



Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
2026 Winter Session
CSC 400 Algorithm Design and Analysis
Course Outline

Course Code: CSC 400

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Credit: 4

Class Hours:

This course will have 60 class hours, including 32 lecture hours, professor 8 office hours, 8-hour TA discussion sessions, 4-hour review sessions, 8-hour extra classes.

Course Description:

The purpose of the course is to study how to design and analyze computer program algorithms to solve real-world problems. The course will begin with a review of the concept of algorithm complexity and basic graph algorithms; and then cover algorithm design approaches such as greedy, divide and conquer, and dynamic programming; then, a network flow problem will be introduced and algorithm design by reduction to a network flow problem will be discussed; then, the notion of problem reduction will be used to discuss and prove the computational intractability (i.e., hardness) of a problem; time permitting, approaches to handling intractable problems, such as approximation algorithms and local search algorithms, will be discussed as well.

Course Objectives:

After completing this course the student will be able to abstract a real-world problem to a computational problem and design an algorithm to solve the problem computationally and analyze its running time and storage space complexities.

Required Textbooks:



Jon Kleinberg and Eva Tardos, Algorithm Design, Addison Wesley.

Grading System (1 ~ 100)

A+ : 96 - 100	A : 91 - 95
B+ : 86 - 90	B : 81 - 85
C+ : 76 - 80	C : 71 - 75
D+ : 66 - 70	D : 60 - 65
F : 0 - 59	
Pa : Pass	Fa : Fail

Course Schedule:

Week1

- Understand Algorithm Complexity
- Graph Algorithm
 - BFS
 - DFS
 - Dijkstra
 - Floyd Warshall
 - Prims
 - Kruskal
- Divide and Conquer
 - Binary Search
 - Merge Sort
 - Quick Sort
 - Karatsuba Algorithm for fast multiplication
- Homework -1

Week2

- Divide and Conquer
 - Finding convex hull
 - Strassen's matrix multiplication
 - Find the closest pair of points
 - Algorithm for fast Fourier transform
- Greedy Algorithm
 - Activity Selection Problem
 - Graph Coloring Problem
 - Job Sequencing Problem
 - Huffman Coding



- *Midterm Exam*

Week3

- Dynamic Programming
 - Longest Common Subsequence
 - Longest Increasing Subsequence
 - Edit Distance
 - Minimum Partition
 - Longest Path in Matrix
 - Subset Sum Problem
 - 0-1 Knapsack Problem
 - Boolean Parenthesization Problem
- *Homework - 2*

Week4

- Network Flow Applications
- Computation and Intractability
- NP-Hard Problem
- *Final Exam*

