Course: Information Coding

Semester: Fall

Credits: 6 ECTS

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Objective/s:
The subject of this course is the study of the different possibilities to encode the information numerically, depending on the intended goal: conciseness (data compression), integrity (error detection codes) or security (cryptography).

The general objectives are: a) To understand the different mathematical concepts and tools underlying the models under consideration; and b) To implement these models, with special attention to efficiency and security issues.

Contents:

1. Introduction to Information Coding: Lossless compression, Huffman codes.
   Error detection, CRC.
2. Introduction to Cryptology.
3. Computational Complexity.
4. Number theory.
6. Primality tests.

Assessment (brief description):

- Continuous evaluation:
  Written exams: 40% (T1: 8%; T2-3: 12%; T4-6: 20%)
  Moodle tests: 10%
  Lab projects: 25% (4 projects, 5% each; Validation test: 5%)
  Final project (Toolbox including all lab work): 25%

- Only Final exam and students that need July exam to pass the course:
  Written exam: 50%
  Lab exam (using the Toolbox procedures): 50%

Students must get at least 5 out of 10 points to pass the course.
Course: Legal and professional issues

Semester: Fall

Credits: 3 ECTS

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Objective/s:

This course is focused in the fundamentals and underlying legal concepts concerning Computer and Software Engineering: privacy, data protection, intellectual property rights, IT contracts and E-commerce.

The general objectives are: a) Learn the law and legal principles in the areas concerning IT Law. B) Recognize and apply the ethical and legal rules and standards of conduct involved in the practice of Engineering. C) Analyze legal problems and interactions between Law and IT Technologies.

Contents:

1. Introduction to IT Law
2. Data protection: Principles; rights and duties; liability; international transfers
3. Intellectual Property Rights: copyright, rules on fair use, special rules on copy protection for digital media; patents; trademarks; software licenses, end user license agreements, free software licenses and open-source licenses; professional liability of individual developers, warranties
4. IT contract: preparation, future-proofing the contract, negotiating liability and indemnities
5. E-commerce

Assessment (brief description):

- Continuous evaluation:
  WE*0.30+ LA*0.30+WGP*0.40
  WE: Written exam; minimum 3 in 10
  LA: Lab assignment; minimum 3 in 10
  WGP: Presentation of work performed in groups

- Only Final exam and students that need July exam to pass the course:
  WE*1
  WE: Written exam; minimum 5 in 10

Students must get at least 5 out of 10 points to pass the course.
**Course:** Linux system administration  
**Semester:** Fall  
**Credits:** 6 ECTS  
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**Objective/s:** Understanding and doing some of the most important tasks of Linux system administration.  

**Contents:**  
1. Introduction  
2. System startup and shutdown  
3. Installing and updating SW  
4. User accounts  
5. Managing system resources  
6. System security  
7. Automating tasks  
8. File systems and disks  
9. Advanced use of disk  
10. Backups  
11. Printer management  

**Assessment (brief description):**  
- **Continuous evaluation:**  
  Partial exams: 20% (Test1: 10%; Test2: 10%)  
  Lab assignments: 20%  
  Generic competence (written and oral communication): 20%  
  Final exam: 40% (Students must get at least 5 out of 10 points to pass the course)  
- **Only Final exam and students that need July exam to pass the course:**  
  Lab assignments: 20%  
  Generic competence (written and oral communication): 20%  
  Final exam: 60% (Students must get at least 5 out of 10 points in this exam to pass the course)  

Students must get a final grade of at least 5 out of 10 points to pass the course.
Course: **English for professional and academic communication**

**Semester:** Fall, Spring

**Credits:** 6 ECTS

**Contact:** Francisca López / flopez@etsisi.upm.es

**Objective/s:**
The course is mainly practical and it is taught in English. It covers aspects related to the writing of professional and academic documents in English. Besides, it deals with oral communication abilities required for negotiation, meetings and professional presentations, among others.

**Contents:**

1. Terminology in academic environments and TICs.
2. General characteristics of written professional communication.
3. Types of professional communication: letters, e-mail, report, memorandum and other types of documents.
4. General characteristics of written academic communication.
5. Types of academic communication: abstracts, papers, Diploma projects and other types of documents.
6. Oral professional communication.
7. Facts intervening in oral presentations: context, partners, formality degree, body language and others.

Students must get a final grade of at least 5 out of 10 points to pass the course.

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Course: **Spanish for Science and Technology**

**Semester:** Fall, Spring

**Credits:** 3 ECTS

**Information:**

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