Course Objectives

- Become familiar with data structures such as lists, stacks, queues, trees, graphs and their variations.
- Learn techniques for implementing these fundamental abstract data structures.
- Introduction to various applications of data structures.
- Provide an in-depth coverage of recursion, sorting and searching techniques.
- Analyze the efficiency of various implementations of data structures (complexity analysis in Big Oh Notation).
- Enhance object-oriented programming concepts such as encapsulation, inheritance and polymorphism.

Prerequisites

CS 202 and CS 215, with a grade of C or higher.

Meeting Times

Lecture: 10am to 10:50am MWF, Park 107
Lab: 3:35pm – 5:25 p.m. R Lindgren 18

Course Homepage

You can use Desire2Learn system to download and upload home works and lab projects. Go to http://www.cs.siu.edu/~mengxia/Teaching.htm for lecture slides

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Text
Required textbook is: *Data structures and Abstractions with Java*, Third Edition, by Frank M. Carrano, Pearson/Prentice Hall
Lecture slides and reading materials can be downloaded from the course website.

Grading

Lab assignments: 20%
Homework sets: 20%
Exams: 60%

Course Policy
1. **Attendance.** Due to the nature of the course and the frequency of assignments, attendance is mandatory. You are responsible for all announcements and for all material presented in the lectures. Come prepared for class. Read the assigned material in advance of lectures. If you have to miss class, please consult with your class members so that you can find out what happened in class.

2. **Assignments.** There are several lab assignments and homework sets. Lab assignments involve programming, and homework sets contain questions that require written answers. Additional help sessions for each lab assignment may be scheduled after the assignment is posted. Please make sure that your programs are properly documented and indented. Your solution to the homework sets can be hand-written or typed. You must talk to the instructor, not the TAs, for any grade appeal about an assignment, and it must be made within one week after the assignment is handed back.

3. **Exams.** There will be two midterm exams and one final exam, midterms last 1.5 hours and 2 hours for the final. All exams are closed-book (unless otherwise specified) but not comprehensive except the final. Additional review and Q&A sessions may be scheduled prior to the exams. The time and location of the two midterm exams are to be announced. There will be no make-ups except under very special circumstances. Any reason for a make-up must be approved by the instructor.

4. **Programming Environment.** All programs in lab assignments must compile and run in the Java SE 6 environment. You can compile and run your source code from the command line or you can choose to use any IDE you prefer, for example Eclipse, NetBeans, DrJava or BlueJ. All of the necessary software can be freely installed on
your PC. For any technical questions regarding software installation, lab assignments, Java programming, and development environment, please consult the TA first. Programs that cannot be compiled or run will receive zero points.

5. **Collaboration and Plagiarism.** All homework and lab assignments are to be done individually unless otherwise specified. You are allowed and even encouraged to *verbally* discuss the assignment material with your classmates or consult others for debugging assistance, but you must prepare the solution on your own. Plagiarism and other anti-intellectual behavior are not tolerated and are subject to severe penalties. For more information, please carefully read the Departmental Policies on Academic Dishonesty available at http://www.cs.siu.edu/dishonesty.shtml

6. **Time Management.** This course is an extremely time-demanding course. Please plan your time wisely, and start work on the assignments as soon as they are available. Nevertheless, this course is probably the most important and useful course in your computer science education.

**Tentative Schedule**

Dates here are subject to change, and are provided only as a general guideline.

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