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#### UNIVERSITY OF THESSALY

# School of Technology – Department of Environmental Sciences Undergraduate Programme in Environmental Sciences



#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

# (1) GENERAL

SCHOOL	School of Technology			
ACADEMIC UNIT	Department of Environmental Sciences			
LEVEL OF STUDIES	Undergraduate			
COURSE CODE	AY105		SEMESTER	1st
COURSE TITLE	COMPUTER PROGRAMMING			
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES		WEEK	LY TEACHING HOURS	CREDITS
Teaching Hours			4	5
COURSE TYPE	General background			
PREREQUISITE COURSES	None			
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS	Greek			
IS THE COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	No			
COURSE WEBSITE (URL)	https://eclass.uth.gr/courses/ENV U 105/			

### (2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### **Learning outcomes**

The course is an introduction to basic programming concepts and principles.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will have acquired knowledge and skills and will be able to:

- Understand how the python programming language works, using libraries and debugging.
- Process automation through the development of scripts.
- Process data related to environmental applications.

#### **General Competences**

- Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology.
- Working independently.
- Respect for the natural environment.
- · Criticism and self-criticism.
- Production of free, creative and inductive thinking.

# (3) SYLLABUS

- Introduction to computers & programming languages. Computer Structure and Operating Systems. Files and folders management.
- Basic concepts in the operation of: Internet (video conferencing software), Word Processing Software, Spreadsheet & Presentation Software.
- Introduction to the Python programming language. Installation of the necessary software and familiarization with the working environment. Basic commands: Print, code comments (#), ways to insert and print comments.
- Data types: Simple (integers, reals, etc.) and complex (Lists, Tuples, sets, strings and dictionaries).
- Python shell commands.
- Variables: Description and use of variables (global, local, etc.).
- Python strings. Indexing, Cutting and printing, Formatting.
- Operators: Operator categories, priorities and operator usage.
- Repeating commands and executing commands under conditions (for...if, elif, else, while).
- Functions: function definition and call, function parameters, variable scope, recursion.
- Classes in Python: Introduction to object-oriented programming (inheritance, encapsulation and polymorphism).
- Python programming examples in environmental applications.

## (4) TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS – EVALUATION

DELIVERY	Face-to-face			
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY	<ul> <li>Use of PowerPoint slides</li> <li>View material in video</li> <li>Communication with students via e-mail</li> <li>Use of asynchronous distance learning (e-class)</li> </ul>			
TEACHING METHODS	Activity	Semester workload		
	Lectures	39		
	Laboratory practice	26		
	Study and analysis of bibliography	40		
	Essay writing	20		
	Course total (25 hours workload per credit)	125		
STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION	Students' performance is evaluated in the Greek language. The final grade is determined by:  • A written exam (at the end of the semester) that contributes 75% to the final grade, applying one or more of the following evaluation methods: Multiple choice questions, short-answer questions, problem solving.  • Students' participation in laboratory practice activities and the preparation and delivery of related written assignments (during the semester) that contributes 25% to the final grade.  Final Grade =75% Exam Grade + 25% Assignments Grade			

# (5) ATTACHED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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