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Ubiquitous Computing

Academic Year: (2019 / 2020) Review date: 05-09-2017

Department assigned to the subject: Computer Science and Engineering Department

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 4 Semester:

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Programming, Principles of Informatics Engineering, User Interfaces

OBJECTIVES

- ¿ General competencies
 - o Capability to analyze and synthesize (PO b)
 - o Capability to organize and plan (PO d)
 - o Problem solving (PO c)
 - o Teamwork (PO d)
 - o Capacity to apply theoretical concepts (PO c)
- ¿ Specific competences
 - o Cognitive (PO a)
 - ¿ Knowledge of ubiquitous computing elements
 - ¿ Knowledge of systems, architectures and applications for pervasive computing
 - ¿ The impact of ubiquitous computing on the society
 - ¿ Knowledge of ubiquitous computing design methods
 - o Procedural/Instrumental (PO a, c, e, i, k)
 - ¿ Developing of user interfaces for interactions in an ubiquitous environment
 - o Attitudinal (PO c, d, f)
 - ¿ Creativity
 - ¿ Quality concerns
 - ¿ Achievement motivation
 - ¿ Interesting for doing research and figuring out solutions to new problems
 - ¿ Communication abilities for divulging results to different audiences
- ¿ Specific competences common to computer engineering area
- o Knowledge and application of characteristics, functionality and structure of distributed systems, computer networks and internet. Design and development of distributed applications (CECRI11)

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- 1. Introduction to Ubiquitous Computing
- History and Definition
- Foundations of ubiquitous computing
- Interaction paradigms for ubiquitous computing
- 2. Interactions in ubiquitous environments
- Cross-device interactions
- Multi-touch interactions
- Virtual and Augmented Reality
- Tangible user interfaces
- 3. Designing ubiquitous interaction
- Cultural probes and technology probes
- Rapid prototyping techniques for ubiquitous environments
- 4. Future Avenues of ubiquitous computing

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- ¿ Theoretical lectures: 1.5 ECTS (PO a)
 - Purpose: to achieve the specific cognitive competencies of the course.
 - Implementation: lectures in which theoretical concepts on ubiquitous computing are exposed.
- ¿ Practical lectures: 1.0 ECTS (PO a, c, e, k)

- Purpose: to achieve the specific instrumental competences and develop attitudinal competences.
- Implementation: labs in which technical issues related to the development of ubiquitous computing applications are exposed.
- ¿ Practical case: 2.0 ECTS (PO a, c, d, e, k)
 - Purpose: to develop both instrumental and attitudinal competencies.
 - Implementation: designing and implementing a practical case within a work group.
- ¿ Critical analysis of research papers: 1.0 ECTS (e, d, f, g)
 - Purpose: to deepen the knowledge of specific topics of the course.
 - Implementation: Students solve programming exercises of ubiquitous computing applications.
- ¿ Final examination: 0.5 ECTS (PO a, c)
 - Purpose: to complete the development of specific cognitive and procedural capabilities.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The evaluation system includes the assessment of guided academic activities and practical cases, with the following weights:

Practical case: 40% (PO a, c, d, e, k)

Critical analysis of research papers: 20% PO (e, d, f, g)

Examination: 40% (PO a, c)

Final examination is mandatory (minimum grade 4/10).

% end-of-term-examination: 30 % of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 70

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Mark Weiser, Brown J. S. The Coming of Age of Calm Technology, Copernicus, 1997
- Paul Dourish Where the action is, MIT Press, 2004