DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:

ITC 3413 ALGORITHMS AND COMPLEXITY **3/0/3**

(Updated Spring 2016) **UK LEVEL 5**

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PREREQUISITES:	ITC 1070 LE Information Technology Fundamentals –or – CS 1070 Introduction to Information Systems ITC 2088 Introduction to Programming ITC 3006 Mathematics for Computing MA 1008 College Algebra
CATALOG DESCRIPTION:	Study of algorithms and their complexity. Design, analysis and evaluation of performance. Complexity theory and classes of complexity. O, Big O and Theta notation. Computational classes. Union-Find, Divide and Conquer, Greedy, Dynamic programming, Linear Programming, Search in graphs, NP-completeness.
RATIONALE:	The course aims to acquaint students with the notion of algorithms and complexity, to present generalised techniques for the design and analysis of algorithms for problems that are useful in practice, to argue about the correctness of algorithms, and to become acquainted with the notion of computational classes.
LEARNING OUTCOMES:	As a result of taking this course, the student should be able to: 1. Determine the characteristics of complexity classes and evaluate algorithms in terms of time and space complexity. 2. Choose among the major algorithmic techniques the most appropriate to solve a given problem including discussion of space and time trade-offs. 3. Develop the appropriate algorithms and relevant data structures for graph processing.
METHOD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING:	In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used: • Lectures, class discussions, laboratory practical sessions and problem solving. • Office hours: Students are encouraged to make full use of the office hours of their instructor, where they can ask questions and go over lecture material. • Use of the Blackboard Learning platform, where instructors post lecture notes, assignment instructions, timely announcements, as well as additional resources.
ASSESSMENT:	**Summative:** Project: Problem solving, writing programs **40%** Final Examination **60%** **Formative:** Coursework : programming problems **0** The formative coursework aims to acquaint students with the material and prepare them for the summative assessments.

	The project tests learning outcomes 2 The final examination tests learning outcomes 1,2,3
INDICATIVE READING:	**REQUIRED READING:** Levitin, A. (2012). *Introduction to the design & analysis of algorithms*. Boston: Pearson. **RECOMMENDED READING:** Cormen, T. H. (2009). *Introduction to algorithms*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. Dasgupta, S., & Papadimitriou, C. (2008). *Algorithms*. Boston: McGraw-Hill Higher Education. Edmonds, J. (2008). *How to think about algorithms*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Kleinberg, J., & Tardos, E. (2006). *Algorithm design*. Boston: Pearson/Addison-Wesley. Lewis, H., & Papadimitriou, C. *Elements of the theory of computation* (207). Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice-Hall.
INDICATIVE MATERIAL: *(e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)*	**REQUIRED MATERIAL:** N/A **RECOMMENDED MATERIAL:** Coursera, Algorithms Part-1 https://www.coursera.org/course/algs4partI Udacity, Introduction to algorithms https://www.udacity.com/wiki/cs215
COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:	Daily access to the course's site on the College's Blackboard CMS. Effective presentation skills using proper written and oral English. Communicate and coordinate during team activities.
SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:	Java, C or Python programming languages
WWW RESOURCES:	ACM wiki on algorithms and complexity: http://wiki.acm.org/cs2001/index.php?title=Algorithms_and_complexity Algorithms wiki: http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Algorithms Complexity theory from Wolfram: http://mathworld.wolfram.com/ComplexityTheory.html Information and Computation journal: http://projects.csail.mit.edu/iandc/ Journal of Graph Algorithms and Applications: http://www.cs.brown.edu/sites/jgaa/ ACM journal on experimental Algorithms: http://www.jea.acm.org/about.html

	ACM Transactions on Algorithms http://talg.acm.org/ Journal of the ACM http://jacm.acm.org/ The NP versus P source, http://www.win.tue.nl/~gwoegi/P-versus-NP.htm Algorithms and Complexity resources: http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/research/algorithms/links.html
INDICATIVE CONTENT:	1. The role of algorithms in computing 2. Growth of functions & Asymptotic notations 2.1 Analysis of non-recursive and 2.2 Analysis of recursive algorithms 3. NP-completeness 3. Brute Force 3. Divide and Conquer 5. Hash Tables 6. Space and Time trade-offs 6. Graph Algorithms 7. Dynamic Programming 8. Greedy Algorithms 9. Linear Programming