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Programming

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Department assigned to the subject: Computer Science and Engineering Department

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Type: Basic Core ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 1 Semester : 1

Branch of knowledge: Engineering and Architecture

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

There are no pre-requisites for this course

OBJECTIVES

Generic competences and skills
1. Analysis and synthesis skills
2. Organization an planning skills
3. Ability to apply academic knowledge to practice
4. Basic computer skills
5. Ability to proactively solve problems with critical thinking
6. Basic teamwork skills

Specific skills
Cognitive

1.   To understand the role of Computing Science and Programming in the context of Industrial Engineering
2.   To explain the fundamentals of computer hardware and computer architecture and to identify the basic computer components involved in the execution of statements and programs
3.   To describe the concepts of algorithm, program, statement and programming language
4.   To explain the fundamentals of computer software: operating systems, types of programs, compilers
5.   To understand the concepts of variable, constant, operator and expression, as well as the different operators available in the C programming language
6.   To know the basic algorithmic structures: sequential, alternative, iterative
7.   To understand the concept of function and the use of parameters
8.   To understand the principles of modular and structured programming, as well as the concepts of data and function abstraction
9.   To understand the concept of structured data type and use arrays, structures and strings
10.   To know the basic search and sort algorithms
11.   To know the syntax of the C programming language
12.   To know the main programs used to solve Engineering problems

Procedural
1.   To solve Engineering problems of medium complexity by designing algorithms and developing computer programs in the C language
2.   To select the most appropriate data structures to solve a problem
3.   To use an integrated development environment to write, compile and debug programs
4.   To use functions of the C standard library

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Topic 1. Introduction to Computer Science and Programming.
  1.1. Computers and Computer Science. Brief history of computers
  1.2. Information representation with computers
  1.3. Algorithms and programs. Tools for algorithm design
  1.4. Computer Science in the context of Industrial Engineering

Topic 2. Software and Hardware
  2.1. Logic support: Software.

2.1.1. Programming languages.
2.1.2. Translators, compilers and interpreters.
2.1.3. Operating systems.
2.2. Physical support: Hardware.
2.2.1. Computer architecture. Components.
2.2.2. Program execution.
2.2.3. Peripherals.
2.2.4. Computer networks and the Internet

Topic 3. Introduction to Programming in C
3.1. Basic structure of a program
3.2. Variables and constants
3.3. Simple data types
3.4. Expressions and instructions
3.5. Operators: arithmetic, relational, logical and assignment operators
3.7. Basic input and output: printf and scanf

Topic 4. Control Flow
4.1. Conditional control flow structures:
    4.1.1. if-else
    4.1.2. switch
4.2. Iterative control flow structures (loops):
    4.2.1. for
    4.2.2. while
    4.2.3. do-while
4.3. Control structure nesting

Topic 5. Functions
5.1. Modular programming
5.2. Function declaration and definition
5.3. Function calling
5.4. Parameters: pass by value and by reference
5.5. Scope of variables and visibility
5.6. Library functions and standard C libraries

Topic 6. Structured Data Types
6.1. Introduction: structured vs. simple data types
6.2. Arrays.
    6.2.1. Arrays: definition and use
    6.2.2. Arrays as function parameters
    6.2.3. Character strings
6.3. Structures
    6.3.1. Structures: definition and use
    6.3.2. Arrays of structures
    6.3.2. Structures as function parameters

Topic 7. Search, Sort and Merge Algorithms
7.1. Search algorithms
7.2. Sort algorithms
7.3. Merge algorithms

Topic 8. Advanced topics
8.1. External data storage: files and databases
8.2. Dynamic memory management
8.3. Programs used in Engineering

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY
Lectures (on-line)
Lectures will be developed in joint student groups (on-line). Professors will explain the contents of the course to support the students to acquire the related cognitive skills.

Exercise sessions
Exercise lectures will be developed in small groups. Professors and students will solve problems to acquire the procedural skills of the course.

Computer lab sessions (on-line)
Computer labs will be developed (on-line). Students will implement and test problem solutions on a computer.

Individual tutorships
Students can request for individual sessions with the professors to ask specific questions about the course contents and exercises.

Individual work
Students will study the contents of the course presented in the lectures and solve the exercises proposed in exercise and computer lab sessions. They will receive feedback from the professors to detect and correct their errors.¿

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Continuous asessment: 50 % of the final mark

Three parts

Continous Assessment 1. Programming problem on lessons 3 and, 4(Introduction to Programming in C, Control flow and Loop)
Value: 10% of the final grade

Continous Assessment 2. Programming problem on lessons 3, 4, 5 and partially 6 (Introduction to Programming in C, Control flow and Loops, Functions, Complex Data Types-only arrays)
Value: 20% of the final grade

Continous Assessment 3. Assessment on lessons 3, 4, 5, 6 y 7. Programming problem or Test.
Value: 20% of the final grade

Final exam
Value: 50% of the final grade
Two parts:
- Test, which will cover all topics of the course. Multiple choice test, four answers, only one correct. Penalties for wrong answers will be applied (1/3 of a right answer).
- One o two problems, which will require the students to design and implement a C program.

Second Call
The exam will have the same structure as the first call.
The marks of the continuous assessment will only be taken into account if it is more favourable.

Please note that to pass this course, a mark above 4 (out of 10) in the final exam is required

% end-of-term-examination:	50
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals…):	50

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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 - Paul J. Deitel, Harvey M. Deitel. C: How to Program. , Prentice Hall, (6th Edition), 2009