Course Objectives: This course makes students understand the concepts and theory related to software testing. Understand different testing techniques used in designing test plans, developing test suites, and evaluating test suite coverage. Understand how software developers can integrate a testing framework into code development in order to incrementally develop and test code.

Introduction: Terminology, evolving nature of area, Errors, Faults and Failures, Correctness and reliability, Testing and debugging, Static and dynamic testing, Exhaustive testing: Theoretical foundations: impracticality of testing all data, impracticality of testing all paths, no absolute proof of correctness.

Software Verification and Validation Approaches and their Applicability: Software technical reviews; Software testing: levels of testing - module, integration, system, regression; Testing techniques and their applicability-functional testing and analysis, structural testing and analysis, error-oriented testing and analysis, hybrid approaches, integration strategies, transaction flow analysis, stress analysis, failure analysis, concurrency analysis, performance analysis; Proof of correctness; simulation and prototyping; Requirement tracing.

Test Generation: Test generations from requirements, Test generation pats, Data flow analysis, Finite State Machines models for flow analysis, Regular expressions based testing, Test Selection, Minimizations and Prioritization, Regression Testing.

Program Mutation Testing: Introduction, Mutation and mutants, Mutation operators, Equivalent mutants, Fault detection using mutants, Types of mutants, Mutation operators for C and Java.

Laboratory Work: To Use various verification and validation testing tools and to apply these tools on few examples and case studies

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