



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Algorithms and Data Structures

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
CSC	2401	62264	1, 2007	EXT	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOSCI
Academic org:	FOS003
Student contribution band:	2
ASCED code:	020111

STAFFING

Examiner: David Lai

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: CSC1401 or USQIT16

RATIONALE

Algorithms and Data Structures is one of the major courses in the Computer Science Curriculum recommended by ACM/IEEE-CS Joint Curriculum Task Force (1991). It is essential for students to gain a good knowledge of algorithms and data structures in order to be competent computer programmers. It is closely related to other computing courses, and students will find that this course is essential for other subsequent courses such as Operating Systems and Software Engineering.

SYNOPSIS

This course addresses various data structures and techniques for algorithm design and analysis. It covers basic data structures such as lists, stacks, queues, trees and graphs. The abstract data type techniques are also covered. The design of various algorithms such as searching algorithms, sorting algorithms and graph algorithms is discussed. This course also addresses other topics such as recursive algorithms and complexity analysis.

OBJECTIVES

On completion of this course the student will have learned or achieved:

1. demonstrate an in-depth understanding of various data structures as abstract specifications (Assignments 1 to 5, Exam);
2. use alternative implementations of data structures (Exam);
3. properly apply algorithms and data structures in programs (Assignments 1 to 5, Exam);
4. analyse algorithms using various techniques (Exam);
5. demonstrate skills in selecting and designing algorithms, abstract data structures, and implementations (Exam).

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Dynamic memory allocation, ADT concepts, Recursive algorithms	20.00
2.	Algorithm analysis techniques	10.00
3.	Lists, stacks, queues, heaps	18.00
4.	Trees	15.00
5.	Hashing	10.00
6.	Sorting	15.00
7.	Graph algorithms	12.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Students must have access to an ANSI C compiler. Option: Although subject to change, at this stage, it is expected students may require access to Semester 1, Department of Mathematics and Computing DVDROM SET, 2007 (available from the USQ Bookshop). This DVD set contains Semester 1 course material, Windows software and a complete Linux distribution necessary for this course. For more information about the DVD set and its use, please refer to <http://www.sci.usq.edu.au/dvdrom> and the course web site.

Standish, TA 1995, *Data structures, algorithms and software principles in C*, Addison-Wesley, Reading, Mass.

(or Goodrich, M, Tamassia, R & Mount, DM 2004, *Data Structures and algorithms in C++*, Wiley, New York)

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Department of Mathematics and Computing CDROM Set, S1 2007 (available from the USQ Bookshop). This CD contains course material, Windows and Linux Software for this and various other courses. For more information about the CD sets and their use, please refer to <http://www.sci.usq.edu.au/cdrom>.

Kruse, RL et al 1997, *Data structures and program design in C*, 2nd edn, Prentice-Hall International, London.

Weiss, MA 1997, *Data structures and algorithm analysis in C*, 2nd edn, Addison-Wesley Longman Inc, Menlo Park, California.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Examinations	2.00
Private Study	159.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1	10.00	10.00	30 Mar 2007 (see note 1)
ASSIGNMENT 2	10.00	10.00	27 Apr 2007
ASSIGNMENT 3	10.00	10.00	11 May 2007
ASSIGNMENT 4	10.00	10.00	25 May 2007
ASSIGNMENT 5	10.00	10.00	01 Jun 2007
2HR CLOSED EXAMINATION	100.00	50.00	END S1 (see note 2)

NOTES

1. Assignments 1 - 5 are due 11:59:59pm Australian Eastern Standard Time on each due date.
2. Examination dates will be available during the semester. Please refer to the examination timetable when published.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To satisfactorily complete an assessment item a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks or a grade of at least C-. Students do not have to satisfactorily complete each assessment item to be awarded a passing grade in this course. Refer to Statement 4 below for the requirements to receive a passing grade in this course.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 5% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each working day late.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 30% in all of the weighted assessment items, achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks allocated for the assignments, and at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:

- Candidates are allowed to bring only writing and drawing instruments into the Closed examination.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the examination period at the end of the semester of the next offering of this course.
 - 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

- 9 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner.
- 10 In accordance with University Policy, the Examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.
- 11 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.
- 12 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.
- 13 Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.
- 14 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.
- 15 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).
- 16 Students may be required to provide a copy of assignments submitted for assessment purposes. Such copies should be dispatched to the USQ within 24 hours of receipt of a request to do so.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Students will require access to e-mail and internet access to USQConnect for this course.
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