

**CS 477.001/677.001 Design and Analysis of Algorithms**  
**University of Nevada, Las Vegas**  
**Fall 16, Class # 82427 / # 82432**

**Catalogue Description**

Analysis of the time and space complexity of algorithms. Techniques for efficient algorithm design and effect of structure choice on efficiency. Fast algorithms for problems such as set, graph and matrix manipulations, pattern matching, sorting, and storage organization. Exponential time problems and introduction to NP-completeness. (3 credits).

**Course Objective**

This course gives a rigorous treatment of algorithms and data structures. After taking this course the student will understand the predominant methods used to develop and analyze efficient algorithms.

**Student Outcomes Covered by This Course**

- A. To analyze problems, and to identify mathematical techniques appropriate to their solutions.
- C. Apply computer science theory and mathematical models to comprehend the tradeoffs involved in various design choices.

Outcome	Corresponding Topics of CS 477/677
A	Big-Oh Analysis, Recurrences, Amortized Complexity, Adversaries, NP-Completeness
C	Advanced Data Structures, Divide and Conquer, Dynamic Programming, Greedy Algorithms (Dijkstra, Prim, Kruscal), Encryption Schemes (RSA), Graph Algorithms

**Prerequisites**

CS 302 and MAT 351.

**Professor**

**Teaching Assistant**

**Course Page**

<http://www.egr.unlv.edu/~bein/teaching/csc477/>

All reading is posted on this page

**Textbook**

Required: Fundamentals of Algorithms; Brassard, Bratley; Prentice Hall, 1996, ISBN 0133350681.  
 This text is pedagogical and gently introduces the material.

Recommended: Introduction to Algorithms; Thomas Cormen, Charles Leiserson, Ronald Rivest, Clifford Stein; 2nd edition, MIT Press, 2001, ISBN: 0262032937.

This is a comprehensive book for additional study.

## Examinations and Assignments

### Assignments

- A number of written homework assignments. (40%). One extra assignment for CS 677 students.

### Examinations

- Midterm 1: Tuesday, October 4, 2:30 pm; (counts for 15% of the grade).
- Midterm 2: Tuesday, November 8, 2:30 pm; (counts for 15% of the grade).
- Final Exam (cumulative, covers all material): December 15, 3:10 pm - 5:10 pm (counts for 30% of the grade) (cumulative, covers all material).

There are no make-up tests. There may be an additional quiz. In that case the quiz is worth 5% and the final is worth 25%.

## Grade Distribution

A	B	C	D	F
> 85	70-84	60-69	50-59	<50

## Tentative Schedule

Week 1	Mathematics Review
Week 2	Asymptotic Complexity, Big-Oh, Big-Theta, Big Omega
Week 3	Algorithms Analysis, Recurrence relations, Master Theorem
Week 4	Review of Elementary and Advanced Data Structures
Week 5	Linear Median Find, Analysis of Sorting
Week 6	Sorting (continued)
Week 6	Divide and Conquer Techniques
Week 8	Divide and Conquer (continued), Exponentiation and Cryptography
Week 9	Dynamic Programming
Week 10	Dynamic Programming (continued)
Week 11	Tree Traversals and Graph Traversals
Week 12	Kruskal, Prim, Dijkstra
Week 13	Network Flow
Week 14	Computational Complexity
Week 15	Review

Note: Class Oct 18 possibly online meeting due to Pres. Debate.

## Caveat

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### **Library Resources**

Students may consult with a librarian on research needs. For this class, the subject librarian is Sue Wainscott. ([https://www.library.unlv.edu/contact/librarians\\_by\\_subject](https://www.library.unlv.edu/contact/librarians_by_subject)). UNLV Libraries provides resources to support students' access to information. Discovery, access, and use of information are vital skills for academic work and for successful post-college life. Access library resources and ask questions at <https://www.library.unlv.edu>.

**Final Examinations**—The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur at the time and on the day specified in the final exam schedule. See the schedule at: <http://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars>.