

SYLLABUS

1. Data about the program of study

1.1 Institution	The Technical University of Cluj-Napoca
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Automation and Computer Science
1.3 Department	Computer Science
1.4 Field of study	Computer Science and Information Technology
1.5 Cycle of study	Bachelor of Science
1.6 Program of study / Qualification	Computer science / Engineer
1.7 Form of education	Full time

2. Data about the subject

2.1 Subject name	Software design			Subject code	41
2.2 Course responsible / lecturer	Prof. dr. eng. Dînsoreanu Mihaela - mihaela.dinsoreanu@cs.utcluj.ro				
2.3 Teachers in charge of seminars / Laboratory / project	Lect. dr. Iordan Anca - anca.iordan@cs.utcluj.ro As. drd. eng. Bindea Bogdan - Bogdan.bindea@cs.utcluj.ro				
2.4 Year of study	III	2.5 Semester	6	2.6 Type of assessment (E - exam, C - colloquium, V – verification)	E
2.7 Subject category	Formative category: DF – fundamental, DS – speciality, DC – complementary				DS
	Optionality: DOB – mandatory, DOP – optional (alternative), DFA – optional (free choice)				DOB

3. Estimated total time

3.1 Number of hours per week	5	of which:	Course	2	Seminars	-	Laboratory	2	Project	1
3.2 Number of hours per semester	70	of which:	Course	28	Seminars	-	Laboratory	28	Project	14
3.3 Individual study:										
(a) Manual, lecture material and notes, bibliography										10
(b) Supplementary study in the library, online and in the field										5
(c) Preparation for seminars/laboratory works, homework, reports, portfolios, essays										6
(d) Tutoring										4
(e) Exams and tests										5
(f) Other activities:										-
3.4 Total hours of individual study (suma (3.3(a)...3.3(f)))					30					
3.5 Total hours per semester (3.2+3.4)					100					
3.6 Number of credit points					4					

4. Pre-requisites (where appropriate)

4.1 Curriculum	Programming Techniques, Software Engineering
4.2 Competence	Design methods, Data Structures, Basic Design Patterns

5. Requirements (where appropriate)

5.1. For the course	Blackboard, video projector, internet connected computer, Moodle, Teams.
5.2. For the applications	16 internet connected computers, Specific software, GitHub, Teams. Labs and project attendance is compulsory.

6. Specific competence

6.1 Professional competences	C3 - Problem solving using specific Computer Science and Computer Engineering tools • C3.1 Identifying classes of problems and solving methods that are specific to computing systems • C3.2 Using interdisciplinary knowledge, solution patterns and tools, making experiments and interpreting their results • C3.3 Applying solution patterns using specific engineering tools and methods • C3.4 Evaluating, comparatively and experimentally, the available alternative solutions for performance optimization • C3.5 Developing and implementing software solutions for specific problems
6.2 Cross competences	N/A

7. Expected Learning Outcomes

Knowledge	Describes, identifies and summarizes basic concepts and methods regarding software architecture design principles, main architectural styles and fundamental design patterns, namely: • Principles: class and package design • Architectural styles: Layered, Pipeline, event-driven, service-oriented, microservices • Design patterns: creational, structural and behavioral
Skills	• Analyze requirements and identify functional requirements and architectural characteristics • Analyze alternative architectural solutions for a specific problem, choose an architectural solution and justify the choice by showing the strengths and weaknesses of the solution in relation to the architectural characteristics of interest • Design specific solutions integrating appropriate architectural styles and design patterns • Document the projects for implementation
Responsibilities and autonomy	Has an honorable, responsible, ethical behavior, in the spirit of the law to ensure the reputation of the profession.

8. Discipline objective (as results from the *key competences gained*)

8.1 General objective	Understand and model requirements, analyse and design appropriate architectural solutions, on various abstraction levels
8.2 Specific objectives	• Identify the most relevant functional requirements and architectural characteristics of a software system and document them • Understand Class and package design principles • Analyze software architectures against known design principles • Understand fundamental software architectural styles and design patterns • Design appropriate software architectures based on given requirements

9. Contents

9.1 Lectures	Hours	Teaching methods	Notes
Introduction. SOLID class design principles	2	Lecture, Powerpoint slides, Quizzes, discussions, course materials Moodle.	
GRASP class design principles and package design principles	2		
Architectural characteristics	2		
Architectural styles (Layers, Pipeline, MVC)	2		
Architectural styles (Microkernel, Service based, DDD)	2		
Architectural styles (Event-driven (Broker, Mediator))	2		
Architectural styles (Orchestration driven (SOAP, REST))	2		
Architectural styles (Choreography driven (Microservices))	2		
Architectural styles (Volatility driven)	2		

Data access	2		
Applying Creational Design Patterns	2		
Applying Structural Design Patterns	2		
Applying Behavioral Design Patterns	2		
Final review	2		
Bibliography: 1. Mark Richards, Neal Ford, Fundamentals of Software Architecture, 2020 2. Juval Lowy, Righting software, O'Reilly, 2020 3. Vaughn Vernon, Domain Driven Design Distilled, Addison Wesley, 2016 4. Fowler Martin, <i>Patterns of Enterprise Application Architecture</i> , Addison-Wesley Professional, 2002 5. E. Gamma, R. Helm, R. Johnson, and J. Vlissides. Design Patterns. AddisonWesley, 1995. 6. Craig Larman, <i>Applying UML and Patterns: An Introduction to Object-Oriented Analysis and Design and Iterative Development</i> (3rd Edition), Prentice Hall, 2004, ISBN: 0131489062 Course materials published at moodle.cs.utcluj.ro			
9.2 Applications - Seminars / Laboratory / Project	Hours	Teaching methods	Notes
Revision exercises (OOP, UML, testing techniques). SOLID Principles	2	Tutoring, onsite/GitHub assignments development and discussions.	
Class and package design principles	2		
Requirement analysis, architectural characteristics identification	2		
MVC, MVP, MVVM	2		
Microkernel and Domain-driven design - Entities, aggregates, repositories	2		
Broker and Mediator	2		
Service-orchestration (SOAP and REST)	2		
Microservices	2		
iDesign Method	2		
Data Access patterns	2		
Creational Design Patterns	2		
Structural Design Patterns	2		
Behavioral Design Patterns	2		
Catch-up Session	2		
Bibliography: Lab tutorial Java tutorial - docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/ C# tutorial – msdn.microsoft.com			

**Se vor preciza, după caz: tematica seminariilor, lucrările de laborator, tematica și etapele proiectului.*

10. Bridging course contents with the expectations of the representatives of the community, professional associations and employers in the field

The discipline is a domain discipline in Computers and Information Technology, its content being fundamental in the design of software solutions. The content of the discipline contains both fundamental architectural solutions and modern solutions that address the current complexity of software systems. The content is compatible with similar subjects taught at prestigious universities in the country and abroad. In developing the content, important companies from Romania were consulted and it was evaluated by Romanian government agencies (CNEAA and ARACIS).

11. Evaluation

Activity type	Assessment criteria	Assessment methods	Weight in the final grade
Course	Ability to understand requirements, analyse alternative solutions and design an appropriate solution, attendance, activity (course_eval)	written exam, Moodle quizzes during the semester	p = 60% out of which Quiz = 10% Exam = 50%

Seminar	-	-	-
Laboratory	Analyse requirements and alternative solutions, design an appropriate solution and implement it, attendance, activity (lab+proj_eval)	Assignments, project deliverables Github	1 - p
Project	-	-	-
Minimum standard of performance: Grade calculus: $p * \text{course_eval} + (1-p) * \text{lab+proj_eval}$ Conditions for participating in the final exam: Lab Grade ≥ 5 AND Project Grade ≥ 5 Conditions for promotion: final grade ≥ 5 , Exam ≥ 5			

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