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Prerequisites: An undergraduate data structures and algorithms class.

Grading: Homework (70%), Final (30%). Percentages are approximate.

- Final: 8:30 – 10:20 a.m. on Monday, March 14, 2005.

Course Web: All handouts and a log of all mail sent to the class mailing list will also be available on the course web at the following URL:

http://www.cs.washington.edu/education/courses/521/CurrentQtr/

Mailing List: The class mailing list is cse521@cs.washington.edu. Instructions for subscribing to the class mailing list can be found on the course web.

We will use this list for announcements of general interest to the class. Students should also feel free to use it to ask questions, post information, or initiate discussions of general interest to the class. Questions or comments that are not of general interest should instead be directed to the TA or instructor at the addresses above.
**Textbook:** We will be using a draft of a book by Jon Kleinberg and Eva Tardos from Cornell University during the first 3-4 weeks of the quarter. It is available for purchase at Professional Print and Copy, located at 4200 University Way NE.

Other books and handouts will be used later in the course.

**Homework:** There will be weekly homework sets, generally due on Wednesdays. Late homeworks will not receive credit. (If a genuine emergency situation prevents you from handing in an assignment on time, come talk to one of us and we can work something out. Similarly, if you can anticipate an extraordinary or unusual circumstance that will necessitate an extension, please talk to us ahead of time.)

**Academic Integrity:** You are allowed to collaborate on the homework to the extent of formulating ideas as a group. However, you must write up the solutions to each problem set completely on your own. Please list the names of everyone that you discussed the problem set with. Needless to say, you are expected to maintain the utmost level of academic integrity in the course.