

Carleton University School of Computer Science
COMP 3804 / MATH 3804
Section A
Design and Analysis of Algorithms I FALL

Class Schedule

Classroom:	Via Zoom and recorded for Brightspace
Class Times:	Days: Mondays Wednesdays Time: 14:35-15:55
Link:	<u>Zoomlink</u> to be communicated via Brightspace The material will also be placed on Brightspace

Prerequisite(s): ([COMP 2402](#)) and either [COMP 2804](#) or ([MATH 2007](#) and [MATH 2108](#)).

Learning Modality

The content for this course will be delivered online. The plan is to do ZOOM Live Stream from a set-up I created at my home that includes whiteboards. Students can tune into at the scheduled time (see the lecture schedule below). We will do interaction during these lectures to make it more interesting and engaging. The lectures will then be shared via Brightspace. Again the Zoom link will be communicated to you via Brightspace.

Office Hours TAs

TA	Office	Office Hours
several	tbd	See the file on Brightspace

Instructor Information

Dr. J.-R. Sack	online	sack@scs.carleton.ca	Time: Mondays 10:00-11:00

Course Description

An introduction to the design and analysis of algorithms. Topics include: divide-and-conquer, dynamic programming, linear programming, greedy algorithms, graph algorithms, NP-completeness.

Also listed as [MATH 3804](#).

To help students achieve their individual objectives in this course, we will do an initial assessment test (anonymous) and provide students with three 30-minute background review sessions. Each session will be offered two times for your convenience. They are not mandatory.

Background Review Sessions (attendance not mandatory, but highly recommended). Due to the traditional high failure rate, I am trying to help you to succeed. I will organize three different sessions. The sessions will get you ready for the course (as much as possible).

Tutorials

Online Fridays 8:35 – 9:55

Incl. initial background preparation on: Elementary Data Structures Algorithms and Complexity and Counting and Recurrences

Textbook (s)

Introduction to Algorithms (4th Edition) by Thomas H. Cormen, Charles E. Leiserson, Ronald L. Rivest and Clifford Stein (2022). ISBN 978026204630. Published by MIT Press. (Older versions, esp. 3rd edition are also fine.)

Evaluation

Students will be evaluated in this course according to the following measures.

Component	Weight	Due Dates (estimated – final dates tbd)
Assignment 1	10%	Tuesday, October 1 st 23:59 online
Assignment 2	10%	Tuesday, October 29 th 23:59 online
Test	20%	TBA- It will be announced on Brightspace when Scheduling and Examination Services confirm the date, time and location– it could be scheduled on a Friday, evening, Saturday, or Sunday.
Assignment 3	10%	Tuesday, November 12 th 23:59 online
Assignment 4	10%	Tuesday, December 3 rd 23:59 online
Final Exam	40%	by central scheduling

Assignments will be submitted online in pdf via Brightspace (detail to be provided by me or a TA). Typed assignments are preferred. Figures may be drawn and scanned in. It is your responsibility to ensure that the quality of the pdf is good so that the TAs can read them easily. Scanners are accessible in many locations on Campus. Pictures taken with mobile devices must be of top quality.

Exams

The mid-term test will be held during class time in-person. The final exam will be scheduled centrally and will be in-person. Some accommodation will be given for students who are abroad. They will then write, at the same time, on-line with software installed on their computer by Carleton to allow detailed proctoring/monitoring. These students need to apply for the on-line exam and follow all instructions received from Carleton University on this. See <https://carleton.ca/ses/distance-exams/>

Assignments

Late assignments will not be accepted. Late is after the deadline specified. You must do the assignment without outside help that includes e.g., AI-based tools.

Collaboration Policy

Students are encouraged to collaborate on assignments, but at the level of discussion only. When writing down the solutions, students must do so in their own words. (See also below **Unauthorized Co-operation or Collaboration**).

Undergraduate Academic Advisor

The Undergraduate Advisor for the School of Computer Science is available in Room 5302C HP; or by email at scs.ug.advisor@cunet.carleton.ca. The undergraduate advisors can assist with information about prerequisites and preclusions, course substitutions/equivalencies, understanding your academic audit and the remaining requirements for graduation. The undergraduate advisors will also refer students to appropriate resources such as the Science Student Success Centre, Learning Support Services and Writing Tutorial Services.

SCS Computer Laboratory

SCS students can access one of the designated labs for your course. The lab schedule can be found at: <https://carleton.ca/scs/tech-support/computer-laboratories/>. All SCS computer lab and technical support information can be found at: <https://carleton.ca/scs/technical-support/>. Technical support is available in room HP5161 Monday to Friday from 9:00 until 17:00 or by emailing SCS.Tech.Support@cunet.carleton.ca.

University Policies

For information about Carleton's academic year, including registration and withdrawal dates, see [Carleton's Academic Calendar](#).

Pregnancy Obligation. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit [Equity Services](#).

Religious Obligation. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit <https://carleton.ca/equity/focus/discrimination-harassment/religious-spiritual-observances/>.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation or contact your PMC coordinator to send your instructor your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term. You must also contact the PMC no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. For more details, visit the [Paul Menton Centre](#) website.

Survivors of Sexual Violence. As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the

university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support

Accommodation for Student Activities. Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, see [the policy](#).

Student Academic Integrity Policy. Every student should be familiar with the Carleton University student academic integrity policy. A student found in violation of academic integrity standards may be awarded penalties which range from a reprimand to receiving a grade of *F* in the course or even being expelled from the program or University. Examples of punishable offences include: plagiarism and unauthorized co-operation or collaboration. Information on this policy may be found [here](#).

Plagiarism. As defined by Senate, "plagiarism is presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own". Such reported offences will be reviewed by the office of the Dean of Science. Standard penalty guidelines can be found [here](#).

Unauthorized Co-operation or Collaboration. Senate policy states that "to ensure fairness and equity in assessment of term work, students shall not co-operate or collaborate in the completion of an academic assignment, in whole or in part, when the instructor has indicated that the assignment is to be completed on an individual basis". Please refer to the course outline statement or the instructor concerning this issue.

Doctor's note or medical certificate: Check the University regulations in-place for this. For exceptional short-term considerations, we request the [Academic Consideration for Coursework form](#). For longer-term incapacitation, the student will need to go to the Registrar's Office for support and needs to email me to discuss how/whether accommodation needs could be met for this course.

Please note that for students who are taking this course from aboard, the test and examination in this course will use a remote proctoring service provided by Scheduling and Examination Services. You can find more information at <https://carleton.ca/ses/e-proctoring>. The minimum computing requirements for this service are listed on the SES website (<https://carleton.ca/ses/online-exams/e-proctoring/e-proctoring-course-outline-template>).

The use of Generative AI including Chat GPT for any coursework is strictly forbidden.