



*Maria Tatar 3645, William Mills Todd III 1634, Ruth R. Wisse 3177 (on leave spring term), and Jan Ziolkowski 7275*

**\*Comparative Literature 399. Reading and Research**

Catalog Number: 2893

*Margaret Alexiou 1214 (on leave spring term), Sacvan Bercovitch 7638, Svetlana Boym 1926, Michel Chaouli 1681, Joaquim-Francisco Coelho 7715, James Engell 8076, Luis M. Girón Negrón 3060, George G. Grabowicz 4511 (on leave spring term), Karl S. Guthke 1715 (on leave fall term), Alan Heimert 1631 (on leave 1999-00), Barbara E. Johnson 7626, Walter Kaiser 2561, Robert Kiely 1621, James L. Kugel 7575 (on leave spring term), Francisco Márquez 5064, Sandra Naddaff 7779, Gregory Nagy 1423, Per Nykrog 6239, Stephen Owen 7418, Lino Pertile 3416, Judith Ryan 1135 (on leave spring term), Marc Shell 3176, Susan R. Suleiman 7234, Maria Tatar 3645, William Mills Todd III 1634, Ruth R. Wisse 3177 (on leave spring term), and Jan Ziolkowski 7275*

*Note:* Candidates for the doctoral degree in Comparative Literature may pursue advanced studies under the individual supervision of these instructors. Permission to register for this course should be obtained from the instructor whose guidance is sought and from the Chairman of the Department.

## Computer Science

### AN HISTORICAL EDITION OF FAS COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

#### *Faculty of the Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences Offering Instruction in Computer Science*

Michael S. Brandstein, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering on the Gordon McKay Endowment

Ugo O. Gagliardi, Gordon McKay Professor of the Practice of Computer Engineering

Steven J. Gortler, Assistant Professor of Computer Science on the Gordon McKay Endowment (*Director of Undergraduate Studies*)

Barbara J. Grosz, Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science

H. T. Kung, William H. Gates Professor of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering

Henry H. Leitner, Senior Lecturer on Computer Science

Harry R. Lewis, Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science and Dean of Harvard College

Michael D. Mitzenmacher, Assistant Professor of Computer Science on the Gordon McKay Endowment

Venkatesh Narayanamurti, John A. and Elizabeth S. Armstrong Professor of Engineering and Applied Sciences (*Dean of the Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences*)

Anthony G. Oettinger, Gordon McKay Professor of Applied Mathematics and Professor of



### Information Resources Policy

Avi Pfeffer, Instructor in Computer Science on the Gordon McKay Endowment

Michael O. Rabin, Thomas J. Watson, Sr. Professor of Computer Science

Norman Ramsey, Assistant Professor of Computer Science on the Gordon McKay Endowment

Margo I. Seltzer, Associate Professor of Computer Science on the Gordon McKay Endowment

Stuart M. Shieber, Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science

Michael D. Smith, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science on the Gordon McKay Endowment

Leslie G. Valiant, Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics

James H. Waldo, Lecturer on Computer Science

Robert L. Walton, Lecturer on Computer Science

Woodward Yang, Gordon McKay Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

The Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences offers undergraduate and graduate courses in Applied Mathematics, Applied Physics, Computer Science, Earth and Planetary Sciences, and Engineering Sciences. Recommended curricula may be obtained from the Academic Office, Pierce Hall 212b. Division faculty also offer several courses in the section entitled General Education Electives.

### *Primarily for Undergraduates*

For information concerning concentration in Computer Science please consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies or the Academic Office, Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Pierce Hall 212b. The Applied Mathematics and Engineering Sciences sections of the catalog should be consulted for additional courses relevant to computer science. In addition, attention is called to the following courses in related fields: General Education 156, Linguistics 112a, 112b, Philosophy 140, 144, Physics 123, Statistics 110, 111, 171.

#### **Computer Science 50. Introduction to Computer Science I**

Catalog Number: 4949

*Stuart M. Shieber*

*Half course (fall term). M., W., F., at 10. EXAM GROUP: 3*

Introduction to the intellectual enterprises of computer science. Algorithms: their design, specification, and analysis. Software development: problem decomposition, abstraction, data structures, implementation, debugging, testing. Architecture of computers: low-level data representation and instruction processing. Computer systems: programming languages, compilers, operating systems. Computers in the real world: networks, security and cryptography, artificial intelligence, social issues. Laboratory exercises include extensive programming in the C language and experimenting with and analyzing software systems.

*Note:* No previous computer experience required.

#### **Computer Science 51. Introduction to Computer Science II**

Catalog Number: 3411

*Henry H. Leitner*

*Half course (spring term). Tu., Th., 1–2:30. EXAM GROUP: 15, 16*

Abstract models for computational processes and their concrete realizations. Functional, imperative, and object-oriented styles of programming; processor and memory architectures;



interpretation and compilation of programming languages. State-space search, finite-state processes, formal logic, data and functional abstraction, and syntactic and semantic formalisms as examples of useful abstractions. The engineering of complex software. Laboratory exercises using LISP, C++, and Java.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 50 or equivalent.

### **\*Computer Science 91r. Supervised Reading and Research**

Catalog Number: 0361

*Steven J. Gortler*

*Half course (fall term; repeated spring term). Hours to be arranged.*

In this course a student may undertake supervised individual study of advanced topics in computer science beyond those covered in regular courses, or may participate in a computer science research project. Students writing theses may enroll in this course while conducting their thesis research and writing. A student wishing to enroll in Computer Science 91r must be accepted by a faculty member who will supervise the course work and will specify the syllabus or project description. A form available in the Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences Academic Office, Pierce Hall 212b, must be filled out with a description of the course work and the basis for its evaluation. This form must be signed by the student and the faculty supervisor and filed in the Academic Office by the date on which study cards are due. A written report of the work carried out in the course is ordinarily required by the beginning of the reading period.

*Note:* Ordinarily, at most two terms of Computer Science 91r may be taken for academic credit.

May not be taken Pass/Fail. Students wishing more information about the range of suitable projects or faculty supervisors should consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

### ***For Undergraduates and Graduates***

### **Computer Science 121. Introduction to Formal Systems and Computation**

Catalog Number: 0669

*Harry R. Lewis*

*Half course (fall term). Tu., Th., 10–11:30. EXAM GROUP: 13*

General introduction to formal systems and the theory of computation. Elementary treatment of automata, formal languages, computability, uncomputability, computational complexity, NP-completeness, and mathematical logic.

### **Computer Science 124. Data Structures and Algorithms**

Catalog Number: 5207

*Michael D. Mitzenmacher*

*Half course (spring term). M., W., 1–2:30. EXAM GROUP: 6, 7*

Design and analysis of efficient algorithms. Data structure representations and their use for provably efficient implementation of abstract operations: searching, sorting, set manipulation. Memory management. Graph algorithms. General algorithm design techniques.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 51; some exposure to discrete applied mathematics, such as Applied Mathematics 106 or 107 or Computer Science 121 or Statistics 110, is helpful.

### **Computer Science 141. Computing Hardware**

Catalog Number: 4357



*Michael D. Smith*

*Half course (fall term). M., W., F., at 9, and laboratory hours to be arranged. EXAM GROUP: 2*  
Introduction to the design, structure, and operation of digital computers; logic circuits and digital electronics; computer arithmetic; computer architecture; and machine language programming. Consideration of the design interactions between hardware and software systems.  
*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 50.

### **Computer Science 143. Computer Networks**

Catalog Number: 6401

*H. T. Kung*

*Half course (fall term). M., W., 2:30–4. EXAM GROUP: 7, 8*  
Architecture, design, and performance of computer networks. Topics include: the Internet protocols, local area networks, performance analysis, queueing theory, congestion control, multicast, quality of service, and network security. Programming exercises on protocol implementation.  
*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 51.

### **Computer Science 144. Networks Design Projects**

Catalog Number: 5415

*H. T. Kung*

*Half course (spring term). W., F., 4–5:30. EXAM GROUP: 9*  
Cooperative design and development of a computer network based on new and promising networking concepts which may still be under research. Exploration of real-world design concerns, including survey and critiques of relevant networking literature, early validation of proposed approach, design specification, implementation, testing, and evaluation. Students work in groups, and present weekly status reports. At the end of the class, students will defend their approaches and results in the presence of experts in computer networks.  
*Note:* Enrollment is Limited. Preference given to concentrators in Computer Science who are proficient in computer programming.  
*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 143 or equivalent experience.

### **[Computer Science 146. Computer Architecture]**

Catalog Number: 6520

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*Half course (spring term). Hours to be arranged.*

Review of the fundamental structures in modern processor design. Topics include computer organization, instruction set design, memory system design, pipelining, and other techniques to exploit parallelism. Emphasis on a quantitative evaluation of design alternatives and an understanding of timing issues.  
*Note:* Expected to be given in 2000–01.  
*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 141.

### **Computer Science 148. Introduction to VLSI Design**

Catalog Number: 1772 Enrollment: Limited to 16

*Woodward Yang*

*Half course (spring term). Tu., Th., 11:30–1. EXAM GROUP: 13, 14*



Presentation of concepts and techniques for the design and fabrication of VLSI integrated circuits. Topics include basic semiconductor device theory, diodes and MOS transistor operation; integrated circuit fabrication technology, VLSI layout and design rules; NMOS and CMOS circuit design, memory and processor design, advanced VLSI systems architecture; testing of VLSI circuits; and analog CMOS circuit design. CAD tools for design and simulation are used extensively for homework assignments and for a final VLSI design project. High quality projects may be fabricated at an external VLSI foundry.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 141 and Engineering Sciences 154, or permission of instructor.

### **Computer Science 152. Principles of Programming Languages**

Catalog Number: 6841

*Norman Ramsey*

*Half course (fall term). M., W., F., at 11. EXAM GROUP: 4*

Intellectual tools needed to design, evaluate, and choose programming languages. Historical influence of theory, software engineering, and implementation technique on language design. Case studies, reinforced by programming exercises. Emphasizes advanced languages, abstraction mechanisms. Includes functional, object-oriented, and logic paradigms. Focuses on ideas and techniques most relevant to practitioners, but covers theoretical topics crucial for intellectual rigor: specification based on abstract syntax, lambda calculus, type systems, and dynamic semantics. Grounding sufficient to read professional literature.

*Prerequisite:* Students must have good programming skills. Must be comfortable with recursion and with basic mathematical ideas and notations.

### **[Computer Science 153. Principles of Programming Language Compilation]**

Catalog Number: 2842

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*Half course (fall term). Hours to be arranged.*

The underlying theory of the implementation of interpreters and compilers for programming languages, associated algorithms, and pragmatic issues. Theoretical emphasis on the relation to programming language theory and practical emphasis on applications outside of programming language implementation proper. Topics include lexical analysis, parsing algorithms, type checking and inference, code generation, run-time issues, optimization.

*Note:* Expected to be given in 2000–01.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 121 and 152.

### **Computer Science 161. Operating Systems**

Catalog Number: 4347

*Half course (spring term). Tu., Th., 1–2:30. EXAM GROUP: 15, 16*

The fundamental principles of resource management and abstraction in modern operating systems. Control abstractions: thread, processes, scheduling synchronization. Storage abstractions: dynamic memory allocation, virtual memory, file system design. Communication abstractions: interprocess communication, networking. Case studies. Design and implementation of parts of a multiuser multitasking virtual-memory operating system.

*Note:* Open to students who achieved an honor grade (B- or better) in Computer Science 51 and who have experience developing large software systems.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 51.



### **Computer Science 165. Introduction to Database Systems**

Catalog Number: 4712

*Ugo O. Gagliardi*

*Half course (fall term). F., 2:30–5:30. EXAM GROUP: 7, 8, 9*

Design principles for modern distributed database systems. Topics include: extended E/R, relational and object-oriented data models; database connectivity and the Java virtual machine; query processing, persistence, concurrency control, back-up and recovery; Web information organization, indexing and retrieval; search engines' architecture and algorithms.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 161 or permission of instructor.

### **Computer Science 175. Computer Graphics**

Catalog Number: 3771

*Steven J. Gortler*

*Half course (fall term). W., F., 4–5:30. EXAM GROUP: 9*

The computational aspects of computer graphics. Two major themes are image rendering (viewing transformations, clipping, visible-surface processing, raster algorithms, reflection models, lighting models, surface shading, antialiasing, ray tracing, radiosity, and volume rendering) and scene modeling (modeling transformations, curves and surfaces, texture mapping, data-amplification techniques, constructive solid geometry, scalar- and vector-field data, and animation). Ancillary topics include color compression, image compression, image compositing, graphical user interfaces, and special machine architectures for computer graphics.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 51, Applied Mathematics 21a or Mathematics 21a, and experience with a large software project (preferably written in C), e.g., Computer Science 153, 161, or 165.

### **Computer Science 181. Intelligent Machines: Perceptual Processes and Stochastic Methods**

Catalog Number: 6454

*Avi Pfeffer*

*Half course (spring term). M., W., 2:30–4. EXAM GROUP: 7, 8*

Introduction to stochastic methods for vision and speech. Markov random fields and hidden Markov models. Statistical pattern recognition and categorization. Neural nets. Bayesian reasoning. Discussion of relevant psychological and neurophysiological results.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 51, 121, and Statistics 110, or equivalent.

### **Computer Science 182. Intelligent Machines: Reasoning, Actions, and Plans**

Catalog Number: 0134

*Barbara J. Grosz*

*Half course (fall term). M., W., 1–2:30. EXAM GROUP: 6, 7*

Introduction to AI focused on approaches to problems of reasoning about action. Search and game-playing. Knowledge representation. Partial-order planning; representations of actions; techniques for handling goal interactions. Resource-limited planning; situated agents. Reasoning under uncertainty. Discussion of relevant work in philosophy and decision theory; applications to vision, language, robotics.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 51; Computer Science 121 (may be taken concurrently).

***Primarily for Graduates***



**Computer Science 221. Computational Complexity**

Catalog Number: 5812

*Leslie G. Valiant**Half course (spring term). M., W., 1–2:30. EXAM GROUP: 6, 7*

A quantitative theory of the resources needed for computing and the impediments to efficient computation. The models of computation considered include ones that are finite or infinite, deterministic, probabilistic, quantum or nondeterministic, discrete or algebraic, sequential or parallel.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 121 or equivalent.

**Computer Science 222. Algorithms at the Ends of the Wire**

Catalog Number: 2493

*Michael D. Mitzenmacher**Half course (fall term). Tu., Th., 2:30–4. EXAM GROUP: 16, 17*

Covers topics related to what is done with information before and after it is sent across a network. Themes include compression, cryptography, coding, and information retrieval related to the World Wide Web. Theoretical aspects are emphasized, although current practice and recent advances are also a focus. Requires a major final project.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 124.

**[Computer Science 224r. Randomness in Computation]**

Catalog Number: 3380

*Michael O. Rabin**Half course (fall term). Hours to be arranged.*

Exploration of the surprising efficacy of randomization in the solution of algorithmic and general computer science problems. Applications include number theoretic algorithms, cryptographic protocols, computations in finite fields, computational geometry. CS applications will include routing in networks, parallel algorithms, pattern matching, agreement protocols for distributed systems. We shall also deal with programs that check and correct their own work and with Probabilistically Checkable Proofs (PCP). The probability theory prerequisites will be covered.

*Note:* Expected to be given in 2000–01.

**Computer Science 226r. Efficient Algorithms**

Catalog Number: 1749

*Michael O. Rabin**Half course (fall term). Tu., Th., 11:30–1. EXAM GROUP: 13, 14*

A survey of important computer algorithms for numerical and data manipulation problems and their applications in actual computing situations. Topics include combinatorial algorithms, string matching, FFT and its applications, algebraic computations, randomized algorithms in algebra number theory and geometry, maximal flows, error correcting codes, public key cryptography, protocols for distributed systems, and parallel algorithms.

*Note:* Expected to be omitted in 2000–01.

**[Computer Science 228. Computational Learning Theory]**

Catalog Number: 0364

*Leslie G. Valiant*



*Half course (fall term). Hours to be arranged.*

Possibilities of and limitations to performing learning by computational agents. Topics include computational models, polynomial time learnability, learning from examples and learning from queries to oracles. Computational limitations. Statistical limitations. Applications to Boolean functions, automata and geometric functions. Learning algorithms for models of neural computation.

*Note:* Expected to be given in 2000–01.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 121 or equivalent.

### **[Computer Science 231. Parallel Computation]**

Catalog Number: 6999

*Leslie G. Valiant*

*Half course (spring term). Hours to be arranged.*

Models of parallel computation and their relationship: circuits, fixed networks, shared memory, bulk-synchrony. Automatic parallelization and its limits. Parallel algorithms for numerical problems such as solving linear systems. Algorithms for discrete problems such as sorting. Algorithms and programs that are efficiently portable among a variety of parallel architectures.

*Note:* Expected to be given in 2000–01.

### **Computer Science 244. Advanced Networks Design Projects**

Catalog Number: 3018

*H. T. Kung*

*Half course (spring term). W., F., 4–5:30. EXAM GROUP: 9*

The contents and course requirements are similar to those of Computer Science 144, with the exception that students enrolled in Computer Science 244 are expected to devise novel algorithms and protocols, and demonstrate their advantages over existing ones. Substantial implementation and documentation are required.

*Note:* Enrollment is limited. Preference given to graduate students, or upper-class concentrators, in Computer Science who are proficient in computer programming.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 143 or equivalent experience.

### **[\*Computer Science 246 (formerly Computer Science 246r). Advanced Computer Architecture]**

Catalog Number: 0979

*Half course (spring term). Hours to be arranged.*

The contents and course requirements are similar to those of Computer Science 146, with the exception that students enrolled in Computer Science 246 are required to conduct extra readings and to complete an additional term project.

*Note:* Expected to be given in 2000–01.

*Prerequisite:* Background in computer software and hardware, and permission of the instructor.

### **Computer Science 253. Advanced Principles of Programming Language Compilation**

Catalog Number: 2901

*Michael D. Smith*

*Half course (spring term). Tu., Th., 10–11:30. EXAM GROUP: 12, 13*

In-depth introduction to compiler optimizations developed to exploit recent advances in





computer architecture. Topics include scalar optimization, instruction scheduling for superscalar and VLIW processors, data dependence analysis, interprocedural analysis on both array and pointer variables, cache optimizations such as blocking and prefetching.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 153 or equivalent.

**\*Computer Science 254r. Programming Methodologies**

Catalog Number: 2767

*Robert L. Walton*

*Half course (spring term). W., 4–6. EXAM GROUP: 9*

Investigates program analysis, verification, and refinement; programming paradigms including those for parallel and distributed programming; program development and maintenance environments. This year the course will study web computing: schemes for turning the web into a computing resource.

**\*Computer Science 257. Programming with Concurrency**

Catalog Number: 8581

*Norman Ramsey*

*Half course (spring term). Tu., Th., 1–2:30. EXAM GROUP: 15, 16*

Concurrency, its influence on program structure, its implementation -- according to interests of participants. Threads, communicating processes, second-class and first-class synchronization, mechanisms, concurrent functional programs. Debugging, modelling, and model-checking. Implementation, including synchronization stack management, scheduling, concurrent garbage collection, heap-allocated activations, first-class continuations. Concurrency support in the portable assembly language C--.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 161 or permission of the instructor.

**Computer Science 261. Research Topics in Operating Systems**

Catalog Number: 6706

*Margo I. Seltzer*

*Half course (fall term). Tu., Th., 1–2:30. EXAM GROUP: 15, 16*

A quantitative approach to operating system design and evaluation. Discussion of recent research including extensible operating system architectures, distributed systems, and performance analysis. Overview of research techniques and methodology.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 161, or equivalent.

**Computer Science 262. Introduction to Distributed Computing**

Catalog Number: 7949

*James H. Waldo*

*Half course (spring term). Tu., Th., 2:30–4. EXAM GROUP: 16, 17*

Examination of the special problems associated with distributive computing, especially those associated with partial failure and intrinsic limitations on global knowledge. The course will emphasize the specification and implementation of high level protocols that allow computational entities to collaborate in the face of these problems. Causal ordering, event and RPC based systems, and security problems in distributed systems will be discussed.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 161 or permission of instructor.

**Computer Science 265. Advanced Introduction to Database Systems**

Catalog Number: 4104

*Ugo O. Gagliardi**Half course (fall term). F., 2:30–5:30. EXAM GROUP: 7, 8, 9*

The contents and course requirements are similar to those of Computer Science 165, with the exception that students enrolled in Computer Science 265 are expected to conduct a research project.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 161 or permission of instructor.

**Computer Science 275. Advanced Computer Graphics**

Catalog Number: 5495

*Steven J. Gortler**Half course (fall term). W., F., 4–5:30. EXAM GROUP: 9*

The contents and course requirements are similar to those of Computer Science 175, with the exception that students enrolled in Computer Science 275 are required to conduct extra readings and to complete an additional term project.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 51, Applied Mathematics 21a or Mathematics 21a, and experience with a large software project (preferably written in C), e.g., Computer Science 153, 161, or 165.

**Computer Science 276r. Computer Graphics, Special Topics**

Catalog Number: 8097

*Steven J. Gortler**Half course (spring term). M., W., 2:30–4. EXAM GROUP: 7, 8*

Seminar examining in detail some specific aspect of computer graphics. Specific topics which change from year to year may include: image based rendering, photo-realistic rendering, geometric representations, representations of motion and animations, computer graphics hardware. Students will make one oral presentation, and create a software implementation of one of the covered concepts.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 175 or 275, or permission of instructor.

**Computer Science 279. Topics in Computer-Human Interfaces, Information Retrieval and Visualization**

Catalog Number: 2407 Enrollment: Enrollment may be limited.

*Stuart M. Shieber**Half course (spring term). Tu., Th., 2:30–4. EXAM GROUP: 16, 17*

Seminar providing background and current research in specific topics drawn from one or more of computer-human interfaces, information, retrieval, and information visualization. Intensive lab component emphasizes small group design and implementation of systems in these areas.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 51 and experience developing large software systems as evidenced by successful completion of a systems course requiring a large project.

**Computer Science 281r. Artificial Intelligence: Reasoning and Planning Systems**

Catalog Number: 0707

*Avi Pfeffer**Half course (fall term). M., W., 1–2:30. EXAM GROUP: 6, 7*



In-depth introduction to formalisms for knowledge representation and techniques for reasoning and planning. Topics: formal logic-based representations; probabilistic reasoning; nonmonotonic logics; truth-maintenance systems; qualitative reasoning; inheritance hierarchies; computational approaches to reasoning about actions and time, including actions of multiple agents, nonlinear planning, plan recognition; reasoning about knowledge, belief, and action.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 182, or permission of instructor.

### **Computer Science 283. Computer Vision**

Catalog Number: 4475

*Michael S. Brandstein*

*Half course (fall term). Tu., Th., 2:30–4. EXAM GROUP: 16, 17*

Vision as an ill-posed inverse problem. Regularization. Bayesian approaches to vision. Image enhancement and feature extraction. Structure from motion, texture, shading, and binocular stereo. Active vision.

*Note:* Expected to be omitted in 2000–01.

### **[\*Computer Science 287r. Natural Language Processing]**

Catalog Number: 3306

*Stuart M. Shieber*

*Half course (spring term). Hours to be arranged.*

Principles and techniques of natural language processing, including grammar formalisms, syntactic analysis, semantic interpretation, and associated algorithms.

*Note:* Expected to be given in 2000–01.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 121 and 152.

### **Computer Science 288. Computational Models of Discourse**

Catalog Number: 1392

*Barbara J. Grosz*

*Half course (spring term). Tu., Th., 11:30–1. EXAM GROUP: 13, 14*

Computational theories of discourse (text and dialogue) structure and processing. Topics include: anaphora, focusing, plans and speech acts, plan recognition algorithms, models of collaborative planning, intonation. Discussion of dialogue and text understanding systems. Application to the design of human-computer interface systems.

*Note:* Expected to be omitted in 2000–01.

*Prerequisite:* Computer Science 182 or 287r or equivalent, or permission of instructor.

### **Computer Science 299r. Special Topics in Computer Science**

Catalog Number: 4592

*Venkatesh Narayanamurti*

*Half course (fall term; repeated spring term). Hours to be arranged.*

Supervision of experimental or theoretical research on acceptable computer science problems and supervision of reading on topics not covered by regular courses of instruction.

*Note:* Open to graduate students and A.B./S.M. candidates only. Students must arrange such work with a member of the Division. This course is ordinarily taken with the approval of the Committee on Higher Degrees in certain cases when a letter grade is required. Applicants should



file a project sheet before study cards are filed. Project sheets may be obtained from the Academic Office, Pierce Hall 212b.

***Graduate Courses of Reading and Research***

Reading courses are odd-numbered; research courses are even-numbered.

**\*Computer Science 305,306. Information Resources: Technology and Policy**

Catalog Number: 6364,3478

*Anthony G. Oettinger 2403*

**\*Computer Science 311,312. Natural Language Processing, AI Planning, and Collaborative Systems**

Catalog Number: 4677,6223

*Barbara J. Grosz 1599*

**\*Computer Science 315,316. Software Engineering**

Catalog Number: 2402,2403

*Ugo O. Gagliardi 1077*

**\*Computer Science 321,322. Databases, Operating System, and Software Design**

Catalog Number: 4085,4086

*Margo I. Seltzer 3371*

**\*Computer Science 323,324. Programming Languages, Natural Language Processing, and Human-Computer Interfaces**

Catalog Number: 2450,2453

*Stuart M. Shieber 2456*

**\*Computer Science 325. Programming Languages and Tools**

Catalog Number: 8055

*Norman Ramsey 2831*

**\*Computer Science 326. Programming Languages and Tools**

Catalog Number: 0747

*Norman Ramsey 2831*

**\*Computer Science 327,328. Mathematical Logic, Theory of Computation**

Catalog Number: 1160,3576

*Harry R. Lewis 4455*

**\*Computer Science 329,330. Operating System Theory and Architectural Design**

Catalog Number: 6172,2839

*Ugo O. Gagliardi 1077*



**\*Computer Science 345,346. High-Performance Computer Systems**

Catalog Number: 6154,6156

*Michael D. Smith 3372*

**\*Computer Science 351,352. Complexity of Computations: Concurrent Programming and Synchronization**

Catalog Number: 0218,0255

*Michael O. Rabin 7003*

**\*Computer Science 353,354. Representation and Reasoning, Machine Learning and Decision Making**

Catalog Number: 6816,1843

*Avi Pfeffer 2830*

**\*Computer Science 355,356. Computational Complexity, Parallel Algorithms, Machine Learning, and Neural Computation**

Catalog Number: 0345,0346

*Leslie G. Valiant 7396*

**\*Computer Science 359,360. Online Algorithms and Randomized Algorithms**

Catalog Number: 2104,1477

*Michael D. Mitzenmacher 7748*

**\*Computer Science 375,376. Computer Graphics**

Catalog Number: 6832,7313

*Steven J. Gortler 2824*

## Courses Related to Ethnic Studies

### AN HISTORICAL EDITION OF FAS COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

The following are courses related to themes and issues of ethnicity and race, offered by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in 1999-2000. Courses appear in 3 categories, the first maintains a primary focus on ethnicity in the United States, the second covers courses related to ethnicity and the United States, and the third covers topics related to ethnicity outside the United States. Several courses are listed in more than one category. These lists serve as a guide for learning more about diversity in American cultures and other societies. The more complete, descriptive *Ethnic Studies Guidebook* is available as of September 1, 1999, at University Hall 17.