

# OPERATIONS RESEARCH

- Credit = 3 (Course = 2, TD = 1, TP = 0)
- Course = 32 hours per semester
- TD = 32 hours per semester
- Assessment: Attendance = 10%, Assignment = 10%, Class Activities = 10%, Mid-term = 30%, Final = 40%
- Reference:
  1. Taha, H. A. (2017). *Operations Research: An Introduction* (10th ed.). Pearson.
  2. Hillier, F. S., Lieberman, G. J. (2021). *Introduction to Operations Research* (11th ed.). McGraw-Hill Education.
  3. Baker, K. R., Trietsch, D. (2009). *Principles of Sequencing and Scheduling*. John Wiley & Sons.

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### **Chapter 3: Sequencing and Queuing Models**

8 hours

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