Schedule of topics
CSC/MAT 208, “Discrete Structures”
Department of Computer Science · Department of Mathematics and Statistics
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January 25: The Aims of the Course.

Reading: Three handouts: “General Information”; “Scheme: a Refresher”; and “Scheme in DrRacket”

January 27: Lab: Scheme in DrRacket

Reading: Handout: “Definitions and Libraries”

January 29: Lab: Definitions and Libraries

February 1 and 3: Lab: Finite Sequences

Reading: Handout: “Combinatorial Problems”

February 5: Combinatorial Problems

Reading: Handout: “Mathematical Induction”

February 8 and 10: Lab: Mathematical Induction

Reading: Handout: “Records in Scheme”

February 12: Lab: Records in Scheme

Reading: Handout: “Classes”

February 15: Implementing Classes (a walkthrough of the (discrete classes) library)

Reading: Handout: “Class Operations”

February 17: Lab: Programming with Classes

Reading: Handout: “Design Patterns for Proofs”

February 19: Lab: Proof Construction

Reading: Handout: “Laws of Classes”

February 22 and 24: Lab: Proofs about Classes

Reading: Handout: “Bags”

February 26: Lab: Generating and Counting Bags

Reading: Handout: “Permutations and Combinations”

February 29 and March 2: Lab: Permutations and Combinations

Reading: Handout: “Class Partitions”

March 4: Lab: Generating Partitions
Reading: Handout: “Stirling Numbers, Bell Numbers, and Integer Partitions”
**March 7 and 9:** Lab: Stirling Numbers, Bell Numbers, and Integer Partitions

**March 11:** Lab: Memoization
Reading: Handout: “The Propositional Calculus”
**March 14:** Lab: The Propositional Calculus
Reading: Handout: “Truth Tables”
**March 16 and 18:** Lab: Evaluating Boolean Expressions
Reading: Handout: “Relations”
**April 4 and 6:** Lab: Implementing relations
Reading: Handout: “Laws of Relations”
**April 8:** Lab: Properties of Relations
Reading: Handout: “Functions”
**April 11 and 13:** Lab: Implementing Finite Functions
Reading: Handout: “The Predicate Calculus”
**April 15:** Lab: Design Patterns for the Use of Quantifiers

**April 18:** Lab: The Predicate Calculus
Reading: Handout: “Semantics of the Predicate Calculus”
**April 20 and 22:** Lab: Evaluating Sentences of the Predicate Calculus in Finite Universes
Reading: Handout: “Numeration”
**April 25:** Lab: Numeration
Reading: Handout: “Binary Trees”
**April 27:** Lab: Binary Trees and Catalan Numbers
Reading: Handout: “Modular Arithmetic”
**April 29:** Lab: Modular Arithmetic
Reading: Handout: “Search with Backtracking”
**May 1:** Lab: Search with Backtracking
Reading: Handout: “Graphs”
**May 4:** Lab: Constructing Graphs
Reading: Handout: “Paths and Circuits”
**May 6:** Lab: Counting Paths
Reading: Handout: “Searching Graphs”

**May 9:** Lab: Depth-First and Breadth-First Search

Reading: Handout: “Finding Shortest Paths”

**May 11:** Lab: Finding Shortest Paths

**May 13:** Review; Student Evaluations

**May 17, 9 a.m.:** Final Examination