Introduction to Digital Systems

Course Presentation

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- Scientific area
  - Architecture of computing systems
- Courses
  - Computer and Informatics Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Contact hours
  - 2h lectures + 2h labs
- ECTS credits
  - 6
- Code
  - 40332

The number of ECTS credits assigned to a course **does not indicate how many hours of classes you will have**. Instead, it **indicates the expected number of hours to study**.

1 ECTS = 25-30 hours of study. 6 ECTS = 150-180 hours of study.
The semester has ~ 15 weeks => you must study at least **10 hours per week**.

These hours include: lectures, labs, book reading, exercise solving, exam study, etc.

Evaluation

- Final classification is obtained two mutually exclusive alternatives:
  - **Continuous evaluation** (default) during the lab classes (a personal laptop computer with simulation software is required):
    - 3 TP tests (20%, 25%, 30%) + 2 simulation problems (10%, 15%)
  - **Final exam**: TP test + simulation problems
- The evaluation method is **continuous** by default but might be altered to **final** during the first two weeks of the semester.
- For approval, the total weighted average must be ≥ 9.5

Repeaters

- Positive grades obtained in the various assessment components in the academic year 2020/2021 are not maintained.

Student Absences

- Attendance at lectures is strongly encouraged, but is not considered compulsory. There will be **no record of absences in TP classes**. Student presence might be registered informally.
- In ordinary regime, the **practical classes are of compulsory attendance**.
- In accordance with the current study regulations, all students who, not having a working student status, unexcusably miss **more than 20% of practical classes**, will be **reproved** automatically and will not be allowed to participate in subsequent evaluations during the current academic year.
- The proper documentation of the illness, injury, or other reason must be submitted to DETI secretariat within the stated deadlines. In parallel, and as early as possible, the student should send a copy of the justification to the respective teacher.

Working Students

- Working students who have not been able to attend regular lab classes during the semester, will have their final exam(s) during the exam season, in January/February.

Teachers

- Leader:
  - Iouliia Skliarova
- Lectures:
  - Augusto Silva, Iouliia Skliarova
- Labs:
  - António Navarro, Augusto Silva, Iouliia Skliarova, José Luis Cura, Manuel Violas, Fábio Coutinho, Vinícius Oliveira

Student Consultation

- Mode: distance learning (*zoom*)
- Students are strongly invited to contact their practical class teachers for explanations or other support for self study.

Bibliography

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- T. Floyd, *Sistemas Digitais: fundamentos e aplicações*, 9ª edição, Bookman, 2007
- M. Dias, *Sistemas Digitais, Princípios e Prática*, 3ª ed, FCA, 2013

Course website: elearning.ua.pt

- Objectives
- Support materials for theoretical classes
- Lab guides
- Teachers' contacts
- Course software
- Assessment
- Bibliography
- Etc.

Full reading of the teaching dossier is mandatory!

Welcome to the world of digital design!

Have good time studying!

Remember:

6 ECTS = 4h of classes + 6h of homework