Theory of Computation (COMP0003)

Description

Aims:
The module aims to introduce students to formal logical reasoning and to fundamental concepts in the theory of computation and formal languages.

Learning outcomes:
On successful completion of the module, a student will be able to:
1. identify and reason with the logical content of arguments;
2. recognise, write down and reason about automata and language grammars;
3. carry out standard proofs and refutations involving logic and computational models.

Content:
This course introduces students to the theory of computation. The first 5 weeks of the course will focus on mathematical logic, including: propositional logic, first-order logic, proof by induction and modal logic. The second 5 weeks will focus on fundamentals of computation, automata and language theory.

Requisites:
In order to be eligible to select this module, a student must be registered on a programme for which it is a formally-approved option or elective choice AND must have A-level Mathematics (or equivalent).

Key information

Year: 2019/20
Credit value: 15 (150 study hours)
Delivery: UG L4, Campus-based
Reading List: View on UCL website
Tutor: Dr James Brotherston
Term: Term 1
Timetable: View on UCL website

Assessment

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