

**NET3004 A/OSS 3004 A**  
**Data Structures (0.5 credit)**

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**Course Description**

Specification and design of abstract data types and their implementation as stacks, queues, trees, tables and graphs. Common and useful examples. Parsing and finite state machines. Analysis of algorithms, recursion, re-entrance. Special focus: abstraction, interface specification and hierarchical design using object-oriented programming.

**Prerequisite:** Basics (i.e., encapsulation, inheritance, polymorphism) of object-oriented design and programming (c++) as provided in BIT 2400.

**Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this course students should be able to:

- Understand the specification, design, implementation and use of basic abstract data types (ADT).
- Get familiar with C++ code implementation using either Visual Studio, Apache Netbeans or CodeBlocks
- Get a basic understanding of object-oriented design and of relevant Unified Modeling Language notation.
- Explain the concepts of data structure such as time and space complexity, the systematic methods of organizing and accessing data in algorithms.

**Textbook/Reference Material:**

**Required:**

- Open Data Structures (in C++). Pat Morin, 2013

**Highly Recommended resources:**

- Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis in C++. Clifford A. Shaffer , 2014
- Selected readings from different online resources

**Compiler:**

Students have the options to use any compiler they are familiar with which may include:

- Visual studio 2017 and higher
  - Visual studio code with “Code Runner” extension (C/C++)
  - NetBeans and/or CodeBlocks
- \*Testing the codes with at least 2 compilers is a good practice.

**Course Organization:**

The course consists of online asynchronous lectures, discussion, and assignments. Some lectures will have a short, pre-recorded videos to be available via links on CUlearn.

**Course Grading:**

	%
Individual Assignments and reports	40
Mid-term Test	20
Final Exam (to be scheduled by Exam Services and held during the formal examination period)	30
Participation /Attendance	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

- Total of four Individual assignments will cover topics related to the course content discussed during past weeks. Students will need to research and send the codes or reports by the dates shown in the table below.
- Participation/attendance will be evaluated based on the weekly activity by the students. Each week students will be tasked to conduct an online research (i.e. web articles/ tutorial videos) and write one paragraph to include any extra feature(s) or characteristics of a data structure topic they learned from that research.
- Mid-term test and final exam structure could be modified, based on the progress and feedbacks.

**Course Policies:**

Students must achieve a minimum grade of 50% on the final exam and a minimum grade of 40% on the written assignments to pass the course.

**Course Schedule/List of Topics by Week:**

Week	Due Date	Topics / Assignments	Reading / Assignment
1	Sep. 15th	Course Overview Introduction to Data structure	course outline. Reading List. (chapters of the books will be assigned for weekly reading)
2	Sep 22nd	C++ compiler (either options) See compiler section. -Intro to Complexity	Assignment 1
3	Sep 29th	Complexity Analysis +Arrays	
4	October 6th... Assignment 1	Linked Lists Skip Lists	Assignment 2
5	October 13th	Hashing/ Hash Tables	
6	October 20th	Heaps and Heapsort	
7	<b>Oct.26-30</b>	<b>Fall Break</b>	
8	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> Assignment 2	Queues + Stacks	Assignment 3
9	<b>*Nov 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Midterm</b>	Midterm Exam
10	Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sorting Algorithms Recursion + Trees	
11	November 24th Assignment 3	Binary Trees/Search Trees	Assignment 4
12	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> Assignment 4	Graphs	
13	December 8 <sup>th</sup> .	Wrap up	

### NOTES from the instructor:

- 1- Please send me a short paragraph about your knowledge of C++, your computer/laptop specs, and if you have any limitation in terms of internet access. I will make every attempt to accommodate and adjust the way I deliver content.
- 2- Students are recommended to post any questions or concern on the weekly discussion board on CUlearn. I will also be available online (on Zoom), during the official lecture hours (Tuesday 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM). Please feel free to join in for questions or discussions. However, considering the number of students for this course it might present technical challenges if everyone decides to join at the same time. I suggest sending me a note prior to the session so that I can provide time slots for different groups.

*\*Midterm exam may shift to Nov.3<sup>rd</sup>*

*While every attempt will be made to keep to the schedule listed above, circumstances may necessitate modifications throughout the semester.*

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You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:

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Borrowing someone else's answers, unauthorized possession of tests or answers to tests, or possession of material designed in answering exam questions, are also subject to university policy regarding instructional offences. Students who post their code online are making themselves a potential party to plagiarism and are subject to the consequences. For more information on Carleton University's Academic Integrity Policy, consult <https://carleton.ca/secretariat/wp-content/uploads/Academic-Integrity-Policy.pdf>

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