Course guide
270090 - SIM - Simulation

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Teaching unit: 715 - EIO - Department of Statistics and Operations Research.

Degree: BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN INFORMATICS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Optional subject).
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PRIOR SKILLS
Statistics.

REQUIREMENTS
- Prerequisite PE

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:
CES1.1. To develop, maintain and evaluate complex and/or critical software systems and services.
CES2.2. To design adequate solutions in one or more application domains, using software engineering methods which integrate ethical, social, legal and economical aspects.
CT2.1. To demonstrate knowledge and capacity to apply the principles, methodologies and life cycles of software engineering.
CT2.4. To demonstrate knowledge and capacity to apply the needed tools for storage, processing and access to the information system, even if they are web-based systems.

General:
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TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course is designed taking into account cooperative learning and problem/project-based learning methodologies, complemented with some theoretical sessions intended to develop the set of deliverables with the best guarantees and achievement.
LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

1. Being able to write a technical article and correctly express concepts in English language.
2. Ability to produce a consulting project.
3. Ability to develop a discrete event simulation system study.

STUDY LOAD

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Total learning time: 150 h

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**Introduction**

Description:
What is a simulation study? A practical approach by presenting a real project that will allow students to identify the phases that must be followed for the development of a valid and useful simulation study.

**Simulation and Statistical methods**

Description:
Randomness as the cornerstone of modeling and experimentation. Statistical distributions, generation of numbers and random variables.
Some known distributions and their application in simulation models. Monte Carlo Methods and simulation sampling process.

**Simulation paradigms.**

Description:
Introduction to the main paradigms in simulation and applicability of them. Introducing Netlogo, a specific IDE based on agents-based models. ABM system development.

**System modeling and related data.**

Description:
How to build a simulation model using specification languages like UML, SDL ...
Input data analysis. How to fit empirical data to random distributions.

**Discrete Event Simulation (DES)**

Description:
How a discrete event simulator works, what components are necessary for its development. Integration with third-party applications.
Verification and validation of simulation models.

Description:
Methodologies to build verified, validated and credible simulation models.

Experimental design and output analysis.

Description:
Basic concepts and methods, the design of experiments in simulation: Scenarios and experiments. Results quality.

Presentation and defense of a simulation study

Description:
Multidisciplinary and team work. Presentation and defense of a simulation study for a client. Goals definition and results presentation quality, discussion and future work.

ACTIVITIES

Fonaments bàsics de la simulació

Description:
Introducción a l'assignatura, exemples de sistemes i de models. Revisió històrica. En aquesta activitat l'estudiant aprendrà les diferents fases associades a un estudi de simulació i l'existència de simuladors específics i genèrics. Motivar a l'alumne i explicar la importància de la disciplina a través d'exemples reals.

Specific objectives:
2, 3

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Full-or-part-time: 6h
Theory classes: 2h
Laboratory classes: 2h
Self study: 2h
**Aleatorietat i Simulació**

**Description:**
En aquesta activitat l’estudiant identificarà l’estreta relació entre l’estadística i els seus mètodes i realitzar un estudi de simulació de qualitat.

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**Full-or-part-time:** 16h
Theory classes: 4h
Laboratory classes: 4h
Self study: 8h

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**Simulació basada en agents**

**Description:**
Paradigmes de Simulació. L’estudiant aprendrà a utilitzar un IDE específic orientat a modelització basada en agents (ABM), un enfoc a la simulació social, i comprendrà la diferència entre simuladors event-schedulling i time-step

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**Full-or-part-time:** 24h
Theory classes: 6h
Laboratory classes: 6h
Self study: 12h
Description: L'estudiant aprendrà la importància d'establir clarament els objectius i els elements significatius a ser observats, modelats i validats, en l'estudi proposat.

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Self study: 8h

Discrete Event Simulation (DES)

Description: Activitat principal del curs que permetrà a l'estudiant assolir els coneixements teòrics que l'ajudin a desenvolupar un simulador específic orientat a esdeveniments discrets.

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Full-or-part-time: 36h
Theory classes: 6h
Laboratory classes: 6h
Self study: 24h
**Verificació i Validació de models de simulació**

**Description:**
Descriure les tècniques més usals per poder Verificar i Validar (VV&A) els models de simulació. Es posa èmfasi en la necessitat d'utilitzar aquestes tècniques per tal de poder emprar el simulador amb garanties de qualitat.

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**Full-or-part-time:** 18h
Theory classes: 4h
Laboratory classes: 4h
Self study: 10h

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**Disseny d'experiments i Anàlisi de Resultats**

**Description:**
L'estudiant realitzarà el disseny d'periments que millor s'ajusti el seu estudi per, a posteriori, analitzar els resultats. Prèviament, adaptarà el seu motor de simulació específic per tal que suporti l'execució d'experiments.

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**Full-or-part-time:** 16h
Theory classes: 4h
Laboratory classes: 4h
Self study: 8h
Writing the final report

Description:
Compiling all the information generated during the course and creating the final report.

Specific objectives:
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Full-or-part-time: 18h
Guided activities: 3h 36m
Self study: 14h 24m

GRADING SYSTEM

The subject follows a mixed assessment method, with reviews of the work developed in the laboratories and a final theoretical exam. Continuous student involvement in all activities is required in order to pass the course.

Final grade: 0.6*Simulation study 0.4 Exam

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Basic:

Complementary:

RESOURCES

Hyperlink:
- http://www.acm-sigsim-mskr.org/
- http://www.flexsim.com/
- http://www.wintersim.org/
- https://plus.google.com/communities/101706154509075557846