



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM
COMPUTER SCIENCE BASICS

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Subject's general information

Subject name	COMPUTER SCIENCE BASICS			
Code	102109			
Semester	2nd Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Bachelor's Degree in Automation and Industrial Electronic Engineering	1	COMMON	Attendance-based
	Bachelor's Degree in Energy and Sustainability Engineering	1	COMMON	Attendance-based
	Not informed	1	COMMON	Attendance-based
	Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering	1	COMMON	Attendance-based
Course number of credits (ECTS)	6			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRAULA		TEORIA
	Number of credits	3		3
	Number of groups	6		3
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Department	COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING			
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	40% Classroom 60% Autonomous Work			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
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Subject's extra information

This is a mainly practical course in which the study is based on the resolution of recommended exercises. Individual work is essential for acquisition of the skills and the correct use of computer tools that will be used during the course. No previous programming knowledge required.

You can find the following collections of teaching materials in the Virtual Campus: <http://cv.udl.cat>

- Introduction to the Computer Basics
- MATLAB Programming
- Collections of problems, Examples, Solutions and extra materials

The use of the Virtual Campus is essential to access the resources of the course, notifications, deadlines information, teaching plan and assessment.

Learning objectives

The instrumental nature of the computer programming course makes it very useful in many areas and professional fields. The computer programming provides a variety of specific solutions for the professional development in the field of Industrial Engineering, but also plays an essential role in the area of process engineering, control systems and automation. The main objective for this course is that students learn to design and implement on a programmable device, efficient and quality solutions to different types of problems. In addition to managing the programming environment and the solving techniques, this course pretends to introduce the students to the basic components of a programmable device as well as to acquire the conception and practice of how to write a program, compile and run knowledge.

This overall objective can be divided into the following more specific objectives:

1. Identify the basic components of a computer or programmable device, its functionality and the process of

interaction with the other components.

2. Learn and understand the syntax and semantics of a high-level language.
3. Use correctly the basic structures of high-level programming language: conditionals and iterators.
4. Use properly a top-down design to address complex problems.
5. Evaluate and validate the quality of the solution according to the results.
6. Acquire practical skills in solving real problems in interpreted environments.

Competences

University of Lleida strategic competences

- UdL3. Mastering ICT's.

Degree-specific competences

- EPS5. Capacity of abstraction and of critical, logical and mathematical thinking.

Degree-transversal competences

- GEM3 i GEEIA3. Basic knowledge of the use and programming of computers, operating systems, databases and computer programs with applications in engineering.

Subject contents

1 Preliminaries

- 1.1 Von Neumann Architecture
- 1.2 Evolution and Current status of programmable systems
- 1.3 Operating Systems: Functions, current OSs, Virtualization
- 1.4 Information representation

2 Introduction to Problem Solving for Engineering

- 2.1 Computational Thinking
- 2.2 Algorithmic Thinking

3 Programming and Algorithms

- 3.1 Getting started. Interface and basic syntax in MATLAB.
- 3.2 Introduction to programming in MATLAB
 - 3.2.1 M-File Scripts
 - 3.2.2 Control Flow and operators
 - 3.2.3 User-defined Functions. Top-down algorithm design
 - 3.2.4 Input/Output Functions
- 3.3 Vectors and Matrices
- 3.4 Access to Files and Databases in Matlab
- 3.5 Toolboxes and Advanced tools in MATLAB

4 Solving a case of Study

Methodology

The activities will be divided into two parts that complement each other: lectures and laboratory.

- Lectures: theoretical concepts are introduced and activities and raise issues that require the application of theoretical concepts for its resolution. We discuss different solutions, analyzing the results and efficiency.
- Laboratory: Laboratory classes are taught in small groups of students, thus promoting dialogue and participation from them. A number of problems or activities that require a solution programmed with gradual difficulties are posed. Students seek and implement an algorithmic solution to the real problems posed. It is discussed individually and / or in groups the best techniques to solve the problems. Each practice session gradually add the concepts seen in the lectures.

Development plan

Dates (Weeks)	Description	Face-to-Face Activity	FH (2) (Hours)	Autonomous Activity	AH (3) (Hours)
Week 1 (3Feb)	Course Presentation	Exhibition events and methodology	1	Academic guide review	1
	T1.1 Von Neumann Architecture, memory and processor	Lecture and participatory classes	1	Study	2
	T1.4 Information representation	Lecture and participatory classes	2	Study	2
Week 2 (10Feb)	T1.2 Evolution and Current status of programmable systems	Lecture and participatory classes	2	Study	2
	T1.4 Representation of Integer numbers	Lecture and participatory classes	2	Study	2
Week 3 (17Feb)	T1.3 Operating Systems	Lecture and participatory classes	2	Study	2
	T1.4 Representation of Alphanumeric data. Problems	Lecture and Problem Based Learning	2	Resolució d'exercicis i Study	4
Week 4 (24Feb)	T2. Computational Thinking	Lecture and participatory classes	2	Study	2
	Lab. Getting started (S1)	Laboratory	2	Practical Activity, Software installation and Introduction	4
Week 5 (02Mar)	T2. Algorithmic Thinking	Lecture and participatory classes	2	Study	2
	Lab. Built-in functions and graphical representation (S2)	Laboratory	2	Practical Activity	4
Week 6 (09Mar)	T3. Control Flow and operators	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises	2	Exercises	4
	Lab. Scripts i Entrada/Sortida (S3)	Laboratory	2	Practical Activity (LAB03)	4
Week 7 (16Mar)	T3. Control Flow and operators Problems (S4)	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises	2	Practical Activity (LAB04)	4
	Lab. (Lab04)	Laboratory	2	Practical Exercise	4
Week 8 (23Mar)	T3. Iterative sentences and Problems (S5)	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises	2	Exercises	4
	T3. Problems	Problem Based Learning	2	Problem Solving	4

Week 9 (30Mar)	PA1. Evaluation Test - 1	Individual written exam	2		
Week 10 (13Abr)	T3. User Functions (S6)	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises	2	Exercises	2
	Lab. (Lab05)	Laboratory	2	Practical Exercise	6
Week 11 (26Abr)	T3. Vector and Matrices (S7)	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises	2	Problem Solving	4
	Lab. (Lab06)	Laboratory	2	Practical Exercise	4
Week 12	PLAB 1. Avaluable Practice	Case of study	2		
Week 13	T3. Vector and Matrices (S8)	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises	2	Problem Solving	4
	Lab. (LAB07)	Laboratory	2	Practical Exercise	4
Week 14	T3. Files access from Matlab (S9)	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises	2	Problem Solving	4
	Case of study Practice	Laboratory	2	Practical Exercise	4
Week 15	PLAB 2. Evaluation Practice	Case of study	2		
	Lab. (LAB08)	Laboratory	2	Practical Exercise	4
Week 16 Week 17	PA2. Evaluation Test - 2	Individual written exam	2		
Week 18	Qualifications and Tutoring session				
Week 19	Recovery Test	Individual written exam	2		

(2) FH = Face-to-Face Hours

(3) AH = Autonomous Hours

Evaluation

Objectives	Evaluation activities	%	Dates	O/V (1)	I/G (2)	Remarks
Continous assesment Topics 2 & 3	Evaluable practice PLAB1	15	Week 9	O	I	
Continous assesment Topics 2 & 3	Evaluable practice PLAB2	15	Week 15	O	I	
Continous assesment Topics 1 & 2 & 3	Autonomous work and classroom participation. AP	10	During all the course	O	I	
Continous assesment Topics 1 & 2 & 3	PA1. Writting exam	25	Week 9	O	I	
Continous assesment Topics 2 & 3	PA2. Writting exam	35	Week 16 i 17	O	I	
Recovery assesment. Topics 1 & 2 & 3	Recovery assesment. Writting exam (*)	50	Week 19	V	I	Recoveries Week

(1) Mandatory / Voluntary

(2) Individual / Group

Final Marks:

In the weeks 9th and 16th / 17th will be performed the writing exams: PA1 and PA2. Each of these tests has a weight of 25% and 35% over the final mark.

The final grade is calculated by the sum of the results of the writing test (PA1, PA2) plus the classroom practices (PLAB1, PLAB2) and autonomous work with classroom participation (AP): **Final Mark = PA1 + PA2 + PLAB1 + PLAB2 + AP.**

(*) On the 19th week the grade of the course can be recovered with a final writing exam, following the guidelines of the EPS Academic Degrees Framework. The recovery will be done through a written exam with all contents of the course with a weight of 50% of the final grade. The continuous assessment practices can not be recovered. This test can also be done by all those students having passed the ongoing assessment and want to modify their grade, assuming that the obtained score in the recovery test is the only score that will be considered for the calculation of the final mark.

Bibliography

Basic bibliography:

Matlab. A Practical Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving. Stormy Attaway. Butterworth-Heinemann; Fourth edition. 2016. (electronic UdL resource)

Essential MATLAB for Engineers and Scientists. Brian Hahn, Daniel Valentine. Academic Press; Sixth edition. 2017. (electronic UdL resource)

Breves apuntes de MATLAB. Una introducción rápida pero no trivial. Rosa Echevarria. Universidad de Sevilla. (<http://personal.us.es/echevarria/documentos/IntroduccionMATLAB.pdf>)

Adaptations to the methodology due to COVID-19

In general, the methodology applied during the non-attendance period is as follows:

- 2 hours per week in videoconference format to explain content. The contents taught in these sessions are included in the transparencies that are made available to students through the CV prior to the session. These sessions are complemented with the presentation of practical examples using MATLAB tool and share the screen through the video conferencing tool. Tools such as the Blackboard or One Note will also be used to make written notes on or off transparencies.
- 2 hours per week of doubts and problems. Each week the student is asked to solve a set of exercises related to the contents taught in the last content session. In addition, each week the student is asked to solve a case study. During the doubts sessions the student shares the code of the problems that can not solve solve or the doubts she/he has. Based on the material provided by students the professor provide the solution to the doubts, errors in the code, clarify poorly acquired concepts, etc., the optimality of the solutions is also discussed and alternatives are proposed when necessary. In these sessions, the student can also provide doubts about the proposed case studies.

In parallel to the previous synchronous sessions, the student is encouraged to use different tools and carry out different actions to keep up to date with the subject.

- Use of the Forum tool. For each topic and case study, is created a topic on the CV's Forum tool. In this space, the student can raise doubts regarding the contents seen in the content sessions or about the problems available to students on the problems notebook from the beginning of the course. Students express their doubts and all students are encouraged to resolve the doubts of their peers. Teachers participate to clarify or resolve any doubt that have no answer from students.
- Student solutions folder. The students can upload the problems solved from the problem notebook. The solutions can be uploaded on the 04_Problems_and_Solutions folder in the Resources section and all these solutions are available for the rest of the classroom. This action is very useful, because it provides

students with a source of resources useful to resolve doubts, learn alternative solutions, error detection, self-assessment, review and comparison of different solutions, and so on.

- Solution to the case studies can be uploaded to the virtual campus with a deadline. The deadline for these activities marks the pace of the course. The realization of these activities favors the putting in practice of the knowledges and the self-evaluation of the learning process.

Student participation on the described activities will be taken into account on the student assessment.

Adaptations to the development plan due to COVID-19

Dates (Weeks)	Description	Synchronous Activity	FH (2) (Hours)	Autonomous Activity	AH (3) (Hours)
Week 7	Control Flow problems	Problem Based Learning	2	Problem Solving	4
	Resolution of doubts through the forums			Forum review	1
	Practical activity (Lab04)			Practical Exercise	4
Week 8 (23Mar)	Iterative sentences and Problems	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises (Videoconference)	2	Exercises	4
	Problems	Problem Based Learning (Videoconference)	2		
	Forum	Resolution of doubts		Forum review	1
	Practical activity (Lab04)			Practical Exercise	4
Week 9 (30Mar)	Problems	Problem Based Learning (Videoconference)	2	Problem Solving	4
	Forum	Resolution of doubts		Forum review	1
	Practical activity (Lab05)			Practical Exercise	4
Week 10 (13 Apr)	User Functions (S6)	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises (Videoconference)	2	Exercises	2
	PA1. Evaluation Test - 1	Online Exam	2		
Week 11 (20 Apr)	Vectors (S7)	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises (Videoconference)	2	Problem Solving	2
	Practical activity (Lab06)			Practical Exercise	2
	Forum	Resolution of doubts		Forum review	1
Week 12 (27 Apr)	Problems	Problem Based Learning (Videoconference)	2	Problem Solving	2
	Practical activity (Lab06)			Practical Exercise	2
	Forum	Resolution of doubts		Forum review	1
Week 13 (04 Mai)	Matrices (S8)	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises	2	Problem Solving	2

	Problems	Problem Based Learning (Videoconference)	2		
	PLAB 1. Evaluation Practice	Case of study	2		
	Practical activity (LAB07)			Practical Exercise	2
Week 14 (11 Mai)	Problems	Problem Based Learning (Videoconference)	2	Problem Solving	2
	Practical activity (LAB07)			Practical Exercise	4
	Forum	Resolution of doubts		Forum review	1
Week 15 (18 Mai)	DataFile access from Matlab	Lecture, participatory classes and exercises	2	Problem Solving	4
	PLAB 1. Evaluation Practice	Case of study	2		
	Practical activity (LAB08)			Practical Exercise	5
	Forum	Resolution of doubts		Forum review	1
Week 17 (01 Jun)	PA2. Evaluation Test - 2	Online Exam	2		
Week 18	Qualifications and Tutoring session		0		0
Week 19 (15 Jun)	Recovery Test	Individual written exam	2		

(2) FH = Synchronous activities Hours

(3) AH = Autonomous Hours