CMSC 351: Introduction to Algorithms  
Tue-Thu, 12:30 PM-1:45 PM, CSI, Room# 3117  
Spring 2013  
Course Agenda

**Instructor:** Hamid Mahini  
**TAs:** Anu Bandi, Rajesh Chitnis, Reza Khani  
(each with a half-TA appointment)

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1 Overview

This document details the administrative portion of the lecture from the first day of class. Particularly, this document describes the handouts provided, and the discussions about grading, homeworks, scribe notes, exams, quizzes, programming assignments, and communication.

2 General Information

- Times and Physical Locations: Tue-Thu, 12:30 PM-1:45 PM CSI, Room# 3117
- Mid-Term Exam on March 14 (in the class)
- Final Exam: time and place to be determined by the University
- Office Hours (Instructor): Tue 2:30PM-3:30PM at A.V. Williams Bldg., Room 3267, or preferably by appointment via e-mail.
- TA Office Hours (Anu Bandi): Mon 1:00PM-3:00PM at A.V. Williams Bldg., Room 1112.
• TA Office Hours (Rajesh Chitnis): Tue 3:30PM-4:30PM at A.V. Williams Bldg., Room 1112.

• TA Office Hours (Reza Khani): Fri 4:00PM-5:00PM at A.V. Williams Bldg., Room 1112.

3 References

Though the following books can be used as the main references for this course, everything covered in class will not be in these references, and vice-versa.


4 Honor code

We take the Code of Academic Integrity and the University of Maryland Student Honor Pledge (“I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment/examination”) very seriously. For details, see Code and Pledge. Our policy is that “authorized” assistance includes talking together about assignments and approaches to them, but *not* writing up with assistance or collaboration on—or with access to another’s—actual final materials to hand in.

5 Laptop policy

Please note that LAPTOPS ARE NOT ALLOWED in the class unless you want to take notes. In this case, you need to talk with the instructor for a special permission AS WELL AS sending an email to hmahini@cs.umd.edu for the special permission and send your notes just after the class each day that you bring the laptop to the class to hmahini@cs.umd.edu with subject line “cmsc351 laptop notes” (all lowercase) and then your UID, date, and title of the notes.

6 Requirements

Grading for this course can be broken down into the following categories (see details in later sections):

- Five homework assignments: 20% requirement and 5% bonus
- Two programming assignments: 5% requirement and 3% bonus
- Midterm exam: 30%
- Final exam: 45%
Note that based on above information you can earn up to 8% bonus on top of 100% requirement scores.

7 Homework assignments

Five homeworks are given during the semester and they are due the week after in the class. Four questions of each homework will be graded (at random) for the 4% requirement. You will get 1% bonus if you try all problems. Homework assignments will be found on the web. Homeworks are due at the start of class on the day indicated, and late or makeup homework will not be accepted. Graded homeworks will be available for pickup at TA office hours. Any question regarding assignments should be sent to hmahini@cs.umd.edu and CC’D to Rajesh Chitnis rajeshchitnis@gmail.com with the subject line “cmsg351 assignment” (all lowercase) and then the assignment number and the question number.

8 Programming assignments

We give three problems before the Spring break for 2.5% requirements and 1.5% bonus and three more problems after the Spring break for 2.5% requirements and 1.5% bonus. Any question regarding programming assignments should be sent to hmahini@cs.umd.edu and CC’D to Reza Khani khani@cs.umd.edu with the subject line “cmsg351 programming assignment” (all lowercase) and then the assignment number and the problem number.

9 Exams

There will be a midterm exam and a final exam. Exams will be based on what is covered in class. If you learn what is covered in the class notes, assignments, and you understand the theory, you should be okay for the exam preparation. THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP EXAMS. We try to organize a discussion session just before each exam (we decide the time which works for the most number of students in the class).

10 Communication

An email was sent out to everyone who registered for the course. The instructor’s email address is: hmahini@cs.umd.edu and TA’s email addresses are ultimateanu@gmail.com (Anu Bandi), rajeshchitnis@gmail.com (Rajesh Chitnis), and khani@cs.umd.edu (Reza Khani). Please add the following to the subject line when sending an email to the instructor or TAs:

• “cmsg351” (all lowercase) for course related emails.
• “scribe” (all lowercase) for scribe related emails.
• “laptop” (all lowercase) for laptop related email.
• “exam” (all lowercase) for exam related emails.
• “assignment” (all lowercase) for assignment related emails.
• “programming assignment” (all lowercase) for programming assignment related emails.

Also, feel free to send the instructor an email with any suggestions you have for the class with the subject line "suggestion".