

## SYLLABUS

### 1. Information regarding the programme

1.1 Higher education institution	<b>Babes Bolyai University</b>
1.2 Faculty	<b>Mathematics and Computer Science Faculty</b>
1.3 Department	<b>Computer Science Department</b>
1.4 Field of study	<b>Computer Science</b>
1.5 Study cycle	<b>Bachelor</b>
1.6 Study programme / Qualification	<b>Computer Science (English)</b>

### 2. Information regarding the discipline

2.1 Name of the discipline (en) / (ro)		<b>Computer Science Investigations : IoT / Investigații în Știința Calculatoarelor : IoT</b>					
2.2 Course coordinator		<b>Lect. Dr. Mircea Ioan-Gabriel</b>					
2.3 Seminar coordinator		<b>Lect. Dr. Mircea Ioan-Gabriel</b>					
2.4. Year of study	<b>3</b>	2.5 Semester	<b>1</b>	2.6. Type of evaluation	<b>C</b>	2.7 Type of discipline	<b>O</b>
2.8 Code of the discipline		<b>OPTIONAL</b>					

### 3. Total estimated time (hours/semester of didactic activities)

3.1 Hours per week	4	Of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/ laboratory	2
3.4 Total hours in the curriculum	56	Of which: 3.5 course	28	3.6 seminar/ laboratory	28
Time allotment:					hours
Learning using manual, course support, bibliography, course notes					2
Additional documentation (in libraries, on electronic platforms, field documentation)					0
Preparation for seminars/labs, homework, papers, portfolios and essays					10
Tutorship					5
Evaluations					2
Other activities: .....					
3.7 Total individual study hours			19		
3.8 Total hours per semester			75		
3.9 Number of ECTS credits					

### 4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1. curriculum	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• mathematical analysis, data structures and algorithms, problem solving, statistics</li></ul>
4.2. competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Object oriented programming competencies, algorithmic reasoning, logical reasoning</li></ul>

## 5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. for the course	•projector
5.2. for the seminar / lab activities	•PCs or laptops with as higher computing capabilities as possible

## 6. Specific competencies acquired

<b>Professional competencies</b>	<p>Embedded IoT development competencies</p> <p>Scientific method of research</p> <p>Analysis and formalization of problems requiring computer science methods and models</p> <p>Use of computer science methods in problems solving</p> <p>Analysis, design, and implementation of software systems for real world applications</p> <p>Proficient use of methodologies and tools specific to programming languages and software systems</p>
<b>Transversal competencies</b>	<p>CT1 Application of efficient and rigorous working rules, manifest responsible attitudes toward the scientific and didactic fields, respecting the professional and ethical principles.</p> <p>CT2 Use of efficient methods and techniques for learning, information, research and development of abilities for knowledge exploitation, for adapting to the needs of a dynamic society and for communication in Romanian as well as in a widely used foreign language</p> <p>CT3 Use of efficient methods and techniques to learn, inform, research and develop the abilities to value the knowledge, to adapt to requirements of a dynamic society and to communicate in Romanian language and in a language of international circulation</p>

## 7. Objectives of the discipline (outcome of the acquired competencies)

7.1 General objective of the discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The theoretical and practical training of students for thorough computer science investigations in the realm of IoT</li> </ul>
7.2 Specific objective of the discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding and properly applying             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• scientific research methodology</li> <li>• IoT Development methodology</li> <li>• Software Development practices</li> <li>• Machine Learning practices</li> <li>• Algorithmic Reasoning</li> <li>• Testing practices</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Investigating real-life problems. The social purpose of Computer Science. Ethics and morality	Interactive exposure Explanation	

in Software Development and Science	Conversation Didactical demonstration	
2. Evaluating the quality of scientific papers and publications. Establishing a proper bibliographic basis	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	
3. Qualitatively sorting and filtering bibliographic resources and assessing the state-of-the-art of the problem domain. Clustering the bibliography based on the main research directions	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	
4. The danger of plagiarism and ways of combating it. Identifying unexplored or improvable research niches	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	
5. Harvesting datasets from the state-of-the-art of the research niche as benchmarks for performance evaluation	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	
6. Artificial Intelligence vs. Classical Algorithmics: choosing the right original approach	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	
7. Designing and Developing an API for the proposed approach. Programming principles and good practices. Choosing the architecture, design patterns, language and technology. API testing	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	
8. Data analysis, preprocessing and visualisation for algorithm training and performance evaluation. Training, Validation, Testing. Performance assessment	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	
9. Optimisation via hyper-parametrization	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	
10. Software design aspects: design patterns and principles	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	
11. Software development aspects: cybersecurity, UX, testing	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	
12. IoT: Background and Challenges	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	
13. IoT design and development aspects	Interactive exposure Explanation Conversation Didactical demonstration	

14. Building and deploying an IoT-enhanced software product

Interactive exposure  
Explanation Conversation  
Didactical demonstration

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<p>1. During the first 6 weeks, guided by the methodology presented in the course, the student will gradually write, based on the selected bibliography following the scientific investigation process, the chapters State-of-the-art and Proposed Solution of a future scientific article on the topic.</p> <p>At the same time the student will draw out the algorithm and its implementation with the help of the most suitable programming languages and technologies.</p>	<p>Lab assignment Explanation Conversation Scientific method</p>	
<p>2. The student will test the performance of the proposed solution on benchmark datasets from the literature</p> <p>The scientific article will be completed with the chapters Performance Evaluation, Conclusions and future development, and last but not least, Introduction</p>	<p>Lab assignment Explanation Conversation Scientific method</p>	
<p>3. Before the Christmas holidays, the student will have two deliverables completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the API - specified, tested and documented (preferably on git)</li> <li>- the scientific article describing the whole process that led to the emergence of the API and the evaluation of its performance</li> </ul> <p>These deliverables will be presented in the last week of school before the Christmas holidays in front of a commission composed of representatives of partner companies in a stand-alone event (not during one of the classes).</p> <p>The best scientific research conducted so far will be mentored by real professionals from the industry for the rest of the semester with the purpose of embedding them in actual IoT-enhanced software products.</p>	<p>Lab assignment Explanation Conversation Scientific method</p>	
<p>Once the investigation is chosen by the mentor, during the winter holidays, the weeks after the holidays and in the exam session, the team of mentors and students will develop an industry-level IoT application and will perfect the proposed solution to achieve the final deliverable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A software product designed and developed correctly, specified, tested and documented (accessible on git) to illustrate the utility of the proposed scientific solution in a concrete IoT context</li> </ul> <p>The final products will participate in the judging phase, a similar event Graduation Day,</p>	<p>Lab assignment Explanation Conversation Scientific method</p>	

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**9. Corroborating the content of the discipline with the expectations of the epistemic community, professional associations and representative employers within the field of the program**

The course follows the IEEE and ACM curricular recommendations for computer science studies

**10. Evaluation**

Type of activity	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Share in the grade (%)
10.4 Course	Proper understanding of scientific research methodologies in Computer Science	Scientific article	25%
	Proper scientific ethics		
10.5 Seminar / lab activities	Framework design and architecture. Programming principles and practices. Testing.	The proposed API - specified, tested and documented (preferably on git)	25%
	Software application design. Programming principles and practices. Testing.	A software product (accessible on git) to illustrate the utility of the proposed scientific solution	25%
	IoT software design. Programming principles and practices. Testing.	IoT Module	25%
10.6 Minimum performance standards			
• Minimum 5 grade for the course and lab activity			

Date

Signature of course coordinator

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