GMU Spring 2018  
INFS 519 - Program Design and Data Structures

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Tuesday, 7:20 – 10:00pm  
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Course Description
Study of the fundamentals of data structures and algorithms applied in programming solutions to application problems. The course stresses programming in a modern high-level language.

Prerequisites
The prerequisite for this course is SWE-510 or its equivalent. You should have a semester’s worth of basic programming in Java, including program design, coding, and debugging techniques.

Textbooks
Mark Allen Weiss, Data Structures & Problem Solving Using Java, Addison-Wesley (4th ed. is latest).

Topics to be covered and schedule
The following topics will be covered in approximately the order listed below.  
Lecture notes will be posted under Blackboard Announcements prior to each class.

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Final Exam – 5/15/2018, 7:30 pm
GRADING POLICY

Your course grade will be an aggregate of the following items:

- Homework (40 points): 4 Java programming assignments
- Exam 1: (20 points)
- Exam 2: (20 points)
- Final examination – cumulative: (20 points)

Grading:

- A+ is at least 97.5 points
- A: is at least 90 points
- B+: is at least 87.5 points
- B: is at least 80 points
- C: is at least 70 points
- D: is at least 60 points

Honor Code
The class enforces the GMU Honor Code. Violations of academic honesty will NOT be tolerated.

Both the University and the Computer Science Department have honor codes you are expected to adhere to: https://oai.gmu.edu/mason-honor-code/ and http://cs.gmu.edu/resources/honor-code/. You are bound by these honor codes.

Disability Statement
If a disability or other condition affects your academic performance, please document it with the Office of Disability Services.

Campus Resources
Computer Labs – there are several freely available computer labs on campus, for hours and locations please see: http://doit.gmu.edu/students/computer-labs/computer-lab-locations/
Office of Disability Services - http://ds.gmu.edu
Counseling and Support Services - http://caps.gmu.edu

Working together vs. individually
For this class homework and exams require individual work. Study groups are encouraged, but homework solutions and write-ups MUST be the result of individual effort. Similarly, study groups for examinations are encouraged. However, exams are individual effort and closed book.
Class Policies
Blackboard is used for class announcements, assignments, and other related information.
Please show up on time – late arrivals can be disruptive.
Mute cell phones. If you must take a phone call during class please take it outside the room.
No web surfing or texting during class – it can be disruptive to those around you.
No make-up exams and, in general, no late assignments will be accepted unless otherwise announced.