

# COMP923 Data Structures & Algorithms

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## **Instructor Contact Details**

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## **Teaching Times and Locations**

The Time and Location: TBA, Huajiachi Campus, Zhejiang University

Lecture sessions include lectures, seminars, field trip(s) as well as in-class activities.

## **Academic Level**

Postgraduate

#### **Units of Credit**

The course is worth 6 units of credit

#### **Contact Hours**

The course contains a total of 53 contact hours, which consists of an orientation meeting, 13 lecturing seminars, a revision day, a field trip and a final exam. Each seminar is 180 minutes in length, while the field trip is 300 minutes and the final exam costs 120 minutes. Students will receive an official transcript which is issued by Zhejiang University when completing this course.

#### **Credit Hours**

The number of credit hours of this course equals to the credits of a standard semesterlong Australian university course.

## **Course Description:**

The course covers analysis and design of fundamental data structures and engages learners to use data structures as tools to algorithmically design efficient computer programs that will cope with the complexity of actual applications.

## **Prerequisite:**

N/A

## **Learning Resources**

Thomas H. Cormen, Charles E. Leiserson, Ronald L. Rivest and Clifford Stein, Introduction to Algorithms, Third Edition, MIT Press.

Recommended further reading:

- 1. Algorithms and Data Structures The Basic Toolbox by Kurt Mehlhorn and Peter Sanders, Springer, 2008. (the full text is available on the Author's website).
- 2. Data Structures and Algorithms in Java by Michael T. Goodrich, Irvine Roberto Tamassia, and Michael H. Goldwasser, Wiley, 6th Edition, 2014. (available in the library).

#### **Learning Objectives**

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

- Explain the systematic methods of efficiently organizing and accessing data in data structures and algorithms.
- · Identify the properties and structural patterns in data structures.
- Apply abstract data types to the design of data structures.
- · Analyze algorithms using a mathematical notation and experimental studies.
- Perform comparative analysis of the typical data structures and algorithms.
- · Design and analyze recursive algorithms in data structures.

· Write code in pseudocode and high-level programming languages for the implementation of various data structures and algorithms.

## **Course Delivery:**

The following course will be taught in English and it will comprise of lectures, tutorials, projects, presentations and group activities. In addition to these, there will also be guest speakers and optional field trips available for students who would like to enhance their learning experience. The course will be delivered within 13 sessions, with each session totaling 3 hours-inclusive of both the lecture and tutorial. These sessions will be running during weekdays, Monday to Friday. Students are expected to engage in class discussions and work cooperatively during group work.

## **Topics and Course Schedule:**

| Topic                                                     | Activities        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Orientation                                               |                   |
| Introduction: Analysis of Algorithms                      | Lecture; Tutorial |
| Array-Based Lists                                         | Lecture; Tutorial |
| Linked Lists<br>Balanced Trees, Search Tree<br>Algorithms | Lecture; Tutorial |
| Graph ADT, Graph Algorithms (1)<br>Skiplists              | Lecture; Tutorial |
| Graph Algorithms (2)                                      | Lecture; Tutorial |
| Seminar                                                   |                   |
| Hashing, Heaps                                            | Lecture; Tutorial |
| Red-Black Trees<br>Generic ADTs in C                      | Lecture; Tutorial |

| Midterm exam                                       |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sorting Algorithms Sorting (1)                     | Lecture; Tutorial |
| Sorting Algorithms<br>Sorting (2)                  | Lecture; Tutorial |
| LABS                                               | Lecture; Tutorial |
| Deeper understanding of text processing algorithms | Lecture; Tutorial |
| Course Review                                      | Lecture; Tutorial |
| Research and exercises                             | Lecture; Tutorial |
| Revision                                           |                   |
| Final exam                                         |                   |

# **Assessments:**

| Assignment           | 30% |
|----------------------|-----|
| Mid-term examination | 30% |
| Labs and research    | 10% |
| Final exam           | 30% |

#### **Grade Descriptors:**

| HD | High Distinction | 85-100 |
|----|------------------|--------|
| D  | Distinction      | 75-84  |
| Cr | Credit           | 65-74  |
| Р  | Pass             | 50-64  |
| F  | Fail             | 0-49   |

#### **High Distinction 85-100**

Treatment of material evidences an advanced synthesis of ideas

Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding and analysis

Work is well-written and stylistically sophisticated, including appropriate referencing, clarity, and some creativity where appropriate

All criteria addressed to a high level

#### **Distinction 75-84**

Treatment of material evidences an advanced understanding of ideas

Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding and analysis

Work is well-written and stylistically strong

All criteria addressed strongly

#### **Credit 65-74**

Treatment of material displays a good understanding of ideas

Work is well-written and stylistically sound, with a minimum of syntactical errors

All criteria addressed clearly

#### Pass 50-64

Treatment of material indicates a satisfactory understanding of ideas

Work is adequately written, with some syntactical errors

Most criteria addressed adequately

#### Fail 0-49

Treatment of ideas indicates an inadequate understanding of ideas

Written style inappropriate to task; major problems with expression

Most criteria not clearly or adequately addressed

#### **Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to uphold the university's academic honesty principles which are an integral part of the university's core values and principles. If a student fails to observe the acceptable standards of academic honesty, they could attract penalties and even disqualification from the course in more serious circumstances. Students are responsible for knowing and observing accepted principles of research, writing and any other task which they are required to complete.

Academic dishonesty or cheating includes acts of plagiarism, misrepresentation, fabrication, failure to reference materials used properly and forgery. These may include, but are not limited to: claiming the work of others as your own, deliberately applying false and inaccurate information, copying the work of others in part or whole, allowing others in the course to copy your work in part or whole, failing to appropriately acknowledge the work of other scholars/authors through acceptable referencing standards, purchasing papers or writing papers for other students and submitting the same paper twice for the same subject.

This Academic Integrity policy applies to all students of the Zhejiang University in all programmes of study, including non-graduating students. It is to reinforce the University's commitment to maintain integrity and honesty in all academic activities of the University community.

#### **Policy**

- The foundation of good academic work is honesty. Maintaining academic integrity upholds the standards of the University.
- The responsibility for maintaining integrity in all the activities of the academic community lies with the students as well as the faculty and the University. Everyone in this community must work together to ensure that the values of truth, trust and justice are upheld.
- Academic dishonesty affects the University's reputation and devalues the degrees offered.
- The University will impose serious penalties on students who are found to have violated this Policy. The following penalties may be imposed:
  - Expulsion;

- Suspension;
- Zero mark/fail grade;
- Marking down;
- Re-doing/re-submitting of assignments or reports; and
- Verbal or written warning.