

CS 341 COURSE SYLLABUS – FALL 2025

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CS 341: Foundations of Computer Science II

Number of Credits: 3

Course Description: This course provides an introduction to automata theory, computability theory, and complexity theory. Theoretical models such as finite-state machines, push-down stack machines, and Turing machines are developed and related to issues in programming language theory. Also, the course covers undecidability and complexity classes P, NP, and NPC. *Prerequisites:* ([CS 241](#) or [MATH 226](#)) and [CS 280](#).

Course Objectives (what you are expected to know to complete this course)

1. Automata Theory: Regular Languages (Finite Automata, Regular Expressions), Context-Free Languages (Context-Free Grammars, Pushdown Automata), etc.
2. Computability Theory: Turing Machines, The Church–Turing Thesis, Decidability, Reducibility, etc.
3. Complexity Theory: Time Complexity (Complexity Classes P, NP, and NP-complete), etc.

Textbook: Textbook: Michael Sipser, *Introduction to the Theory of Computation*, Third Edition. Course Technology, 2012. ISBN:113318779X.

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CS 341-001

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Grading Policy: The final grade in this course will be determined as follows:

▪ Quizzes (25%) + Homework/ Projects (5%)	30%
▪ Midterm Exam:	35%
▪ Final Exam:	35%

University-wide Withdrawal Date: Please note that the University Withdrawal Date [Monday, November 10, 2025](#) deadline will be strictly enforced.

Homework Policy: Homework problems will be assigned in class. Please try to do as many as possible, and as time permits for everyone.

Attendance: Attendance at all classes will be recorded and is **mandatory**. Please make sure you read and fully understand the Department's Attendance Policy. This policy will be **strictly** enforced. Absences from class will inhibit your ability to fully participate in class discussions and problem-solving sessions and, therefore, affect your grade. Tardiness to class is very disruptive to the instructor and students and will not be tolerated. Each student should have contact information of several fellow students to get homework assignments and class notes when absent. You are responsible for everything that happens in class whether you are present or not. All cellular phones must be switched off during class.

Makeup Exam Policy: There will be **NO MAKE-UP EXAMS OR QUIZZES** during the semester. In the event the Final Exam is not taken, under rare circumstances where the student has a legitimate reason for missing the final exam, a makeup exam will be administered by the Instructor / CS department. In any case the student must notify the **Dean of Students and the Instructor** that the exam will be missed and present written verifiable proof of the reason for missing the exam, e.g., a doctor's note, police report, court notice, etc., clearly stating the date AND time of the mitigating problem.

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Important Dates (See: [Fall 2025 Academic Calendar, Registrar](#))

Date	Day	Event
September 1, 2025	Monday	Labor Day
September 2, 2025	Tuesday	First Day of Classes
September 8, 2025	Monday	Last Day to Add/Drop Classes
November 10, 2025	Monday	Last Day to Withdraw

November 25, 2025	Tuesday	Thursday Classes Meet
November 26, 2025	Wednesday	Friday Classes Meet
November 27 to November 30, 2025	Thursday and Sunday	Thanksgiving Recess - Closed
December 11, 2025	Thursday	Last Day of Classes
December 12, 2025	Thursday	Reading Day 1
December 13, 2025	Friday	Reading Day 2
December 14 to December 20, 2025	Sunday to Saturday	Final Exam Period

1	Chapter 0	Introduction: Automata, Notation, Definitions & Theorems, Types of Proofs (review of CS241) HW: 0.1-0.9
2-4	Chapter 1	Regular Languages: Finite Automata (DFA), Nondeterminism (NFA), Regular Expressions, Nonregular Languages HW: 1.1-1.11, 1.16+1.17 (can use construction in class), 1.18, 1.19+1.28 (can use construction in class), 1.20, 1.21, 1.29, 1.31
5-7	Chapter 2	Context Free Languages: Context Free Grammars (CFG), Pushdown Automata (PDA), Non-CFL, Chomsky HW: 2.1-2.14, 2.16
7	Chapter 3	The Church-Turing Thesis: Turing Machines HW: 3.1-3.3, 3.5, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 3.11, 3.15, 3.16

8	Midterm	
9-10	Chapter 4	Decidability HW: 4.1-4.8, 4.10-4.14, 4.16, 4.20, 4.21
10-11	Chapter 5	Reducibility HW: 5.1-5.11 (5.16 see lecture)
12-14	Chapter 7	Complexity Theory HW: 7.1-7.8, 7.12, 7.16

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