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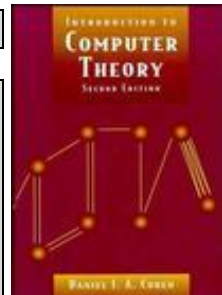
**Course Syllabus<sup>#</sup>**

CSCI549

**AUTOMATA THEORY**

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*Department of Computer Science  
College of Sciences and Engineering*



# Course syllabus is tentative and subject to change at any time during the semester. Any changes will be announced in class.

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**Class Meetings:** MTWR 2:01p-4:00p Location: JOUR129 - **CSCI 549-03E – Hours:3**  
Meets 5/18/2015 through 6/3/2015

**Textbook:**

*Introduction to Computer Theory* by Daniel I. A. Cohen  
John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1997, 2nd Ed. ISBN 0-471-13772-3

**Tentative Schedule:**

PART I: Chapters 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11  
PART II: Chapters 12,13,14,15,16 and 17  
PART III: Chapters 19 and 20

**Course Objectives:**

This course is one of the five core courses for M.S. degree in Computer Science at Texas A&M University - Commerce. The primary goal of this course is to provide fundamental introduction to the design of programming languages (PL). Both the theoretical foundations of PL and its practical aspect will be studied by covering chapters 1 through 20. The fundamental topics to be covered in this course include regular expressions, finite automata, (non-)regular languages, context-free grammars, regular grammars, Chomsky normal forms, pushdown automata, (non-)context-free languages, parsing and Turing machines. These fundamentals are essential prerequisite for those who may pursue more advanced topics and applications of Computer Science. Since the ultimate goal of automata theory is the construction of efficient program languages, no study of automata is complete without some experience designing grammars. For this purpose, a medium-scale program language design project will be assigned as a class project. The design project is an essential part of the successful course completion. The grading will be based on the following criteria:

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLO):**

1. Understand the concept of formal languages through such mechanism as regular expression, recursive definitions, finite automata, transition graph, Mealy machine and Moore machine.
2. Apply Kleene's theorem and pumping lemma for the design and management of regular and non-regular languages.

3. Construct context free, regular, Chomsky normal form grammars to design computer languages
4. Design and construct a pushdown automata and a Turing machine for a computer language
5. Design and implement the LR(1) parser for a computer language

**Students with Disabilities Act Compliance:**

Students requesting accommodations for disabilities must go through the Academic Support Committee. For more information, please contact the Director of Disability Resources & Services, Halladay Student Services Bldg., Room 303D, (903) 886-5835

**Academic Ethics and Honesty Statement:**

Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. "All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment." (See Student's Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct).

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on tests, plagiarism and collusion. **Cheating** includes copying from another student's test or homework assignments or projects or quizzes, using materials not authorized, collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test, knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, or soliciting the contents of an unadministered test, and substituting for another person to take a test. **Plagiarism** is the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own written work. **Collusion** is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements. Academic dishonesty is a serious offense in college. You will be given not only a failing grade on the assignment or test, but also a failing grade for the class. Further, it will result in suspension from college.

**Plagiarism:**

In any written paper or test or assignment or quiz or project including code and document, you are guilty of the academic offense known as plagiarism if you half-copy or copy the author's sentences, words or any part of the content. **This will result in an automatic grade of "F" for the course.** Hence any of these must be fully avoided in order not to fail from the class. Students copying from work done in previous semesters by former students as well as copying from internet sources without proper reference will result in the failure of the course. You cannot mix the author's words with your own or "plug" your synonyms into the author's sentence structure. To prevent unintentional borrowing, resist the temptation to look at the source as you write. The author's words, phrases, sentences must be put in your words, in your way of writing! When you do this, you are demonstrating the ability of understanding and comprehension!

**Food and Drink Policy:**

Food, drinks, and tobacco products are prohibited in Eastfield College classrooms.

**Attendance Policy:**

Students are expected to be present at all class lectures. The fact that classes are scheduled is evidence that attendance is important and students should, therefore, maintain regular attendance if they are to attain maximum success in the pursuit of their studies. If a student is absent from class on the due date of any assignment due to unavoidable circumstances, he should make every effort to contact the instructor to notify and is expected to make alternative arrangements ASAP to assure that the assignment is turned in ON TIME. Any excuse for the absence from the class must be made before the

class period through email, phone, and/or other means of communication. Any student who misses 2 or more days/classes will automatically be dropped one letter grade. Any student who misses 4 or more days/classes will automatically result in the failure of class. NOTE: There are no extra points for coming to class. Any student wishing to withdraw from the course must do so officially as outlined in the class schedule. THE INSTRUCTOR CANNOT DROP OR WITHDRAW ANY STUDENT.

**Course Requirement Deadlines:**

Credit will be given for ONLY those exam(s), program(s), and/or project(s) turned in no later than the deadline(s) as announced by the instructor of this class unless prior arrangement has been made with the instructor.

**Method of Evaluation (Tentative):**

Two Tests	(80%, in class – all closed book – 30/50)
Term Project	(20%)

**Course Grade System:**

- 100 – 90 - A
- 89 – 80 - B
- 79 – 70 - C
- 69 – 60 - D
- Below 60 - F

**Tentative Course Outline (subject to change):**

MEETINGS	DATES	SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED
1	5/18(M)	Course introduction Chapters 2 & 3 (language & RD) Chapter 4 (regular expressions)
2	5/19(T)	Chapter 5 (finite automata) Chapters 6 & 7 (TG & Kleene's theorem)
3	5/20(W)	Chapters 8 & 9 (Mealy & Moore machines) Chapters 10 & 12 (NRL & CFG)
4	5/21(R)	Chapters 13 & 14 (CNFG & PDA)
5	5/26 (T)	Midterm Exam
6	5/27(W)	Projects – Phase I (Project Discussion)
7	5/28 (R)	Chapters 17 & 19 (CFL & TM)
8	6/1 (M)	Final Exams
9	6/2(T)	Project Presentations
10	6/3(W)	Reserved for special projects