

CSci 124 Discrete Structures II - 3 credits - Vora

Fall 2010 schedule:

Lectures: Tues., Thurs., 4:45-6:00 pm, 205 Corcoran Hall

Discussion Section: Monday, 12:45-2:00 pm, Tompkins 410

Instructor: Poorvi Vora, Philips 714.

Instructor Office Hours: Tues, Thurs: noon-2, 3-4 pm.

Grader: Nadezhda (Nadya) Radeva, Staughton Hall 102.

Grader Office Hours: Wed: 11am-2pm

If the TA or the instructor is unable to hold office hours, this will be announced on Blackboard mailing lists or in class.

Course Website: <http://www.seas.gwu.edu/~poorvi/Classes/CS124/>

Purpose of course: To provide an introduction to some discrete structures and mathematics used in computer science, such as: linear algebra and algorithmic number theory. To illustrate these ideas using examples from cryptography and audio-video signal processing. CSci 124 satisfies a mathematics requirement in the undergraduate CS curriculum at GW.

Course content: Linear algebra, discrete convolution and polynomial multiplication, algorithmic number theory, complex numbers.

Prerequisites: Introductory discrete math and single-variable calculus.

Text: None. Class notes will be provided on the website.

Grading: HWs (30%), Quizzes (10%), two tests (15% each), final (25%), discussion session (5%). HWs are due by 6 pm on the due date. Late HWs are not allowed. **You will not be allowed the use of laptops, PDAs or calculators and similar devices during quizzes, tests and finals.**

Policy on collaboration: All examinations, papers, and other graded work products and assignments are to be completed in conformance with The George Washington University Code of Academic Integrity. You may discuss HWs among yourselves, and work on them in groups. However, each student is expected to write his or her own HW out independently; you may not copy one another's assignments, even in part. You may not collaborate with others on the final, the tests or the quizzes. You are expected to cite all your sources in

any written work that is not closed book: papers, books, web sites, discussions with others - faculty, friends, students. For example, if, in a group, one student has a major idea that leads to a solution to a HW problem, all other students in the group should cite this student.

Any violations will be treated as violations of the Code of Academic Integrity.

Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact me privately to discuss specific needs. Please contact the Disability Support Services office at 202.994.8250 in the Marvin Center, Suite 242, to establish eligibility and to coordinate reasonable accommodations. For additional information please refer to: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/dss/>.

Syllabus: This is a tentative syllabus. **There will be a quiz every Monday.** (*Note that the course outline given out on the first day of class erroneously said quizzes would be held on Thursdays. They will be held on Mondays in the discussion session*). The final exam will be scheduled by the university.

Lectures 1-5: Rings and Modular Arithmetic

Lectures 6-12: GCD, Subgroups, Homomorphisms, Isomorphisms

Lectures 13-20: Vector Spaces

Lectures 20-28: Polynomial Multiplication, Convolution, FFT

Lecture 12 (7 October): Test 1

Lecture 21 (9 November): Test 2