

CSCI 550: Theory of Computing

Abbreviated Syllabus for Spring Semester 2007

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	Instructor(s)
7078	CSCI 550-01	DIS	TR	0400-0515pm	OCNL 237	Dr. J Juliano@csuChico.edu

Instructor Information

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Appointments and walk-ins welcome.

Required Textbook

Introduction to Automata Theory, Languages, and Computation, 3/e **NEW**
J.E. Hopcroft, R. Motwani, and J.D. Ullman, 2007.
Addison Wesley, Boston, Massachusetts.
ISBN 0-321-46225-4

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.

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 Exam , Wed, Mar 14, 4:00-5:15 pm
60%	Final Exam , Mon, May 14, 6:00-7:50 pm
Practical Component (50%)	
90%	In-class quizzes, written homework and <i>JFLAP</i> assignments
10%	(Mandatory) Class participation: presentation and discussion of homework solutions

See the on-line syllabus for details of final grade calculation.

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