augmenting Paths, Residual Network, Cuts, Max-flow Min-cut Theorem, Implementation, Performance Issues

Exam 3: Items 12.-16.

Calendar - with subject numbers from course content

January			February			March		
13	Syllabus	15 1.	3	4.	5 5.	3	8.	5
20	MLK	22 2.	10	6.	12	10	SPRING	12 BREAK
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March 28 is the last day to drop.

Submit requests to major advisor prior to 4:00 p.m.

Messages/disclaimers/fine print from our sponsor:

Attendance: At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required but attendance is a critical indicator in student success. Each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students' academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section, I expect regular attendance. However, while UT Arlington does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to mark when Federal Student Aid recipients "begin attendance in a course." UT Arlington instructors will report when students begin attendance in a course as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence such as a test, participation in a class project or presentation, or an engagement online via Canvas. This date is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients.

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- Disability Accommodations
- Title IX Policy
- Academic Integrity
- Student Feedback Survey
- Final Exam Schedule