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Cryptography and computer security

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 19-05-2023

Department assigned to the subject: Computer Science and Engineering Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 2 Semester: 2

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Programming (Course 1 / Semester 1)

Discrete Mathematics (Course 1 / Semester 2)

Statistics (Course 2 / Semester 1)

Software development (Course 2 / Semester 2)

SKILLS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

- ¿ Understand the scientific and technological foundations of cryptography and computer security.
- Know and apply cryptographic and authentication mechanisms and protocols.
- Know and become aware of the legal foundations and existing regulations on privacy and IT security.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this course are for the student to recognize the current importance of cryptography and its related technologies, their weaknesses and threats. Likewise, the student must know the principles, methods and means of information security systems.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- 1. Fundamentals of computer security
- 2. Mathematical foundations of cryptography
- 3. Cryptographic mechanisms and protocols
- 4. Authentication and Public Key Infrastructures
- 5. Legal aspects

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

THEORETICAL-PRACTICAL CLASSES. 1.75 ECTS with 100% attendance. Knowledge that students must acquire. They will receive class notes in electronic form and will have basic reference texts to facilitate the follow-up of the classes and the development of the subsequent work. Exercises, practical problems will be solved by the student and workshops and evaluation tests will be carried out to acquire the necessary skills.

TUTORING. 0.25 ECTS with 100% attendance. Individualized assistance (individual tutorials) or in groups (collective tutorials) to students given by the teacher.

STUDENT INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP WORK. 3.75 ECTS with 0% face-to-face.

WORKSHOPS AND LABORATORIES, 0.25 ECTS with 100% attendance.

Methodology:

MASTER CLASS. Lectures in the teacher's class with the support of computer and audiovisual media, in which the main concepts of the subject are developed and materials and bibliography are provided to complement the students' learning.

PRACTICES. Resolution of practical cases, problems, etc. raised by the teacher individually or in a group.

TUTORING. Individualized assistance (individual tutorials) or in groups (collective tutorials) to students by the teacher. For subjects of 6 credits, 4 hours will be dedicated with 100% attendance.

LABORATORY PRACTICES. Applied / experimental teaching to workshops and laboratories under the supervision of a tutor.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

FINAL EXAM. In which the knowledge, skills and abilities acquired throughout the course will be assessed globally. The evaluation percentage varies for each subject in a range between 30% and 60%.

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT. In it, the assignments throughout the course will be graded. The assessment percentage varies for each subject in a range between 40 and 70% of the final grade. It may be required to obtain a minimum performance in the final exam.

In particular:

1. ORDINARY SITTING

1.1. CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- Resolution of a practical case throughout the course (compulsory): 50%
- Partial exam (compulsory): 10%
- Presentation of a theoretical assignment (compulsory): 10%
- Final exam (compulsory): 30%

Attendance and active participation in class may be considered to obtain additional marks.

To pass the course, two conditions must be met:

- Obtain a grade equal to or greater than 4 out of 10 points in the final exam.
- Achieve, as the sum of all the parts, at least 5 points out of 10.

1.2. NON-CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

This alternative applies if any of the proposed assignments or exams is not delivered.

The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- Final exam: 60%

The final exam will include specific tests, questions or parts to verify the knowledge that must have been acquired by carrying out the proposed continuous assessment tasks.

To pass the course you must satisfy:

- Achieve at least 5.0 points out of 10.

EXTRAORDINARY SITTING

2.1. IF THE STUDENT FOLLOWED CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT IN THE ORDINARY SITTING

The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- The grade obtained in the continuous evaluation in relation to the works is kept (70%)
- Final exam (mandatory): 30%

To pass the course, two conditions must be met:

- Obtain a grade equal to or greater than 4 out of 10 points in the final exam.
- Achieve, as the sum of all the parts, at least 5 points out of 10.

2.2. NON-CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

This alternative applies if any of the proposed works were not delivered.

The evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

- Final exam: 100 %

The final exam will include specific tests, questions or parts to verify the knowledge that must have been acquired by carrying out the proposed continuous assessment tasks.

To pass the course you must satisfy:

- Achieve at least 5.0 points out of 10.

% end-of-term-examination:

30

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 70

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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