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**Catalog Description**

This course is an introductory course on bioinformatics algorithms and the computational ideas that have driven them. The course includes discussions of different techniques that can be used to solve a large number of practical problems in biology.

**Textbooks**


**References**

**Course Learning Outcomes**

- To learn basic concepts in molecular biology.
- To learn the basic algorithms used in bioinformatics applications.

**Assessment of the Contribution to Student Outcomes**

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**Prerequisites by Topic**

CS 330 with a grade of C or better or graduate standing.
## Major Topics Covered in the Course

1. Molecular Biology Primer {7 classes}
2. Exhaustive Search {6 classes}
3. Greedy Algorithms {3 classes}
4. Dynamic Programming Algorithms {6 classes}
5. Divide-and-Conquer Algorithms {3 classes}
6. Graph Algorithms {6 classes}
7. Clustering and Trees {6 classes}
8. Randomized Algorithms {3 classes}