

This sheet summarizes information for the course CSC 373 H1F (“Algorithm Design & Analysis”) during the Fall term of 2008 on the St. George campus at the University of Toronto. Please consult the course website for full details about all the information, rules and policies summarized on this sheet.

Website &
Forum

Website: <http://www.cs.utoronto.ca/~fpitt/20089/CSC373/>

Forum: <https://csc.cdf.toronto.edu/bb/YaBB.pl?board=CSC373H1F>

The website will always contain the most up-to-date information regarding the course. *You are responsible for all announcements posted on the course forum; please check it at least weekly.*

Instructor

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Textbooks

Required: Jon Kleinberg & Éva Tardos: *Algorithm Design*. Copyright 2006 Pearson Education, ISBN: 0-321-29535-8. (Used for readings and exercises throughout the term.)

Recommended: Jeff Edmonds: *How to Think About Algorithms*. Copyright 2008 Cambridge University Press, ISBN: 978-0-521-61410-8.

Grading
Scheme

- Six exercises due on Sep 16, Sep 23, Oct 14, Oct 21, Nov 11, Nov 18 at the *start* of class, worth 1.5% each. *To be completed individually; see the policy on academic offences below.*
- Three assignments due on Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 25 at the *start* of class, worth 8% each. *To be completed in groups of 3–4 students* (details are on the course website).
- Three term tests on Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2 during class, worth 11% each. *Closed-book.*
- One final exam, during exam period (Dec 8–19) worth 34%. *One aid sheet allowed.*
- Late exercises or assignments will not be accepted, except if you use up some of your “grace days” (one per student for group work), or for documented unusual circumstances—see the **Policy on grace days** and the **Policy on special consideration** on the website.
- On tests and exam, answering “I don’t know” (and nothing else) is worth 20%, to encourage awareness of (and honesty about) your level of understanding. *This does not apply to exercises and assignments, where you have time to ask questions and learn.*
- To pass this course, you must achieve a mark of 33.33% on the final exam and a combined average of 33.33% on all three term tests.

Email Policy

Please use email for personal matters only; post all other questions/comments on the course forum. Please use a descriptive subject line (for email, always include the course number). To help prevent your messages being incorrectly tagged as spam, please email or post from your CDF account or your UTORmail account (see www.utorid.utoronto.ca) and avoid using HTML or MIME (see the website for details). We will generally answer queries within two business days (not counting weekends), although we may take longer during particularly busy times (*e.g.*, around assignment due dates). For your own sake, please do not rely on getting same-day answers (which we can not guarantee, unfortunately).

Academic
Offences

The work you hand in (exercises, assignments, tests, and exam) must not contain anyone else’s work or ideas without proper attribution. In particular, the actual writeup of your exercises and assignments must be done in isolation from other students (for individual work) or groups (for group work) and without copying from notes or other sources. This ensures that your solution is truly your own, and that your grade reflects your own understanding of the course material. *To be safe, do not let others look at your solutions, even in draft form and even after the due date.* Please read the **Guidelines for Avoiding Plagiarism** page on the course website.