



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Informatica

2223-1-E4101B003

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#### Learning objectives

The course is aimed at gathering skills on: fundamentals of computer architecture, definition of hardware and software, basic concepts on operating systems, information representation, algorithm design, software programming basics.

At the end of the course, the student will be able to design algorithms and implement them in a programming language, in particular in order to process data to solve specific problems.

#### Contents

Representation of information  
Information management: the architecture of computers  
Hardware and system software: introduction to operating systems  
The notion of algorithm  
Fundamental constructs  
Data structures  
Procedures and functions  
Write and read files  
Object Oriented Programming  
Examples and exercises

#### Detailed program

Representation of information

- information and uncertainty
- the representation of numbers in computers: the binary, octal and hexadecimal system (representation of integers, floating point decimals, text). Basics of Boolean algebra.  
Information management: the architecture of computers
- elementary machine
- modern machine (registers and ALU)
- primary and secondary memory
- BUS
- peripheral devices  
Hardware and system software: introduction to operating systems
- processes and CPU
- memory management
- I/O management (Input / Output)
- the File System  
The notion of algorithm
- pseudocode and flow charts
- algorithm design: elementary, top-down, and bottom-up strategies  
Fundamental constructs
- variables
- conditional statements
- cycles
- recursion
- fundamental operators  
Data structures
- simple types
- array: vectors and matrices
- lists, stacks and queues  
Procedures and functions  
Write and read files  
Object Oriented Programming
- definitions of "class", "object" and "method"
- (method) "constructor" of a class
- abstract classes and interfaces
- inheritance  
Examples and exercises

## Prerequisites

None

## Teaching methods

Lectures

Exercises (in the classroom and laboratory)

Final exercise with an exam simulation

## Assessment methods

The final exam consists of a written test and a subsequent discussion/acceptance of the final grade. Registration through the online system is mandatory.

The written test consists of about 10 "multiple-choice" questions and 1 or 2 "open-ended" questions, the number of questions, for both types, may vary from one session to another. The time available for the exam will be approximately 2 hours, it may vary from one session to another in relation to the number and/or complexity of the questions.

### Multiple choice questions

The multiple-choice questions will concern theoretical topics or will require you to simulate the execution of an algorithm and/or piece of code, or will require you to identify the output produced by an algorithm and/or piece of code. A wrong answer will not give rise to any penalty, the correct answers will contribute to the achievement of the final grade.

### Open-ended questions

You will be asked to design an algorithm for solving a specific problem and translate it into code (Python) that must be executable.

### Outcomes

The exam is passed if a sufficient grade is achieved both in the multiple-choice questions and in the open-ended questions. In the event of a seriously insufficient test, there are no limitations on returning to one of the subsequent exams: however, we are confident that the student will present himself for the exams prepared or that he will ask not to correct the test if he considers that he has carried out the task in a seriously insufficient way.

## Textbooks and Reading Materials

Slides, exercises, and, in general, all the materials presented during lectures will be published on this website

### Textbooks

- "Fondamenti di Informatica per l'Università". Enrico Grosso, Manuele Bicego. G. Giappichelli Editore, Torino
- "Concetti di informatica e fondamenti di Python" (seconda edizione). Cay Horstmann, Rance D. Necaise. Maggioli Editore.

## Semester

First semester, second period.

## Teaching language

Italian

## Sustainable Development Goals

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