

School of Computing and Information Sciences

Course Title: Introduction to Combinatorics

Date: 3/20/10

Course Number: MAD-4203

Number of Credits: 3

Subject Area: Foundations	Subject Area Coordinator: Geoffrey Smith email: smithg@cis.fiu.edu
Catalog Description: A survey of the basic techniques of combinatorial mathematics. Topics will include the Pigeonhole Principle, Binomial Coefficients, Inclusion-Exclusion, Recurrence Relations, and Generating Functions.	
Textbook:	
References:	
Prerequisite Courses: MAC 2313 or both MAC 2312 and MAD 2104	
Corequisite Courses: None	

Type: Elective

Prerequisites Topics:

Course Outcomes:

1. Master basic techniques of combinatorics such as the pigeonhole principle, binomial coefficients, and the inclusion-exclusion principle.
2. Master basic techniques for solving recurrence relations.
3. Be familiar with generating functions and their applications.

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Relationship between Course Outcomes and Program Outcomes

BS in CS: Program Outcomes	Course Outcomes
a) Demonstrate proficiency in the foundation areas of Computer Science including mathematics, discrete structures, logic and the theory of algorithms	1, 2, 3
b) Demonstrate proficiency in various areas of Computer Science including data structures and algorithms, concepts of programming languages and computer systems.	2
c) Demonstrate proficiency in problem solving and application of software engineering techniques	
d) Demonstrate mastery of at least one modern programming language and proficiency in at least one other.	
e) Demonstrate understanding of the social and ethical concerns of the practicing computer scientist.	
f) Demonstrate the ability to work cooperatively in teams.	
g) Demonstrate effective communication skills.	

Assessment Plan for the Course & how Data in the Course are used to assess Program Outcomes

Student and Instructor Course Outcome Surveys are administered at the conclusion of each offering, and are evaluated as described in the School's Assessment Plan:
<http://www.cis.fiu.edu/programs/undergrad/cs/assessment/>

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Outline

Topic	Number of Lecture Hours	Outcome
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Course Outcomes Emphasized in Laboratory Projects / Assignments

Outcome	Number of Weeks
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Oral and Written Communication

No significant coverage

Written Reports		Oral Presentations	
Number Required	Approx. Number of pages	Number Required	Approx. Time for each
0	0	0	0

Social and Ethical Implications of Computing Topics

No significant coverage

Topic	Class time	student performance measures

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Approximate number of credit hours devoted to fundamental CS topics

Fundamental CS Area	Core Hours	Advanced Hours
Algorithms:		
Software Design:		
Computer Organization and Architecture:		
Data Structures:		
Concepts of Programming Languages		

Theoretical Contents

Topic	Class time
Combinatorics	40 hours

Problem Analysis Experiences

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Solution Design Experiences

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The Coverage of Knowledge Units within Computer Science Body of Knowledge¹

Knowledge Unit	Topic	Lecture Hours
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¹See <http://www.computer.org/education/cc2001/final/chapter05.htm> for a description of Computer Science Knowledge units