

Course Syllabus

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Graduate Programming Languages

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Summary

This course is an introduction to programming language principles and theory. I'll focus on the Lambda Calculus, the Agda dependently-typed programming language and proof assistant, and Type theory

Here is how to get Agda:

- I'm working on getting Agda installed on the department linux machines, but I expect you will want it on your own machine.
- Agda web site wiki.portal.chalmers.se/agda/pmwiki.php (<https://wiki.portal.chalmers.se/agda/pmwiki.php>)
be sure to install Emacs and Agda-mode, or you will be very unhappy










We will use this book (its free on the internet)














[Programming Language Foundations in Agda \(https://plfa.github.io/\)](https://plfa.github.io/)















Assignments: 60%. Midterm Exam 20%, Final Exam: 20%.














See the **assignments** page in Canvas for a calendar of topics and assignments.














Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Tue Jan 21, 2020	 Class Introduction (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495169&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Thu Jan 23, 2020	 Introduction to Lambda Calculus (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495170&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Tue Jan 28, 2020	 Installation of Agda and Logistics (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495173&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Thu Jan 30, 2020	 PLFA: Naturals: Natural numbers (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495174&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Mon Feb 3, 2020	 Lambda Calculus Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4910575)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Feb 4, 2020	 Induction: Proof by induction (1) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495189&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Thu Feb 6, 2020	 Induction: Proof by induction (2) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495190&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Fri Feb 7, 2020	 Natural Numbers Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4909176)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Feb 11, 2020	 Relations: Inductive definition of relations (1) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495365&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Thu Feb 13, 2020	 Relations: Inductive definition of relations (2) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495366&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Fri Feb 14, 2020	 Induction Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4910494)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Feb 18, 2020	 Equality: Equality and equational reasoning (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495368&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm

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Thu Feb 20, 2020	 Isomorphism: Isomorphism and embedding (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495374&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Fri Feb 21, 2020	 Relations Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4910568)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Feb 25, 2020	 Connectives: Conjunction, disjunction, and implication (1) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495418&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Thu Feb 27, 2020	 Discussion: Sorting (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1507066&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Tue Mar 3, 2020	 Connectives: Conjunction, disjunction, and implication (2) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495419&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Thu Mar 5, 2020	 Negation: Negation, with intuitionistic and classical logic (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495450&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Fri Mar 6, 2020	 Isomorphism Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4910595)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Mar 10, 2020	 Quantifiers: Universals and existentials (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495453&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
Thu Mar 12, 2020	 Midterm EXAM updated (AGAIN) (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4910658)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Mar 16, 2020	 SPRING BREAK (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495462&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12am
Tue Mar 17, 2020	 SPRING BREAK (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495463&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12am
Wed Mar 18, 2020	 SPRING BREAK (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495464&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12am
Thu Mar 19, 2020	 SPRING BREAK (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495465&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12am

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Fri Mar 20, 2020	 SPRING BREAK (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495466&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12am
Mon Mar 23, 2020	 Spring Break (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1544858&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12am
Tue Mar 24, 2020	 Spring Break (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1544859&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12am
Wed Mar 25, 2020	 Spring Break (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1544860&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12am
Thu Mar 26, 2020	 Spring Break (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1544862&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12am
Fri Mar 27, 2020	 Spring Break (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1544863&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12am
Sun Mar 29, 2020	 Test Meeting (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599364&include_contexts=course_1276467)	4pm to 5pm
Mon Mar 30, 2020	 Connectives Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4910623)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Mar 31, 2020	 Decidable: Booleans and decision procedures (1) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495455&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599341&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm
Thu Apr 2, 2020	 Lists: Lists and higher-order functions (1) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495457&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599342&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm
Fri Apr 3, 2020	 Negation Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4910626)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Apr 6, 2020	 Quantifiers Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4910627)	due by 11:59pm

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Tue Apr 7, 2020	 Lists: Lists and higher-order functions (2) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495458&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599343&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm
Thu Apr 9, 2020	 Lambda: Introduction to Lambda Calculus (1) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495460&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599344&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm
Fri Apr 10, 2020	 Decidable Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4910628)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Apr 14, 2020	 Lambda: Introduction to Lambda Calculus (2) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495461&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599345&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm
Thu Apr 16, 2020	 Properties: Progress and Preservation (1) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495467&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599346&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm
Fri Apr 17, 2020	 Lists Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4910635)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Apr 21, 2020	 Properties: Progress and Preservation (2) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495468&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599347&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm
Thu Apr 23, 2020	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599348&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm

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Fri Apr 24, 2020	 Lambda Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4944779)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Apr 28, 2020	 DeBruijn: Intrinsically-typed de Bruijn representation (1) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495469&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599349&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm
Thu Apr 30, 2020	 More: Additional constructs of simply-typed lambda calculus (There is no assignment associated with this event) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1500740&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599350&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm
Fri May 1, 2020	 Properties Exercises DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4910670)	due by 11:59pm
Tue May 5, 2020	 Bisimulation: Relating reduction systems (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1545164&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599351&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm
Thu May 7, 2020	 Class wrapup (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1495475&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 2pm
	 Sp20 - Grad PL (50740) (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1599352&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm to 1:45pm
Fri May 8, 2020	 DeBruijn: Intrinsically-typed de Bruijn representation DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4974436)	due by 11:59pm
Wed May 13, 2020	 Final Exam Take Home ASSIGNED (https://utexas.instructure.com/calendar?event_id=1545203&include_contexts=course_1276467)	12:30pm
Mon May 18, 2020	 Final Exam Take-Home DUE (https://utexas.instructure.com/courses/1276467/assignments/4974439)	due by 11:59pm