

CS103 Calendar

<i>Part One: Discrete Mathematics</i>			
Date	Topics	Readings	Assignments
Monday, September 23	<i>Can computers solve all problems?</i> Set Theory The Limits of Computing	Notes, Ch. 1 Handouts Online Guides	PS0 Out
Wednesday, September 25	<i>How do we prove results with certainty?</i> Direct Proofs	Notes, Ch. 2 Handouts	
Friday, September 27	<i>How do we prove something without directly proving it?</i> Proof by Contradiction Proof by Contrapositive	Notes, Ch. 2 Handouts	PS0 Due PS1 Out
Monday, September 30	<i>How can we formalize our reasoning?</i> Propositional Logic		PS1 Checkpoint Due
Wednesday, October 2	<i>How can we reason about collections of objects?</i> First-Order Logic, Part I		
Friday, October 4	<i>How do we rigorously define key terms?</i> First-Order Logic, Part II	Handouts Online Guides	PS1 Due PS2 Out
Monday, October 7	<i>How do we model relationships between objects?</i> Binary Relations Equivalence Relations	Notes, Ch. 5	PS2 Checkpoint Due
Wednesday, October 9	<i>What does it mean to compare two objects?</i> Fundamental Theorem of Equivalence Relations Strict Order Relations	Notes, Ch. 5	
Friday, October 11	<i>How do we model transformations and associations?</i> Functions Injections, Surjections, and Bijections	Handouts Notes, Ch. 6	PS2 Due PS3 Out
Monday, October 14	<i>How do we reason about infinity?</i> Cardinality Diagonalization	Notes, Ch. 6 Online Guides	PS3 Checkpoint Due
Wednesday, October 16	<i>How do we model network structures?</i> Graphs Paths, Cycles, and Connectivity	Notes, Ch. 4	
Friday, October 18	<i>Is disorder truly possible at a large scale?</i> The Pigeonhole Principle Ramsey-Type Results	Notes, Ch. 4	PS3 Due PS4 Out
Monday, October 21	<i>First Midterm Exam (No Class)</i> 7:00PM – 10:00PM, Location TBA Covers topics from PS0 – PS2.		

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Wednesday, October 23	<i>How can we reason about sequential processes?</i> Mathematical Induction	Notes, Ch. 3	
Friday, October 25	<i>How does recursion relation to mathematical proof?</i> Variations on Induction Complete Induction	Notes, Ch. 3 Handouts	PS4 Due PS5 Out
Part Two: Computability Theory			
Monday, October 28	<i>How do we mathematically model computers?</i> Formal Language Theory DFAs	Sipser 1.1	
Wednesday, October 30	<i>What happens if computation involves choices?</i> Regular Languages NFAs	Sipser 1.2	
Friday, November 1	<i>How can we transform machines?</i> Equivalence of DFAs and NFAs Closure Properties of Regular Languages	Sipser 1.2	PS5 Due PS6 Out
Monday, November 4	<i>Can we generate new programs from old programs?</i> Regular Expressions Equivalence of Regular Expressions and NFAs	Sipser 1.3	
Wednesday, November 6	<i>Can computers with finite memory solve all problems?</i> Nonregular Languages The Myhill-Nerode Theorem		
Friday, November 8	<i>How do natural and formal languages overlap?</i> Context-Free Grammars Context-Free Languages	Sipser 2.1	PS6 Due PS7 Out
Monday, November 11	Second Midterm Exam (No Class) 7:00PM – 10:00PM, Location TBA Covers topics from PS3 – PS5.		
Wednesday, November 13	<i>How do we model realistic computers?</i> Turing Machines Designing Turing Machines	Sipser 3.1	
Friday, November 15	<i>How powerful are Turing machines?</i> The Church-Turing Thesis	Sipser 3.3	PS7 Due PS8 Out
Monday, November 18	<i>What does it mean to solve a problem with a computer?</i> R and RE Languages The Universal Turing Machine	Sipser 4.1, 4.2	
Wednesday, November 20	<i>What is the limit of algorithmic problem-solving?</i> Self-Reference Undecidability	Sipser 6.1	
Friday, November 22	<i>What is the full scope of computing power?</i> Verifiers Unrecognizability	Online Guides	PS8 Due PS9 Out
Thanksgiving Break November 25 – 29 No Class			

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<i>Part Three: Complexity Theory</i>			
Monday, December 2	<i>How do we measure the difficulty of problems?</i> The P versus NP Question Reducibility, Part I	Sipser 7.2 Sipser 7.3	
Wednesday, December 4	<i>What makes hard problems hard?</i> Reducibility, Part II NP -Completeness	Sipser 7.4	
Friday, December 6	<i>How does everything fit together?</i> The Big Picture Where to Go from Here		PS9 Due <i>No late submissions</i>
Tuesday, December 10	<i>Final Exam</i> 8:30AM – 11:30AM, Location TBA Covers Topics from PS0 – PS9		