

Course:

**CMPSC 200 Formal Languages and Automata**

3 hours

Departments/Programs:

Physics, Astronomy, and Computer Science

An overview of formal models of computation and complexity classes. Topics include formal languages (finite automata, regular expressions, push-down automata, context-free grammars, and Turing machines), Church's thesis, computability, non-determinism, and NP-completeness. Same as [MATH 200 Formal Languages and Automata](#).

*Prerequisite(s): Grade of "C" or better in either [CMPSC 100 Discrete Mathematics](#) or [MATH 111 Introduction to Higher Mathematics](#) and junior standing.*

(Normally offered alternate years.)