

**NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**  
**The City University of New York**

**DEPARTMENT:** Mathematics

**COURSE:** MAT 2440

**TITLE:** Discrete Structures and Algorithms I

**DESCRIPTION:** This course introduces the foundations of discrete mathematics as they apply to computer science, focusing on providing a solid theoretical foundation for further work. Topics include functions, relations, sets, simple proof techniques, Boolean algebra, propositional logic, elementary number theory, writing, analyzing and testing algorithms.

**TEXT:** Discrete Mathematics and Its Applications, 7<sup>th</sup> edition by Kenneth H. Rosen  
McGraw-Hill

**CREDITS:** 3 (2 class hours, 2 lab hours)

**PREREQUISITES:** MAT 1375 of higher, and CST 2403 or CST 1201

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A. Testing Guidelines:

The following exams should be scheduled:

1. A one-hour exam at the end of the First Quarter
2. A one-session exam at the end of the Second Quarter
3. A one-hour exam at the end of the Third Quarter
4. A one-session Final Examination

B. A Computer Algebra System will be used in class and for a project.

## Course Intended Learning Outcomes/Assessment Methods

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Methods
<b>1.</b> Use the rules of logic to understand mathematical statements and prove propositions using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A direct proof</li> <li>• An indirect proof</li> <li>• A proof by contradiction</li> <li>• A proof by induction</li> </ul>	Classroom activities and discussion, homework, project, exams.
<b>2.</b> Write simple algorithms using pseudocode and understand the efficiency of algorithms.	Classroom activities and discussion, homework, project, exams.
<b>3.</b> Understand basic number theory topics.	Classroom activities and discussion, homework, project, exams.
<b>4.</b> Use computer technology to assist in the above.	Classroom activities and discussion, homework, project, exams.

## General Education Learning Outcomes/Assessment Methods

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Methods
<b>1.</b> Gather, interpret, evaluate, and apply information discerningly from a variety of sources.	Classroom activities and discussion, homework, project, exams.
<b>2.</b> Understand and employ both quantitative and qualitative analysis to solve problems.	Classroom activities and discussion, homework, project, exams.
<b>3.</b> Employ scientific reasoning and logical thinking.	Classroom activities and discussion, homework, project, exams.
<b>4.</b> Communicate effectively using written and oral means.	Classroom activities and discussion, homework, project, exams.
<b>5.</b> Utilize computer based technology in accessing information, solving problems and communicating.	Classroom activities and discussion, homework, project, exams.
<b>6.</b> Work with teams. Build consensus and use creativity.	Classroom activities and discussion, project, homework.
<b>7.</b> Acquire tools for lifelong learning.	Classroom activities and discussion, homework, project, exams.

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Lec.	Discrete Structures and Algorithms I	Homework
1	1.1 Propositional Logic (1-12)	(P. 12) 1, 3, 9, 11, 23, 27, 29, 31, 37, 44
2	1.2 Applications of Propositional Logic (16-22)	(P. 22) 1-3, 7, 40, 41
3	1.3 Propositional Equivalences (25-34)	(P. 34) 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 23
4	1.4 Predicates and Quantifiers (36-52) 1.5 Nested Quantifiers (57-64)	(P. 53) 1, 2, 4, 7-13 odd, 19, 30, 36 (P. 64) 1, 3, 10, 27, 31, 33
5	1.6 Rules of Inference (69-78)	(P. 79) 5, 6, 19, 20, 35
6	1.7 Introduction to Proofs (80-90)	(P. 91) 1-4, 9-12, 17, 18
7	<b>Test 1</b>	
8	2.1 Sets (115-125)	(P. 125) 1, 5, 11, 19(a)&(b), 27, 28, 31, 35
9	2.2 Set Operations (127-135)	(P. 136) 3, 15(b), 17(b), 21-23, 26, 46, 47, 52-55
10	2.3 Functions (138-152)	(P. 152) 3, 9, 10-12, 15, 20, 23, 30, 33, 39, 42-44, 58-61
11	2.4 Sequences and Summations (156-167)	(P. 167) 3, 9, 25, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 43
12	2.5 Cardinality of Sets (170-176) (optional)	(P. 176) 1, 3, 11
13-15	3.1 Algorithms (191-202)	(P. 202) 1, 3-15 odd, 16-18, 34, 35, 37-39, 52, 53
16	<b>Test 2</b>	
17-18	3.2 The Growth of Functions (204-216)	(P. 216) 1-27 odd, 34-42
19-21	3.3 Complexity of Algorithms (218-229)	(P. 229) 1-5, 20, 22, 36
22	4.1 Divisibility and Modular Arithmetic (23-244)	(P. 244) 1, 9, 15, 21, 26-29, 30, 21
23	4.2 Integer Representations and Algorithms (245-254) 4.3 Primes and Greatest Common Divisors (257-272)	(P. 255) 1-15 odd, 51, 52 (P. 272) 1, 3, 17, 25, 27, 33
24	4.4 Solving Congruences (274-284) 4.5 Applications of Congruences (287-292)	(P. 284) 1, 5, 11, 21, 33, 34, 55 (P. 292) 1-5 odd
25	4.6 Cryptography (294-303)	(P. 304) 1-5 odd
26	<b>Test 3</b>	
27-28	5.1 Mathematical Induction (311-329)	(P. 329) 1-11 odd, 15, 21
28	5.5 Program Correctness (372-376) (optional)	(P. 377) 3,7
29	<b>Review</b>	
30	<b>Final Exam</b>	

## List of Suggested Projects

1. Lecture 13 & 14: Implement the max and linear search algorithms in a programming language.
2. Lecture 21: Timing algorithms by input size.
3. Lecture 23: Primality testing using a programming language.
4. Lecture 24: Implement a hashing function and a pseudorandom generator in a programming language.
5. Lecture 25: Implement a Caesar cipher.
6. Lecture 27: Implement a Tower of Hanoi game.