Course guide
270429 - BDA - Advanced Databases

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Teaching unit: 747 - ESSI - Department of Service and Information System Engineering.

Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (Syllabus 2021). (Compulsory subject).

Academic year: 2024 **ECTS Credits:** 6.0 **Languages:** English

LECTURER

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Others: Segon quadrimestre:
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ANNA QUERALT CALAFAT - 11, 12

PRIOR SKILLS

Fundamental knowledge of relational data modeling.
Be able to create, consult and manipulate databases with SQL.
Foundations of knowledge representation and first-order logics
Advanced programming in Python.

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:
CE04. To design and use efficiently the most appropriate data types and structures to solve a problem.
CE08. To detect the characteristics, functionalities and components of data managers, which allow the adequate use of them in information flows, and the design, analysis and implementation of applications based on them.
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Generical:
CG2. To use the fundamental knowledge and solid work methodologies acquired during the studies to adapt to the new technological scenarios of the future.
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Transversal:
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Basic:
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TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course has theory lectures and laboratory sessions.

Lectures: The teacher presents the topic. Students follow the lesson, take notes, and prepare additional material outside of class. They may also be asked to carry out assessment activities within these sessions.

Laboratory: Mainly, the laboratory sessions will be dedicated to the practice (with or without a computer) of the concepts introduced in the lectures. Tools relevant to the concepts introduced are presented and used in small projects in these sessions. Mini projects will also be done, in which students will work in teams. For each mini project there will be a delivery outside class time, but students will also be assessed individually in the classroom on the knowledge acquired during each of the projects.

The course has an autonomous learning component, as the students will have to work with different data management and processing tools. Apart from the support material, students should be able to resolve doubts or problems using these tools.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

1.Be able to explain and use the main mechanisms of parallel processing of queries in distributed environments, and detect bottlenecks.
2.Learn, understand and apply the fundamentals of distributed data management systems like distributed databases and distributed file systems.
3.Be able to justify and use functional-style distributed data processing environments.
4.Learn, understand and apply the fundamentals of knowledge graphs.
5.Be able to specify, design, implement and evaluate AI-oriented data management systems, including semantic databases for knowledge representation.
6.Be able to apply knowledge graphs to solve realistic problems such as data integration, graph-based data analysis, etc.
7.Be able to evaluate and select data management systems based on a certain quality criterion.
8.Be able to solve data discovery and integration problems based on available strategies, standards and technologies.
10.Be able to perform graph data query processing both.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours large group	30,0	20.00
Hours small group	30,0	20.00
Self study	90,0	60.00

Total learning time: 150 h

CONTENTS

Introduction to data systems for Artificial Intelligence.

Description:
The complete AI lifecycle with DevOps and DataOps. Data acquisition, cleaning, and preparation. Model selection and management. Model debugging and serving.

Large-scale data management and processing

Description:
Distributed databases. Overview of distributed data management and processing. Distributed files system. Distributed data processing frameworks (MapReduce/Spark). Dataflow processing models. Declarative dataflow programs.

Semantic data management

Description:
Foundations of graph data management. Knowledge graph representations with RDF, RDFS, OWL and their relationship with first-order logics. Pattern matching and the SPARQL query language. Languages for describing and validating knowledge graphs.

Data integration

Description:
Data discovery. Data quality evaluation. Schema and data integration.

Architectures for data-centric AI systems and their governance

Description:
Centralized and Distributed functional architectures of data management systems for AI. Data governance.

ACTIVITIES

introduction to data systems for AI

Description:
Introduction of the subject, motivation and overview of the data lifecycle for AI.

Specific objectives:
5

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Full-or-part-time: 4h
Self study: 2h
Theory classes: 2h

Study of large-scale data management and processing

Specific objectives:
1, 2, 3, 5, 7

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Full-or-part-time: 38h
Self study: 20h
Theory classes: 8h
Laboratory classes: 10h

Study of semantic data management

Specific objectives:
4, 5, 6, 10

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Self study: 16h
Theory classes: 8h
Laboratory classes: 10h

Study of data integration

Specific objectives:
3, 5, 6, 8

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Theory classes: 4h
Laboratory classes: 6h

Study of architectures for data-centric AI systems

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2, 5, 7

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Self study: 10h
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Midterm exam

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1, 2, 3, 5

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Self study: 14h
Guided activities: 2h

Final exam

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4, 6, 7, 8, 10

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GRADING SYSTEM

The qualification of technical skills is based on:

- NPR: Project grade, as a weighted average of the mini-projects of the course

- NEP: Grade of the partial exam.

- NEF: Grade of the final exam.

Final grade = NPR*0.40+NEP*0.25+NEF*0.35

Re-evaluation: Only the students who have taken the final exam and failed it can take the re-evaluation exam (not those with an NP). The re-evaluation exam mark will replace NEF and NEP and thus will include the content of the entire course. In any case, the final mark will be the maximum between the ordinary mark and the re-evaluation mark. The maximum grade of any re-evaluation exam will be 7.

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RESOURCES

Hyperlink:

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