

1 PRESENTATION

course “software requirements and architecture”

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- This course is about **SOFTWARE ENGINEERING**.

application of a systematic, disciplined and quantifiable approach to the analysis, design, implementation and exploitation of software systems, resorting to knowledge, principles, techniques and methods that originate from the empirical-scientific advances, in an ethical context to satisfy the necessities of the human development.

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objectives of the course

- This course focuses on various topics related to requirements engineering and software design.
- It addresses requirements elicitation, requirements documentation, and modelling.
- It addresses software design, risk, design tactics, and design patterns.
- The student will be exposed to methods and techniques that help to characterise, in a systematic manner, the requirements and the architecture of the intended system.

Upon finishing this course, the student will be able to:

- ➊ apply requirements engineering methods to elicit, prioritize and document requirements,
- ➋ use techniques to refine quality attributes,
- ➌ analyse architectural alternatives based on problem domain and quality attributes,
- ➍ describe architectures using views, patterns and styles,
- ➎ apply appropriate design patterns to better structure software systems.

prerequisites

- ① Students should have solid knowledge on:
 - object-oriented programming
 - object-oriented modelling
 - UML
- ② Additionally, it is desirable that they have:
 - knowledge on patterns
 - proficiency in following software development methods

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project (PL7, PL8)

- classes: Sep 17 – Dec 03 (12 weeks)
- assessment has two components: t (test/exam) and p (project)
- test Dec 17; exam Jan 21
- final mark = $\min(0.6 \times \max(t, p) + 0.4 \times \min(t, p), t + 2)$
- To approve, a student must have:
 - $t \geq 9.00$
 - $p \geq 10.00$
 - final mark ≥ 9.50

assessment & calendar

- project is developed in three phases
- **phase 1**: teams of five students; deadline Oct 18
- project mark for groups with 3 or 4 students get bonus (+1.4 and +0.7, respect.)
- **phase 2 & 3**: teams unite to create bigger teams
- project deadlines: Nov 15, Jan 17
- project presentation: Jan 27–31
- p_i (project mark) in each phase is affected by individual performance:
 - individual variation $[-2..+2]$ (provided by each team)
 - sum of variations is 0 within the team
- $p = 0.4 \times p_1 + 0.6 \times p_{2,3}$
- project mark 2023/24 can be reused this year (send email)

some rules

- you can send us emails, but it is **NOT** guaranteed that we will answer
- deadlines will not be changed, unless strictly necessary
- we do not control who is present in the PL classrooms; we do count how many students are present
- if PL classes have in two consecutive weeks less than 10 students, we may cancel it and move students to other classes

bibliography

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