

Course Overview

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What is a computer?

Course Overview

- ▶ Unit 1: The Course Awakens
 - ▶ Machine Model: Finite Automaton
 - ▶ Linguistic Model: Regular Expressions
 - ▶ Equivalence and Applications
 - ▶ Limitations
- ▶ Unit 2: The Last (In-First-Out) Automaton
 - ▶ Machine Model: Pushdown Automaton
 - ▶ Linguistic Model: Context-Free Grammar
 - ▶ Equivalence and Applications
 - ▶ Limitations
- ▶ Unit 3: The Rise Of Turing
 - ▶ Machine Model: Turing Machine
 - ▶ Equivalence to Modern Computing
 - ▶ Limitations
 - ▶ Dealing with Limitations

Course Structure

- ▶ Three Exams (one per unit)
 - ▶ Exam 1 (25%): 4th Tuesday (in-class, closed-book)
 - ▶ Exam 2 (25%): 7th Tuesday (in-class, closed-book)
 - ▶ Exam 3 (25%): 11th week (take-home, open-book)
- ▶ Weekly Group Homeworks (25% total)
 - ▶ Due on most Fridays (two per unit)
 - ▶ Assigned homework groups
 - ▶ (Please complete survey by Wednesday)
 - ▶ One submission per group
 - ▶ Group carrots and sticks
- ▶ Course curve applied to overall average

Academic Integrity

*"Don't make me angry. You wouldn't like me when I'm angry."
—Bruce Banner*

Attendance

Attendance is *strongly encouraged*.

- ▶ I'll make recordings as "*supplemental materials*", but they'll probably suck.

University policy (and Federal law) requires me to have you removed from class if you stop attending.

- ▶ In-class attendance
- ▶ Homework group participation
- ▶ Responding to email

Administrative Stuff

- ▶ Student Office Hours:
TF 9:00am-10:00am and 3:30pm-4:00pm, *or by appointment*
 - ▶ Physical Office: 2-300F AB
 - ▶ Digital Office: bit.ly/HugginsOffice
- ▶ Free Software: jflap.org
- ▶ All course documents on Blackboard
 - ▶ (Let's look together.)