

## Course guide

### 220005 - INF - Fundamentals of Programming

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**Unit in charge:** Terrassa School of Industrial, Aerospace and Audiovisual Engineering  
**Teaching unit:** 723 - CS - Department of Computer Science.

**Degree:** BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Compulsory subject).  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AEROSPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Compulsory subject).

**Academic year:** 2025    **ECTS Credits:** 6.0    **Languages:** Catalan, Spanish

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#### DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

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**Specific:**

1. A basic understanding of the use and programming of computers, operating systems, databases and computer programs with applications in engineering

**Transversal:**

2. EFFICIENT ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - Level 1. Planning oral communication, answering questions properly and writing straightforward texts that are spelt correctly and are grammatically coherent.

**Basic:**

CB05. That students have developed those learning skills necessary to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy.

## TEACHING METHODOLOGY

- Face-to-face lecture sessions. Lectures are given using digital presentations.

The presentations will be made available to students on the virtual campus before classes begin to help them follow them.

The assessment will be based on mid-semester examinations (or an optional final examination for students who fail the first one).

- Face-to-face practical work sessions

During practical work sessions, students work individually or in small groups of 2-3 on problems and questions under the lecturer's supervision. A collection of problems will be made available on the virtual campus.

Systems for self-assessment (with assessment criteria or rubrics), co-assessment (among students) and delivery of reports, corrected by the teacher and returned, are made available to facilitate independent learning.

- Laboratory work sessions Students work in pairs during laboratory sessions.

Guidelines for practicals will be available to students on the virtual campus at the start of the course. Students must hand in a report for each practical. Marks will be based on the work carried out in the laboratory and the reports handed in.

In the theory sessions the teachers will introduce new concepts

In the laboratory sessions the students will practice the new concepts using computers. There will be two different types of laboratory sessions:

Sessions in which the teacher guide students in analyzing data and solving problems by applying new concepts and techniques .

Exam sessions in which the students , using online tools, solve exams that will be evaluated

Students will also have to work by them-selves in order

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

The main goal of the subject Computer Science is to learn to develop programs using a high level language. In order to pass the subject the student has to be able to:

- Learn the basic concept related to software and hardware: computers structure and operative systems.
- Learn the basic concepts for programming.
- Develop the ability to use basic tools and basic techniques of programming: algorithms and programs.
- Learn to design programs correctly: well-structured, efficient and readable.
- Learn to design data structures representing the data involved in a given problem.
- Design and develop a medium size program.
- Develop their ability to use abstraction in programming patterns to solve real problems.

## STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Self study	90,0	60.00
Hours small group	60,0	40.00

**Total learning time:** 150 h

## CONTENTS

### TOPIC 1: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

**Description:**

- 1.1. Computer architecture.
- 1.2. Operating systems.
- 1.3. Computer programming.
- 1.4. Algorithms and programs.

**Specific objectives:**

- Define the terms "hardware" and "software".
- Understand the general structure of a computer.
- Understand what an operating system is.
- Name and describe the various types of operating systems.
- Know what a program is.
- Name various programming languages.
- Name and describe the various programming paradigms.
- Understand the basic requirements of a program.
- Name and describe the phases of software development.
- Understand what an algorithm is.

**Related activities:**

Activity 5, which corresponds to a group research and development project on an introductory topic.

**Full-or-part-time:** 11h

Laboratory classes: 2h

Self study : 9h

### TOPIC 2: BASICS OF STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING

**Description:**

- 2.1. Structure of a program.
- 2.2. Objects.
- 2.3. Expressions and operators.
- 2.4. Elementary actions.
- 2.5. Writing instructions.

**Specific objectives:**

- Properly use the objects in a program: constants and variables.
- Distinguish between correct and incorrect identifiers.
- Describe and use correctly the type of data available in the programming language as well as the defined operations.
- Describe the function of basic input and output actions and use them correctly.
- Understand assignment statements and use them correctly.
- Describe the structure of a program.
- Correctly develop a test suite.
- Determine whether the block structure of a program is correct.
- Correctly use alternative and iterative composition.
- Correctly build programs with objects, expressions, elementary actions and compositions.

**Related activities:**

- One type-1 activity: Individual continuous-assessment test spanning the various laboratory-group sessions.
- One or more type-2 activities: Individual take-home self-directed learning test.
- One or more type-3 activities: Individual take-home self-directed learning task.

**Full-or-part-time:** 28h

Laboratory classes: 10h

Self study : 18h

### TOPIC 3: SUBROUTINES: ACTIONS AND FUNCTIONS

**Description:**

- 3.1. Actions.
- 3.2. Functions.
- 3.3. Parameter passing.
- 3.4. Library functions.

**Specific objectives:**

Determine whether a subroutine needs to be an action or a function.

- Send parameters by value and by reference.
- Define formal and actual parameters (arguments).
- Determine whether a formal parameter of an action or function is input, output or input/output.
- Write a program that uses library functions properly.
- Implement and use functions and actions properly.
- Detect and eliminate code repetition.
- Build programs correctly with the help of functions and actions.

**Related activities:**

- One type-1 activity: Individual continuous-assessment test spanning the various laboratory-group sessions.
- One or more type-2 activities: Individual take-home self-directed learning test.
- One or more type-3 activities: Individual take-home self-directed learning task.
- One phase of activity 4, the project.

**Full-or-part-time:** 27h

Laboratory classes: 10h

Self study : 17h

### TOPIC 4: BASIC ALGORITHMIC TECHNIQUES

**Description:**

- 4.1. Sequences.
- 4.2. Traversal techniques.
- 4.3. Search techniques.

**Specific objectives:**

- Describe the concept of a sequence.
- Define the sequences associated with a problem.
- Given a sequence problem, determine whether the scheme can be solved by a search technique or a traversal technique.
- Correctly apply traversal and search algorithms.

**Related activities:**

- One type-1 activity: Individual continuousassessment test spanning the various laboratory-group sessions.
- One or more type-2 activities: Individual take-home self-directed learning test.
- One or more type-3 activities: Individual take-home self-directed learning task.
- One phase of activity 4, the project.

**Full-or-part-time:** 26h

Laboratory classes: 10h

Self study : 16h

#### 4. Structured types

**Description:**

- 5.1. Tuples.
- 5.2. Tables.
- 5.3. Traversal and search techniques in tables.
- 5.4. Sorting and search algorithms.

**Specific objectives:**

- Write the declaration of a tuple and a table.
- Correctly declare tuple and table variables and access the declarations properly.
- Correctly use pass-by-value and pass-by-reference evaluation with tuples and tables.
- Generate partially filled tables.
- Write code that inserts and removes items in a variable-length table.
- Understand and correctly use some sorting algorithms.

**Related activities:**

- One type-1 activity: Individual continuous-assessment test spanning the various laboratory-group sessions.
- One or more type-2 activities: Individual take-home self-directed learning test.
- One or more type-3 activities: Individual take-home self-directed learning task.
- One phase of activity 4, the project.

**Full-or-part-time:** 31h

Laboratory classes: 14h

Self study : 17h

#### 5. Descendant design

**Description:**

- 6.1. Top-down design of data structures.
- 6.2. Top-down design of processes.

**Specific objectives:**

- Design an efficient data structure for a given problem.
- Correctly access complex data structures.
- Given a complex problem, carry out top-down design using subroutines.

**Related activities:**

- Completion of activity 4, the project.

**Full-or-part-time:** 27h

Laboratory classes: 14h

Self study : 13h



## ACTIVITIES

### ACTIVITY 3: LABORATORY EXAMS

**Description:**

Independent work in the classroom to cover all the specific learning objectives of the subject. Professors corrections.

**Specific objectives:**

At the end of the activity, the student must have achieved specific objectives of the subject.

**Material:**

Topic notes available (PowerPoint) available in ATENEA.

Activity statement and the official correction criteria (rubric) available in ATENEA.

**Delivery:**

Resolution of the exercise by the student.

The activities of type 1 represent 20% of the laboratory assessment.

**Full-or-part-time:** 38h

Self study: 20h

Laboratory classes: 18h

### ACTIVITY 2: INDIVIDUAL TESTS (CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT IN ATENEA)

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h

Self study: 2h

### ACTIVITY 3: INDIVIDUAL TASKS (CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT IN ATENEA)

**Full-or-part-time:** 3h

Self study: 3h

### ACTIVITY 4: MIDTERM EXAM

**Full-or-part-time:** 43h

Self study: 25h

Laboratory classes: 18h

### ACTIVITY 5: FINAL EXAM

**Full-or-part-time:** 45h

Self study: 25h

Laboratory classes: 20h

### ACTIVITY 6: PROJECT

**Full-or-part-time:** 19h

Self study: 15h

Laboratory classes: 4h



## GRADING SYSTEM

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- First examination: 20%
- Second examination: 30%
- Control laboratory sessions: 20%
- Application/practicals: 10%
- Final Project: 20%

As part of the evaluation of the project it is included here the evaluation of the common skills

## EXAMINATION RULES.

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- Any of the control laboratory not performed, will be considered as non-marked
- In no case can any documentation or digital support be used in the partial or final test

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### Complementary:

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- Xhafa, Fatos [et al.]. Programación en C++ para ingenieros. 2006. Madrid: Thomson, 2006. ISBN 8497324854.
- Kernighan, Brian W.; Ritchie, Dennis M. El lenguaje de programación C. 2a ed. México: Prentice-Hall Hispanoamericana, 1991. ISBN 9688802050.

## RESOURCES

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### Audiovisual material:

- Pàgina web de l'assignatura a atenea. Resource
- Píldoras de C++: <http://www.minidosis.org/#/cursos/FI>. Resource

### Computer material:

- Jutge. Resource

### Hyperlink:

- Divulgació de la programació. Resource

### Other resources:

Dissemination: <http://cartesius.upc.es/adminmat/programacio/desenvolupa>