CS 3613: Theoretical Foundations of Computing  Spring 2019  
Course Information  (Last Revised on January 15, 2019) 

1. General Information  
   Instructor: H. K. Dai  
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2. Course Description in Current University Catalog  

3. Course Goals  
The goal of CS 3613 is to give students an ability to develop and rigorously reason about abstract formal models of computations, and to learn the powers and limitations of such formalism. “Classical” models, such as finite automata / regular expressions, pushdown automata / context-free grammars, and Turing machines will be studied in depth. 

4. Course Materials and References  
3. Lecture notes (sketchy): from course instructor. 

5. Homework and Examinations  
There will be about 4-5 homework assignments, a few unannounced quizzes, one test, and one final examination. 

6. Course Grade  
The course grade is based on the homework (30%), unannounced quizzes (10%) and test (25%), and final examination (35%). The passing letter-grade is determined by the following partition of the course grades:  

D : [50, 60); C : [60, 70); B : [70, 85); and A : [85, 100] 

7. Miscellaneous  
1. Lectures: Lectures are not mandatory, but historically, students with active attendance have done significantly better on examinations than their less frequently attending classmates. 
2. Homework: Problem sets form an important part of the learning in the course, and thus, you are required to do them in order to pass. 
3. Collaboration: You are encouraged to collaborate in study groups on the solution of the homework. If you do collaborate you must write up solutions on your own and acknowledge your collaboration in the write-up for each problem. If you obtain a solution with help (e.g., through library work, another student, etc.), acknowledge your source, and write up the solution on your own. 

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8. **Academic Dishonesty or Misconduct**

Refer to the section in “University Academic Regulations” in current “University Catalog”
(http://registrar.okstate.edu/)

9. **Adding/Dropping/Withdrawing, Important Dates, and Syllabus Attachment**

1. **Test and Final Examination:** Tentative date for the test is March 5 (Tuesday), 2019.
   
   Adopting “Spring 2019 Final Exam Schedule”, the firm time/date for final examination is 10:00 – 11:50 am, May 7 (Tuesday), 2019 in regular class meeting place.
   
   Refer to the section in “Spring 2019 Final Exams”:
   
   http://registrar.okstate.edu/Exams

2. **Adding/Dropping/Withdrawing and Important Dates:** Refer to the section in “Academic Calendar”:
   
   http://registrar.okstate.edu/

3. **Syllabus Attachment:** Refer to:
   
   http://academicaffairs.okstate.edu/content/resources-students