

## COURSE DESCRIPTION – ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Data Structures and Algorithms</b>
<b>Course code</b>	76410
<b>Scientific sector</b>	INF/01
<b>Degree</b>	Bachelor in Informatics and Management of Digital Business (L-31)
<b>Semester</b>	1
<b>Year</b>	2
<b>Credits</b>	6
<b>Modular</b>	No

<b>Total lecturing hours</b>	40
<b>Total lab hours</b>	20
<b>Attendance</b>	<p>Attendance is not compulsory, but strongly recommended. The lectures consist of presentations, interspersed by small exercises, and discussions with the students. The goal of the course is to enable students to develop and analyze algorithms, which is a skill that can only be acquired by training.</p> <p>All the material used in the lectures and labs will be published on the OLE pages of the course.</p> <p>Students who are unable to follow all lectures and labs are encouraged to attend at least some of them. They are also encouraged to work out all the exercises given during the lectures and the labs.</p>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C programming skills at an introductory level</li> <li>• Basic mathematical knowledge about sets, functions, and elementary calculus</li> </ul>
<b>Course page</b>	Microsoft Teams and <a href="https://ole.unibz.it/">https://ole.unibz.it/</a>

<b>Specific educational objectives</b>	<p>The course belongs to the type "attività formative di base – informatica di base".</p> <p>By following this course, students will be able to formulate algorithmic problems and to recognize algorithmic problems underlying an application. They will also acquire an in-depth understanding of the standard data structures and the corresponding algorithmic techniques to solve such problems.</p> <p>They will recognize how certain algorithmic approaches depend on the choice of a suitable data structure and vice versa. Moreover, students will learn how to analyze whether an algorithm is correct and which time and space resources it needs. Finally, students will learn how to compare different algorithms with respect to their suitability for a given application.</p>
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<b>Scientific sector of lecturer</b>	ING-INF/05
<b>Teaching language</b>	Italian
<b>Office hours</b>	On appointment (arrange beforehand by email).

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<b>Office hours LA</b>	On appointment (arrange beforehand by email).
<b>List of topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Searching and sorting</li> <li>• Analysis of algorithms: correctness and complexity</li> <li>• Divide and conquer, recurrences</li> <li>• Pointers, dynamic data structures, linked lists</li> <li>• Abstract data types: stacks, queues, priority queues, maps</li> <li>• Elementary graph and tree algorithms</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching format</b>	Frontal lectures and labs
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<p>Knowledge and understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D1.3 - Know the basic principles of programming.</li> <li>• D1.6 - Know the most important data structures and their use in programming languages.</li> </ul> <p>Applying knowledge and understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D2.2 - Ability to solve algorithmic problems using programming methods.</li> </ul> <p>Learning skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D5.1 - Learning ability to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment</b>	The assessment is based on a written final exam. The written exam consists of questions to verify knowledge, questions that assess the ability to apply knowledge acquired in the course, and small exercises.
<b>Assessment language</b>	Italian
<b>Assessment Typology</b>	Monocratic
<b>Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks</b>	<p>There are no requirements for attending the final exam.</p> <p>In the written exam, students have to apply techniques taught in the course in a defined setting and have to develop algorithms for new problems. The algorithms developed have to be analyzed with respect to correctness and efficiency. The answers are marked according to their correctness, the suitability of the algorithms developed, and the validity and clarity of the analysis.</p>
<b>Required readings</b>	<p>Introduction to Algorithms, Thomas H. Cormen, Charles E. Leiserson, Ronald L. Rivest and Clifford Stein (CLRS), 2nd or 3rd edition          University Library: ST 134 C811</p> <p>Subject Librarian: David Gebhardi, <a href="mailto:David.Gebhardi@unibz.it">David.Gebhardi@unibz.it</a></p>
<b>Supplementary readings</b>	Algorithms and Data Structures - The Basic Toolbox, K. Mehlhorn and P. Sanders, free download from



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	<a href="http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/~mehlhorn/ftp/Mehlhorn-Sanders-Toolbox.pdf">http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/~mehlhorn/ftp/Mehlhorn-Sanders-Toolbox.pdf</a>
<b>Software used</b>	C compiler and debugger