



CSIS 2226: Foundations of CS

Course Overview



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- A few things first:
 - Hand out syllabus
 - Brief introductions
 - What's the course all about

Days / times / locations / etc

- Course meets:

- TR 12:30-2:20

- D003 on T; and D027 on R

- Office Hours (K-140):

- TR: 11am-12noon

- Will schedule alternate times if you need me to



Communication outside of class

- If you need to contact me about the course outside of class time:
 - E-mail: log into Blackboard and use the e-mail there
 - Phone: 609-626-3526
- If you need to contact me about something other than this course
 - E-mail: cicirelv@stockton.edu



Course Objectives

- Gaining knowledge of applied discrete mathematics including the field's terminology and methods, and in particular in relationship to computer science
- Learning the fundamental principles and theories of discrete mathematics and how they apply to computer science and information systems
- Learning to apply topics of discrete mathematics to solving computer science problems



Pre-requisites

- MATH 2225 with a grade of C or better
- Exception to pre-req:
 - Students who have completed MATH 3325 are also fine



This is a 2nd course on Discrete Math

- CSIS 2226 is referred to by some informally as “Discrete 2”
- The course will cover:
 - A review of some topics from Discrete 1
 - Coverage of additional topics of Discrete Math
 - Emphasis placed on computer science applications

ISETL: Interactive Set Language

- ISETL:
 - A relatively small programming language
 - Entire ISETL system can fit on (and run from) a floppy disk (if anyone still uses them)
- “Interactive”
 - ISETL is not a compiled language
 - System interprets one statement at a time as you type them
- “Set”
 - “Set” as in the discrete math concept
 - Fundamental type of data in ISETL is the Set
- “Language”
 - Well.... in the programming sense

Prolog: Programming in Logic

- Prolog:
 - A mathematically-oriented programming language
 - Considered by some as a “traditional A.I. language”
 - Name means “programming in logic”
- A Prolog program consist of:
 - A set of **facts** and a set of **rules** encoded as Horn clauses in First Order Logic
 - We call this a knowledge-base
- Running a Prolog program consists of:
 - Posing a query statement (specified in first order logic)
 - Prolog then performs automated theorem proving using the knowledge-base to prove or disprove your query statement.

Required Textbook

- Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications (Rosen, 6th Edition)
- Other recent editions are **probably** O.K.
 - I have a listing that supposedly maps problem numbers, etc between recent editions
 - If you used an earlier edition in Discrete 1, don't buy a new book (assuming you still have it)
 - If you don't still have it, get the 6th edition

Thursdays in the lab D027

- On Thursdays, we'll meet in D027
- Bring an easily transportable storage device with you (e.g., a flash drive)
 - I recommend keeping a copy of ISETL and Prolog on it (once I tell you where to obtain it)
- In addition to ISETL and Prolog, I may introduce other useful tools of mathematics for CS in the lab



Blackboard (formerly known as WebCT)

- I will be using Blackboard to:
 - Communicate with you electronically
 - Collect some **homework** assignments
 - Provide you with useful items
- You can access it through the Go Portal
- You can also bypass the portal through:
<http://skimmer.stockton.edu>

Grading

- Exam 1: 12%
- Exam 2: 12%
- Exam 3: 12%
- Problem Sets / Homework: 60%
- Participation: 4%
- 90 or better: A
- 80 or better: at least B
- 70 or better: at least C
- 60 or better: at least D
- 0 or better: at least F ;)
- “at least”
 - There are + and – grades that I might use
 - There’s also the possibility that I might adjust the grade boundaries to give you next higher letter

Exams

- Not cumulative
- Closed Book
- Allowed 1 sheet of notes
- Allowed (and recommended) a calculator
 - Note: No cell phones or other communications devices for calculator purposes

Homework / Problem Sets

- Largest part of your grade (60%)
- Most individual
- A few in small groups
- What?
 - Sets of problems (this is essentially a math course after all)
 - E.g., problems from the textbook
 - Other similar problems
 - Small bits of programming in ISETL or Prolog or some other system to be announced
 - Other computer exercises in other tools as assigned

Due dates and late policy

- If due on paper (e.g., most problem sets)
 - Will be due in class at the beginning of class
- If due electronically
 - Will be due by midnight on day due via Blackboard
- Late penalty:
 - 50% if less than one week late
 - 0 if more than one week late
 - Waived first time late if less than one week late



Makeup Exams and Incompletes

■ Makeup Exams:

- There won't be any, except for:
 - Documented medical excuses (provide doctor's note upon return)
 - Other appropriately documented institutional excuses
 - In most cases, this will require documentation before hand (e.g., if you play sports, you should know when your games on before they happen)

■ Incomplete Grades

- Highly unlikely there will ever be one with my incomplete policy (see syllabus)



Schedule of Topics

- Last page of syllabus
 - Subject (and likely) to change
 - Just an approximation
- Will warn you a week or so ahead of time if Exam dates change

Course Topics

- Topic 1: (review topic)
 - A review of logic, sets, functions from Discrete 1 (parts of Chapters 1 and 2)
 - Mostly a review to prepare you for later topics
 - Will highlight CS applications as we review
- Topic 2: (new topic)
 - Combinatorial Optimization (not in book)
- Topic 3: (new topic)
 - Boolean algebra, logic gates, and circuits
 - Chapter 11 (we're obviously jumping around in the book)

Course Topics

- Topic 4: (new for most of you)
 - Algorithms, Growth of Functions, and Complexity of Algorithms (Chapter 3)
- Topic 5: (mostly new, but part review)
 - Review of induction and recursion (chapter 4)
 - Recursive algorithms (chapter 4)
 - Program correctness (chapter 4)
- Topic 6: (new topic)
 - Relations and closures (chapter 8)
 - Application to database queries



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- Topic 7: (new topic)
 - Graphs (chapter 9)
 - Both theory and applications
- Topic 8: (new topic)
 - Trees (chapter 10)
 - Both theory and applications



Do you need the book with you?

- You will definitely need it for homework purposes
- Could be useful to have with you in class, but not requiring you to bring it with you
 - i.e., if we do any problems from the book in class, I'll have the details either projected or on paper