

## CS435 SOFTWARE TESTING METHODOLOGIES

### **Course Description and Objectives:**

Software testing is a subject where the student will learn and apply basic skills needed to create and automate the test plan of a software project. It aims to describe principles and strategies for generating system test cases and to understand the essential characteristics of tools used for test automation.

### **Course Outcomes:**

Students who have completed this course would have learned

- Various test processes and continuous quality improvement
- Types of errors and fault models
- Methods of test generation from requirements
- Behavior modeling using UML: Finite state machines (FSM)
- Test adequacy assessment using: control flow, data flow, and program mutations

### **UNIT I - Introduction**

Purpose of testing, Dichotomies, model for testing, consequences of bugs, taxonomy of bugs Flow graphs and Path testing: Basics concepts of path testing, predicates, path predicates and achievable paths, path sensitizing, path instrumentation, application of path testing.

### **UNIT II - Transaction Flow & Domain Testing**

Transaction flows, transaction flow testing techniques. Dataflow testing:- Basics of dataflow testing, strategies in dataflow testing, application of dataflow testing.

Domains and paths, Nice & ugly domains, domain testing, domains and interfaces testing, domain and interface testing, domains and testability.

### **UNIT III - Path products and expressions**

Path products & path expression, reduction procedure, applications, regular expressions & flow anomaly detection.

**UNIT IV - Logic Based Testing & State, State Graphs and Transition testing**

Overview, decision tables, path expressions, kv charts, specifications.

State graphs, good & bad state graphs, state testing, Testability tips.

**UNIT V - Graph Matrices and Application**

Motivational overview, matrix of graph, relations, power of a matrix, node reduction algorithm, building tools. Usage of JMeter and Winrunner tools for functional / Regression testing (Ref Text book2).

**TEXT BOOKS:**

1. Boris Beizer, "Software Testing Techniques", 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Dreamtech, 2006.
2. Dr.K.V.K.K.Prasad, "Software Testing Tools", 1<sup>st</sup> ed., Dreamtech. 2008.

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1. Brian Marick, "The craft of software testing", 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Pearson Education, 2007.
2. Edward Kit, "Software Testing in the Real World ", 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Pearson Education, 2008.