

## SYLLABUS

### 1. Data about the program of study

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| 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                   | Master                                      |
| 1.6 Program of study / Qualification | Data Science / Master                       |
| 1.7 Form of education                | Full time                                   |

### 2. Data about the subject

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2.1 Subject name                                          | <b>Algorithms</b>                                                                                             |              |   | Subject code                                                        | <b>2.00</b> |
| 2.2 Course responsible / lecturer                         | Prof.dr.eng. Potolea Rodica - <a href="mailto:Rodica.Potolea@cs.utcluj.ro">Rodica.Potolea@cs.utcluj.ro</a>    |              |   |                                                                     |             |
| 2.3 Teachers in charge of seminars / Laboratory / project | Assoc.prof.dr.eng. Oprea Ciprian - <a href="mailto:Ciprian.Oprea@cs.utcluj.ro">Ciprian.Oprea@cs.utcluj.ro</a> |              |   |                                                                     |             |
| 2.4 Year of study                                         | I                                                                                                             | 2.5 Semester | 1 | 2.6 Type of assessment (E - exam, C - colloquium, V – verification) | E           |
| 2.7 Subject category                                      | Formative category: DA – advanced, DS – speciality, DC – complementary                                        |              |   |                                                                     | DS          |
|                                                           | Optionality: DI – imposed, DO – optional (alternative), DF – optional (free choice)                           |              |   |                                                                     | DI          |

### 3. Estimated total time

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------|--------|----|----------|---|------------|----|---------|----|
| 3.1 Number of hours per week                                                         | 3  | of which: | Course | 1  | Seminars | - | Laboratory | 1  | Project | 1  |
| 3.2 Number of hours per semester                                                     | 42 | of which: | Course | 14 | Seminars | - | Laboratory | 14 | Project | 14 |
| 3.3 Individual study:                                                                |    |           |        |    |          |   |            |    |         |    |
| (a) Manual, lecture material and notes, bibliography                                 |    |           |        |    |          |   |            |    |         | 20 |
| (b) Supplementary study in the library, online and in the field                      |    |           |        |    |          |   |            |    |         | 9  |
| (c) Preparation for seminars/laboratory works, homework, reports, portfolios, essays |    |           |        |    |          |   |            |    |         | 20 |
| (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)))                         |    |           |        |    | 58       |   |            |    |         |    |
| 3.5 Total hours per semester (3.2+3.4)                                               |    |           |        |    | 100      |   |            |    |         |    |
| 3.6 Number of credit points                                                          |    |           |        |    | 4        |   |            |    |         |    |

### 4. Pre-requisites (where appropriate)

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| 4.1 Curriculum | Data Structures, Programming Techniques, Algorithms                                             |
| 4.2 Competence | Algorithms performance evaluation, Knowledge of fundamental algorithms on basic data structures |

### 5. Requirements (where appropriate)

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| 5.1. For the course       | Blackboard, projector, computer |
| 5.2. For the applications | Computers                       |

## 6. Specific competence

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| 6.1 Professional competences | <p>computing specific techniques and technologies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>C1.1</b> – Knowledge and proof of concepts and principles, both theoretical and practical from the software domain.</li> <li>• <b>C1.2</b> – Applying specific theory and instruments (algorithms, diagrams, models and tools) for explaining the structure and operation mode of the recent technologies in software, programming environments and programming systems from the scientific literature</li> <li>• <b>C1.3</b> – Using specific models and methods for identifying software components and solutions that are viable for incomplete specifications.</li> </ul> <p><b>C2</b> - Development of advanced techniques, methods and methodologies in the domains of software design, programming systems and environments and their applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>C2.1</b> – Identifying and describing the structure and operation mode for complex software systems and applications based on them.</li> <li>• <b>C2.2</b> – Building original software components for advanced programming systems, using algorithms, techniques, data structures, technologies and complex programming environments described in the scientific literature.</li> </ul> <p><b>C3.3</b> – Using criteria, techniques and metrics for evaluating and selecting software systems building methodologies, functional and non-functional characteristics.</p> |
| 6.2 Cross competences        | <p><b>CT3</b> - Exercising the skill of continuous self-education and demonstrating critical, innovative and research abilities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## 7. Expected Learning Outcomes

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| Knowledge                     |  |
| Skills                        |  |
| Responsibilities and autonomy |  |

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

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| 8.1 General objective   | Acquiring problem-solving skills specific to data analysis tasks, identifying potential solutions and selecting appropriate ones.                                                                                                              |
| 8.2 Specific objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complexity computation</li> <li>• Distinguishing between complexity classes</li> <li>• Approximating computationally hard problems</li> <li>• Knowledge of algorithms specific to big data</li> </ul> |

## 9. Contents

| 9.1 Lectures                                                                                                                           | Hours | Teaching methods                                                                                                                            | Notes |
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| 8.1 Lectures                                                                                                                           | Hours | Discussion and multimedia materials<br>Interactive teaching style<br>Involving students in presenting some case studies<br>Problems solving | N/A   |
| Algorithms complexity                                                                                                                  | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Complexity classes; P vs. NP, NP-Completeness                                                                                          | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| NP-complete problems; reduction algorithms                                                                                             | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| NP-complete problems approximation                                                                                                     | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Sublinear algorithms for big data                                                                                                      | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Linear programming                                                                                                                     | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Searching in big data                                                                                                                  | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Bibliography:                                                                                                                          |       |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| 1. Cormen, Thomas H., Charles E. Leiserson, Ronald L. Rivest, and Clifford Stein. <i>Introduction to algorithms</i> . MIT press, 2022. |       |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| 2. Leskovec, Jure, Anand Rajaraman, and Jeffrey David Ullman. <i>Mining of massive data sets</i> . Cambridge university press, 2020.   |       |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| 3. Feldman, Moran. <i>Algorithms for Big Data</i> . World Scientific, 2020.                                                            |       |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| 9.2 Applications - Seminars/Laboratory/Project                                                                                         | Hours | Teaching methods                                                                                                                            | Notes |
| Experimental analysis of the algorithms complexity                                                                                     | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Identifying the algorithms complexity classes                                                                                          | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Reduction algorithms for NP-Complete problems                                                                                          | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Approximation algorithms for NP-Complete problems                                                                                      | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Implementation of sublinear algorithms                                                                                                 | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Implementation and analysis of linear programming techniques                                                                           | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Algorithms for searching in big data                                                                                                   | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Introduction and presentation of the project theme                                                                                     | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Bibliographic research: resources identification                                                                                       | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Bibliographic research: documentation analysis and synthesis                                                                           | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Requirements gathering                                                                                                                 | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Implementing and testing a case study                                                                                                  | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Analysis of the experimental results                                                                                                   | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Redacting and presenting the final document                                                                                            | 2     |                                                                                                                                             |       |
| Bibliography:                                                                                                                          |       |                                                                                                                                             |       |
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\*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

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## 11. Evaluation

| Activity type | Assessment criteria                                                             | Assessment methods | Weight in the final grade |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Course        | Theoretical analysis and problem solving skills based on the acquired knowledge | Written exam       | 50%                       |
| Seminar       | -                                                                               | -                  | -                         |

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| Laboratory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Based on the obtained results and the analysis and synthesis skills | Practical problem-solving skills | 20% |
| Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Based on the obtained results and the analysis and synthesis skills | Oral evaluation                  | 30% |
| Minimum standard of performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laboratory <math>\geq 5</math></li> <li>Project evaluation <math>\geq 5</math></li> <li>Final exam <math>\geq 5</math>;</li> <li>Final grade computation: 50% final exam + 20% laboratory + 30% project</li> </ul> |                                                                     |                                  |     |

| Date of filling in:<br>01.09.2025 | Responsible  | Title First name Last name        | Signature |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
|                                   | Course       | Prof.dr.eng. Rodica POTOLEA       |           |
|                                   | Applications | Assoc.prof.dr.eng. Ciprian OPRÎȘA |           |

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| Date of approval in the department<br>17.09.2025      | Head of department,<br>Prof.dr.eng. Rodica Potolea |
| Date of approval in the Faculty Council<br>19.09.2025 | Dean,<br>Prof.dr.eng. Vlad Mureșan                 |