# syllabus

## 1. Information regarding the programme

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| 1.1 Higher education institution | **"Babes_Bolyai" University** |
| 1.2 Faculty | **Faculty of Mathematics and Computer science** |
| 1.3 Department | **Department of Computer Science** |
| 1.4 Field of study | **Informatics(Computer Science)** |
| 1.5 Study cycle | **Master** |
| 1.6 Study programme / Qualification | **High Performance Computing and Big Data Analytics** |

## 2. Information regarding the discipline

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| 2.1 Name of the discipline | **Models in Parallel Programming** | | | | | | |
| 2.2 Course coordinator | **Assoc.Prof.PhD. Niculescu Virginia** | | | | | | |
| 2.3 Seminar coordinator | **Assoc.Prof.PhD. Niculescu Virginia** | | | | | | |
| 2.4. Year of study | **1** | 2.5 Semester | **1** | 2.6. Type of evaluation | **E.** | 2.7 Type of discipline | **Compulsory** |

## 3. Total estimated time (hours/semester of didactic activities)

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| 3.1 Hours per week | 4 | Of which: 3.2 course | 2 | 3.3 seminar/ laboratory | 1 sem. +1pr. |
| 3.4 Total hours in the curriculum | 56 | Of which: 3.5 course | 28 | 3.6 seminar/ laboratory | 28 |

| Time allotment: | hours |
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| Learning using manual, course support, bibliography, course notes | 36 |
| Additional documentation (in libraries, on electronic platforms, field documentation) | 40 |
| Preparation for seminars/labs, homework, papers, portfolios and essays | 42 |
| Tutorship | 14 |
| Evaluations | 12 |
| Other activities: ................. | - |

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| 3.7 Total individual study hours | 144 |
| 3.8 Total hours per semester | 200 |
| 3.9 Number of ECTS credits | 8 |

## 4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

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| 4.1. curriculum | • Algorithms construction and evaluation, Data Structures, Object-oriented and functional programming |
| 4.2. competencies | • Programming skills and basic abilities for dealing with abstractions |

## 5. Conditions (if necessary)

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| 5.1. for the course | • Projector, blackboard |
| 5.2. for the seminar | • Projector, blackboard, computers(laptops) |

## 6. Specific competencies acquired

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| **Professional competencies** | • Knowledge, understanding of the basic concepts of parallel programming.<br>• Ability to work independently and/or in a team in order to solve problems in defined professional contexts (models).<br>• Knowledge, understanding of the theoretical foundations of parallel algorithms construction. |
| **Transversal competencies** | • Ability to solve problems using parallel programming.<br><br>• Ability to do research work in the domain of the parallel programming by studing a particular model of parallel computation. |

## 7. Objectives of the discipline (outcome of the acquired competencies)

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| 7.1 General objective of the discipline | • Each student has to prove that (s)he acquired an acceptable level of knowledge and understanding of the subject, that (s)he is capable of stating these knowledge in a coherent form, that (s)he has correct habits of analysis, design, and implementation using different models of parallel computation. |
| 7.2 Specific objective of the discipline | • To present the basic paradigms of parallel programming .<br>• To offer different models of parallel programs development and understanding their necessity and their advantages.<br>• To create the ability to correctly develop parallel algorithms using different models of parallel computation (algorithms from linear algebra, numerical analysis, graph, searching and sorting algorithms).. |

## 8. Content

| 8.1 **Course** | Teaching methods | Remarks |
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| 1.<br>General Introduction to parallel programming:<br>- reasons for using parallel programming;<br>- problems and difficulties in parallel programming;<br>- the necessity of using models<br>Parallel Computer Architectures - *Taxonomies* | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
| 2. Types of parallelism<br><br>¥ Implicit parallelism<br>¥ Explicit Parallelism<br>- Data-parallel model<br>- Message-passing model<br>- Shared-variable model<br>Task Dependency Graph, Task Interaction Graph, Degree of Concurrency, Granularity, Mapping<br>(PCAM) method | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
| 3 Parallel architectures- Interconnection networks | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |

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| 4.<br><br>PRAM models | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
| 5.<br><br>Computational networks<br><br>Brent Theorem | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
| 6.<br><br>Analytical Modeling of Parallel Systems Scalability | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
| 7.<br><br>Parallel programming patterns<br><br>- Master-slaves<br>- Task-Farm<br>- Work-Pool<br>- Divide &Conquer<br>- Pipeline | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
| 8.<br>Bulk Synchronous Parallel programming<br><br>- BSP | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
| 9.<br><br>- LogP | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
| 10.<br><br>Algorithmic Skeletons | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
| 11.    Functional parallel programming<br><br>*Bird-Meertens Formalism (BMF)*.<br><br>-  List Homomorphisms<br>-  Categorical Data Types<br>Map-Reduce Model | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
| 12.<br><br>Pares – *A Model for Parallel Recursive Programs*.<br>-  Special data structures of parallel recursion: PowerLists, ParLists, PLists | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
| 13.    Interleaving/ Nondeterminancy/ Formal Methods<br><br>-  UNITY *"Unbounded Nondeterministic Iterative Transformations"*  model<br><br>-  CSP(Communicating Sequential Processes) model | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |

| 14.<br>General presentation of the parallel computation models (PCM).<br>    o  Requirements for PCM<br>    o  Classification:<br>       - implicit parallelism<br>       - implicit decomposition<br>       - explicit decomposition<br>       - explicit mapping<br>       -explicit communication<br>       - everything explicit<br>Main Categories of Models<br>Classification/Comparison of the models for parallel computation. | Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies | |
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http://www.cs.ubbcluj.ro/~vniculescu/didactic/

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| **8.2 Seminar** | Teaching methods | Remarks |
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| 1.  Simple examples of parallel programs. | Explanation, dialogue, case studies | The seminar is structured as 2 hours classes every second week |

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| 2.  Tehniques used in parallel programs construction. | Dialogue, debate, case studies, examples, proofs | |
| 3.  MPI and OpenMP examples | Dialogue, debate, case studies, examples, proofs | |
| 4.  Performance analysis | Dialogue, debate, explanation, examples | |
| 5.  Student presentations | Dialogue, debate, explanation, examples | |
| 6.  Student presentations | Dialogue, debate, explanation, examples | |
| 7.  Student presentations | Dialogue, debate, explanation, examples | |

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## 9. Corroborating the content of the discipline with the expectations of the epistemic community, professional associations and representative employers within the field of the program

- The course respects the IEEE and ACM Curricula Recommendations for Computer Science studies;
- The course exists in the studying program of all major universities in Romania and abroad;

## 10. Evaluation

| Type of activity | 10.1 Evaluation criteria | 10.2 Evaluation methods | 10.3 Share in the grade (%) |
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| 10.4 Course | - know the basic principles and paradigms of the domain; | Written exam alt. complex project | 50% |
| 10.5 Seminar | - a research paper that presents a model of parallel computation<br><br>-practical works | -presentation<br>-discussion | 25%<br><br>25% |
| 10.6 Minimum performance standards | | | |
| ✦ At least grade 5 (from a scale of 1 to 10) at both written exam and research paper. | | | |

Date                       Signature of course coordinator      Signature of seminar coordinator

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Date of approval                                 Signature of the head of department

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