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	***Cryptology***			Subject code	**54.2**
2.2 Course responsible / lecturer	Prof. dr. eng. Suciu Alin-Dumitru - alin.suciu@cs.utcluj.ro				
2.3 Teachers in charge of seminars / Laboratory / project	Prof. dr. eng. Suciu Alin-Dumitru - alin.suciu@cs.utcluj.ro				
2.4 Year of study	IV	2.5 Semester	8	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)				DOP

3. Estimated total time

3.1 Number of hours per week	5	of which:	Course	2	Seminars	1	Laboratory	2	Project	-
3.2 Number of hours per semester	70	of which:	Course	28	Seminars	14	Laboratory	28	Project	-
3.3 Individual study:										
(a) Manual, lecture material and notes, bibliography										28
(b) Supplementary study in the library, online and in the field										22
(c) Preparation for seminars/laboratory works, homework, reports, portfolios, essays										26
(d) Tutoring										-
(e) Exams and tests										4
(f) Other activities:										-

3.4 Total hours of individual study (suma (3.3(a)...3.3(f)))	80
3.5 Total hours per semester (3.2+3.4)	150
3.6 Number of credit points	6

4. Pre-requisites (where appropriate)

4.1 Curriculum	Computer Programming (C), OO Programming (Java/C#), Logic Programming (Prolog), Operating Systems
4.2 Competence	All competences related to the above disciplines

5. Requirements (where appropriate)

5.1. For the course	Blackboard, Projector, Computer, Online platforms
5.2. For the applications	Multicore computers, Specific Software, Online platforms

6. Specific competence

6.1 Professional competences	**C3** - Problems solving using specific Computer Science and Computer Engineering tools (1 credit) • **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 mehods • **C3.4** Comparatively and experimentaly evaluation of the alternative solutions for performance optimization • **C3.5** Developing and implementing informatic solutions for concrete problems **C5 -**Designing, managing the lifetime cycle, integrating and ensuring the integrity of hardware, software and communication systems (1 credit) • **C5.1** Specifying the relevant criteria regarding the lifetime cycle, quality, • security and computing system's interaction with the environment and human operator • **C5.2** Using interdisciplinary knowledge for adapting the computing system to the specific requirements of the application field • **C5.3** Using fundamental principles and methods for security, reliability and usability assurance of computing systems • **C5.4** Adequate utilization of quality, safety and security standards in information processing • **C5.5** Creating a project including the problem's identification and analysis, its design and development, also proving an understanding of the basic quality requirements **C6 -** Designing intelligent systems (2 credits) • **C6.1** Describing the components of intelligent systems • **C6.2** Using domain-specific tools for explaining and understanding the functioning of intelligent systems • **C6.3** Applying the fundamental methods and principles for specifying solutions for typical problems using intelligent • **C6.4** Choosing the criteria and evaluation methods for the quality, performances and limitations of intelligent systems • **C6.5** Developing and implementing professional projects for intelligent systems
6.2 Cross competences	N/A

7. Expected Learning Outcomes

Knowledge	Describe, identify and sumarize the concepts and methods of modern Cryptography and Cryptanalysis (Cryptology)
Skills	Select and explain specific concepts of modern digital Cryptography/Cryptanalysis. Specify,develop and test Cryptographic / Cryptanalitic algorithms. Use programming tools and environments that are specific for modern Cryptography / Cryptanalysis.
Responsibilities and autonomy	Show autonomy in applying knowledge and tools that are specific for Cryptology , assume responsibility for proposed solutions and for following professional, legal and ethical standards.

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

8.1 General objective	Developing the ability to identify the need for applying cryptographic methods for a given problem, and to properly implement them considering possible cryptanalytic attacks
8.2 Specific objectives	▪ Understanding the fundamental concepts of cryptography and cryptanalysis ▪ Ability to implement cryptographic algorithms using various programming languages (in C, Java, C#, Prolog, etc.) ▪ Ability to implement cryptanalytic algorithms using various programming languages (in C, Java, C#, Prolog, etc.)

9. Contents

9.1 Lectures	Hours	Teaching methods	Notes
Introduction, Fundamentals of Cryptology	2	Lectures using blackboard and projector, interactive discussions.	
Classical encryption algorithms and their cryptanalysis (1)	2		
Classical encryption algorithms and their cryptanalysis (2)	2		
Cryptographically secure pseudo random number generators (CSPRNG)	2		
True random number generators (TRNG); statistical analysis	2		
One Time Pad – the perfect cipher	2		
Stream ciphers	2		
Block ciphers, AES	2		
Block ciphers – mode of operation	2		
Public key cryptography, RSA	2		
Digital signatures, RSA based	2		
Cryptographic hash functions	2		
Key management, Digital certificates	2		
Review, preparation for the final exam	2		
Bibliography 1. C. Paar, J. Petzl, T. Guneysu, *Understanding Cryptography*, Springer, 2024. 2. H. C.A. van Tilborg, *Fundamentals of Cryptology*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1999 (available online).			
9.2 Applications - Seminars / Laboratory / Project	Hours	Teaching methods	Notes
Introduction, Fundamentals of Cryptology	2		
Classical encryption algorithms and their cryptanalysis (1)	2		
Classical encryption algorithms and their cryptanalysis (2)	2		
Cryptographically secure pseudo random number generators (CSPRNG)	2		
True random number generators (TRNG); statistical analysis	2		
One Time Pad – the perfect cipher	2		
Stream ciphers	2		
Block ciphers, AES	2		
Block ciphers – mode of operation	2		
Public key cryptography, RSA	2		
Digital signatures, RSA based	2		
Cryptographic hash functions	2		
Key management, Digital certificates	2		
Laboratory Evaluation	2		
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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

11. Evaluation

Activity type	Assessment criteria	Assessment methods	Weight in the final grade
Course	Knowledge assimilated from the course material, interactivity during lectures. Ability to solve domain specific problems	Written and/or oral exam (E)	70%
Seminar	Ability to solve domain specific problems	Written test and/or Seminar homeworks sent/ received (S)	0%
Laboratory	Ability to solve problem using parallel programming techniques and technologies	Written test and/or Laboratory homeworks sent/ received (L)	30%
Project	-	-	-
Minimal performance requirements: E ≥ 50% ; L ≥ 50% Final Grade: G = 0.7*E + 0.3*L			

Date of filling in: 05.05.2026	**Responsible**	**Title First name Last name**	**Signature**
	Course	Prof. dr. eng. Alin Suciu	
	Applications	Prof. dr. eng. Alin Suciu	

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