

## CSCI 550: *Theory of Computing*

### Abbreviated Syllabus for Spring Semester 2006

Visit <http://www.ecst.csuchico.edu/~juliano/csci550> for additional detail.

#### Prerequisites

- MATH 317, *Discrete Mathematical Structures*
- Junior-level standing recommended

#### Description

3 units. An introduction to formal languages, grammars, and automata theory with unsolvable problems. Formerly CSCI 256.

Class #	Section	Act	Days	Time	Room	Instructors
2244	CSCI 550-01	DIS	TR	0930-1045am	MLIB 031	Dr. J Juliano@csuChico.edu

#### Instructor Information

Dr. Juliano (a.k.a. Dr. J)  
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*Appointments and walk-ins welcome.*

#### Required Textbook

*Introduction to Automata Theory, Languages, and Computation, 2/e*

J.E. Hopcroft, R. Motwani, and J.D. Ullman, 2001.  
 Addison Wesley, Boston, Massachusetts.  
 ISBN 0-201-44124-1

2. Students will also be using *JFLAP*, the **Java Formal Languages & Automata Package**, developed by Dr. Rodger and her students at Duke University.
3. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with Dr. J's general policies and expectations as detailed online at [/~juliano/Teaching/Policies.html](http://~juliano/Teaching/Policies.html)

#### Grade Evaluation

Theoretical Component (50%)	
40%	Midterm, Thurs, March 9, 9:30-10:45 am
60%	Finals, Tue, May 16, 12:00-1:50 pm
Practical Component (50%)	
100%	Any in-class quizzes, written homework and laboratory ( <i>JFLAP</i> ) assignments

*Also see the on-line syllabus for details of final grade calculation.*

#### Additional Requirements

1. Students are expected to open and maintain a *Chico State Connection* (CSC) Portal (see <http://portal.csuchico.edu>) account in order to access up-to-date *WebCT* tools that include an on-line calendar of events, current scores, discussion board, etc.

#### Additional Information

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