

CS 350  
Theoretical Foundations of Computer Science II

Syllabus

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Office Hours:

Tues, Thurs. after class;

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Text: Hopcroft, Motwani, and Ullman, Introduction to  
Automata Theory, Languages, and Computation

Grading:

There will be 5 to 7 assignments.

There will be two midterm exams, and a final test.

First test: Tuesday February 20.

Second test: Tuesday, April 3.

Final test: Tuesday, May 1, 4:15-6:45 p.m. The final test  
will be cumulative - it will cover the entire semester's  
material.

The semester grade will be based on:

Assignments	14%
Midterms	50% (25% each)
Final	36%

Course material:

Regular languages: Finite state automata, regular expressions,  
properties of regular languages.

Context free languages: Context free grammars, pushdown automata,  
properties of context free languages.

Turing machines and their associated languages.

Computability and decidability.

Computational complexity.

Other: The course meets 5:30-6:45 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, in  
Education Bldg 237.