

Data Structures: Course Outline

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Administrative Stuff

- ▶ **Instructor:** Pat Morin
- ▶ **Office hours:** Wednesday 10:00–12:00, 5177HP
 - ▶ TA Office hours will be posted on culearn
- ▶ **Webpage:** culearn.carleton.ca
- ▶ **Textbook:** Open Data Structures (in Java)

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