320002 - FI - Foundations of Computing

Coordinating unit: 205 - ESEIAAT - Terrassa School of Industrial, Aerospace and Audiovisual Engineering
Teaching unit: 723 - CS - Department of Computer Science
Academic year: 2019
Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
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BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS AND AUTOMATIC CONTROL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
ECTS credits: 6
Teaching languages: Catalan, Spanish

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Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Specific:
1. IND_BASIC: Basic knowledge of how to use and program computers, operating systems, databases and computer programs applied to engineering.

Transversal:
5. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES - Level 1. Identifying information needs. Using collections, premises and services that are available for designing and executing simple searches that are suited to the topic.
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.

Learning objectives of the subject

Study load

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# TOPIC 1: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

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<td>1.1. Computer architecture.</td>
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<td>1.2. Operating systems.</td>
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<td>1.3. Computer programming.</td>
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<td>1.4. Algorithms and programs.</td>
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**Related activities:**
- Activity 5, which corresponds to a group research and development project on an introductory topic.

**Specific objectives:**
For students to:
- 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.
### TOPIC 2: BASICS OF STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING

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<td>2.1. Structure of a program.</td>
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<td>2.4. Elementary actions.</td>
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<td>2.5. Writing instructions.</td>
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**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.

**Specific objectives:**
- For students to:
  - 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.
### TOPIC 3: SUBROUTINES: ACTIONS AND FUNCTIONS

**Learning time:** 27h  
Laboratory classes: 10h  
Guided activities: 2h  
Self study: 15h

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

**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.

**Specific objectives:**  
For students to:  
- 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.
### TOPIC 4: BASIC ALGORITHMIC TECHNIQUES

**Learning time:** 26h  
Laboratory classes: 10h  
Self study: 16h

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

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| - 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. |

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| For students to:  
- 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. |
### TOPIC 5: STRUCTURED TYPES

**Description:**
- 5.1. Tuples.
- 5.2. Tables.
- 5.3. Traversal and search techniques in tables.
- 5.4. Sorting and search 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.

**Specific objectives:**
For students to:
- 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.

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### TOPIC 6: TOP-DOWN DESIGN

**Description:**
- 6.1. Top-down design of data structures.
- 6.2. Top-down design of processes.

**Related activities:**
- Completion of activity 4, the project.

**Specific objectives:**
For students to:
- 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.
***Planning of activities***

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

**Support materials:**
- Topic notes available (PowerPoint).
- Activity statement and the official correction criteria (rubric) available.

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**
Resolution of the exercise by the student. The activities of type 1 represent 20% of the laboratory assessment.

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

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**Qualification system**
- First examination: 20%
- Second examination: 30%
- 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

**Regulations for carrying out activities**

To pass the course, students must approve 50% of the evaluations.
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Bibliography

Basic:


Others resources:

Hyperlink

Atenea

Resource

Pildoras de C++

http://www.minidosis.org/#/cursos/FI

Jutge

Resource https://www.jutge.org/

Programació Pràctica en C++

Resource