

**CSC 721**                      **Spring 2014**  
**Algorithms**

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**Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:00 to 4:00 and by appointment.

**Text:** The Design and Analysis of Computer Algorithms by Aho, Hopcroft, and Ullman

**Web Page:** <http://menehune.opt.wfu.edu/csc721>

**Goals and Topics:**

1. Analysis of algorithms, asymptotic complexity measures
2. Algorithm design strategies: common ideas used in a variety of algorithms
  - (a) Divide and conquer / Balancing
  - (b) Backtracking
  - (c) Greedy algorithms
  - (d) Dynamic Programming
  - (e) Monte Carlo & Las Vegas methods
3. Commonly used algorithms for important problems.
  - (a) Matrix multiplication (Strassen's algorithm)
  - (b) Graph Algorithms, depth-first search, depth-first spanning tree, classifying edges (tree, back, cross), strongly connected components, topological sort, minimal spanning tree, single source shortest paths, all-points shortest path.
  - (c) Union-Find problem and application to Kruskal's Algorithm
  - (d) RSA encryption
  - (e) The Fast Fourier Transform and the convolution theorem
  - (f) LUP-decomposition and implications for matrix operations
  - (g) The max-flow / min-cut problem, solution by linear programming, and Ford-Fulkerson algorithm.
  - (h) Pattern matching: Knuth-Morris-Pratt (if time)
  - (i) Numerical algorithms: e.g., Multivariate Newton's method (if time)
4. The Classes  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{NP}$ ,  $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete problems
  - (a) Cook-Levin Theorem
  - (b) Polynomial time mapping reduction

**Expectations:**

1. Class participation.
2. Communicate if things get complicated.
3. Your best effort.

**Grading:**

Three exams (65%), programming assignments (10 %) and take home problem sets (25%). Programming assignment(s) **must** be submitted ready to compile and run under Linux or Solaris.

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