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**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

**CSE 230 – DISCRETE MATHEMATICS**

*In this course we learn about the mathematical foundations of Computer Science, essential knowledge for anyone who wants to work at the frontiers of modern day Computer Science*

**Sec 03: [Mon, Wed] 8.00 – 9.20 AM, Room: UB10303**

**Sec 04: [Mon, Wed] 2.00 – 3.20 PM, Room: UB10304 & UB30101**

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**I. Rationale:**

Discrete Mathematics is a field of Pure Mathematics, out of which the entire field of Computer Science as we know it today was born. Computer Science is not just about programming languages, software and hardware. The true abilities and limitations of computers cannot be appreciated until we look at mathematical roots behind these machines, and learn to mathematically analyze and even predict the performance of computer programs using knowledge of logic, set theory and statistics. This course serves as a starting point where we look at all the different domains of mathematics that come together to enrich Computer Science.

**II. Course Aims and Outcomes:**

***Aims***

Students will learn the mathematical tools needed to analyze computer programs, predict their expected runtime, and verify different computational techniques. These skills will be further developed in more advanced courses like Algorithms and Theory of Computation.

***Specific Learning Outcomes:***

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

a) Follow steps of logical reasoning and be able to communicate using Formal Logic

b) Understand how to construct mathematical proofs

c) Understand fundamentals of Set Theory and functions

d) Learn an arsenal of different proof techniques

e) Understand the basics of combinatorics and probability theory

**III. Format and Procedures:**

The course is structured as two lectures per week, each of duration 80 minutes. There is no separate lab or tutorial component.

Students are expected to be punctual in class, and participate actively through questions and discussion. Bear in mind that participation will be a big portion of your final grade, and simply attending the lectures without any visible engagement will not be of much help. All students are expected to be civil and ensure an environment where everyone feels safe to voice their questions and comments.

**IV. My Stance (Need a short section here on teaching/learning methods to be used)**

Given the densely mathematical nature of the course, most of the classes will be modeled as lectures given by the instructor, juxtaposed with questions and clarifications from the students. Students will be required to do a significant amount of reading. For best results, students should read the textbook prior to coming to class, participate actively in the lecture, and revise the topics once they go back from class. A list of topics to be covered, along with an expected timeline, will be provided in class in order to facilitate this. Details about the textbook will be discussed in class.

**V. Course Requirements:**

**1.** Class attendance and participation policy: While attending lectures and being punctual is mandatory, just passively sitting in class will not be conductive to learning. Students are expected to ask questions and are encouraged to have discussions in class about the material being covered. This will be done a lot more productively if students read the textbook prior to coming to class, and also review material already covered in class once they are back home.

**2.** Course readings:

**a) Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications – Kenneth H. Rosen, McGraw Hill, 6th International Edition**

**(b)** There is a full online course with videos available on YouTube, at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKjrK-yEYFI&list=PLYx-Huwyr19hDr9\_9eZ4RJVEUlqvgfWBj

Students who have difficulty reading and comprehending English text are especially encouraged to peruse these lectures as a supplementary resource. It should be emphasized that these video lectures are not a substitute for coming to class, merely an additional resource.

**VI. Grading Procedures:**

**a)** Final – 40%

**b)** Midterm – 25%

**c)** Quiz – 20%

**d)** Homework – 10%

**e)** Attendance – 5%

**VII. Academic Integrity**

Each student in this course is expected to abide by the BRAC University Code of Academic Integrity. Any work submitted by a student in this course for academic credit will be the student's own work.

You are encouraged to study together and to discuss information and concepts covered in lecture with other students. You can help out or receive help from other students in the form of consultation and guidance. However, this permissible cooperation should never involve one student having possession of a copy of all or part of work done by someone else, in the form of an e-mail, an e-mail attachment file, or any form electronic or hard copy.

If copying occurs, both the student who copied work and the student who gave material to be copied will both automatically receive a zero for the assignment. Penalty for violation of this Code can also be extended to include failure of the course and University disciplinary action.

During examinations, you must do your own work. Talking or discussion is not permitted during the examinations, and you may not compare answers, copy from others, or collaborate in any way. Any collaborative behavior during the examinations will result in failure of the exam, and may lead to failure of the course and University disciplinary action.

**IX. Tentative Course Contents**

Chapter: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

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|  | **Topics** | **Readings** |
| **1** | **Lecture 01(08.01.2017)** | **Introduction to Discrete Mathematics** |
| **2** | **Lecture 02(10.01.2017)**  **Basics of Propositional Logic** | **Chapter 1, Sections 1.1** |
| **3** | **September 18**  **Propositional Equivalences** | **Chapter 1, Sections 1.2** |
| **4** | **September 20**  **Propositional Equivalences** | **Chapter 1, Sections 1.2** |
| **5** | **September 24**  **Predicates and Quantifiers** | **Chapter 1, Sections 1.3** |
| **6** | **September 25** | **Quiz 1** |
| **7** | **September 27**  **Introduction to Proofs** | **Chapter 1, Section 1.6** |
| **8** | **October 02**  **Functions, Sequences and Summations** | **Chapter 2, Sections 2.1, 2.2** |
| **9** | **October 04**  **Functions, Sequences and Summations** | **Chapter 2, Sections 2.3, 2.4** |
| **10** | **October 09** | **Function Exercises** |
| **11** | **October 16**  **The basics of Counting, The pigeonhole principle** | **Chapter 5, Section 5.1,5.2** |
| **12** | **October 18**  **Permutations and Combinations, Binomial Coefficients** | **Chapter 5, Section 5.3,5.4** |
| **13** | **October 23** | **Quiz 2** |
| **14** | **October 25**  **An introduction to discrete probability, Probability theory** | **Chapter 6, Section 6.1,6.2** |
| **14** | **November 01**  **Conditional Probability and Bayes’ Theorem** | **Chapter 6, Section 6.3** |
| **15** | **November 06** | **Quiz3** |
| **16** | **November 08**  **Graphs** | **Graphs & Graphs Models, Basic Terminology, Representation of graphs** |
| **17** | **November 13**  **Graph** | **Connectivity, Euler and Hamilton Path, Shortest Path Problem** |
| **18** | **November 15**  **Trees** | **Introduction to trees, Traversal Algorithms** |
| **19** | **November 20**  **Trees** |  |
| **20** | **November 22** | **Quiz4** |
| **21** | **November 27** |  |
| **22** | **November 29** | **Review Class** |