

SYLLABUS

1. Information regarding the programme

1.1 Higher education institution	Babeş Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
1.3 Department	Department of Computer Science
1.4 Field of study	Computer Science
1.5 Study cycle	Master
1.6 Study programme / Qualification	Cyber Security

2. Information regarding the discipline

2.1 Name of the discipline (en) (ro)	Computer Ethics and Academic Integrity (Principii etice în informatică și integritate academică)						
2.2 Course coordinator	Prof. PhD. Simona Motogna						
2.3 Seminar coordinator	Prof. PhD. Simona Motogna						
2.4. Year of study	1	2.5 Semester	1	2.6. Type of evaluation	C	2.7 Type of discipline	Mandatory
2.8 Code of the discipline	MME4002						

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

3.1 Hours per week	4	Of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	1sem+ 1 project
3.4 Total hours in the curriculum	56	Of which: 3.5 course	28	3.6 seminar/laboratory	28
Time allotment:					hours
Learning using manual, course support, bibliography, course notes					10
Additional documentation (in libraries, on electronic platforms, field documentation)					15
Preparation for seminars/labs, homework, papers, portfolios and essays					15
Tutorship					2
Evaluations					2
Other activities:					
3.7 Total individual study hours	44				
3.8 Total hours per semester	100				
3.9 Number of ECTS credits	4				

4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1. curriculum	•
4.2. competencies	•

5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. for the course	• Room with projector
5.2. for the seminar /lab activities	• Students should use laptops/computers for their presentations

6. Specific competencies acquired

Professional competencies	C3.4 Data and model analysis C3.5 Produce computational components for interdisciplinary projects
Transversal competencies	CT1 Apply rules to: organized and efficient work, responsibilities of didactical and scientific activities and creative capitalization of own potential, while respecting principles and rules for professional ethics CT2 Efficient organization of activities in an inter-disciplinary group and development of emphatic communication, relational and collaboration abilities CT3 Use efficient methods and techniques for learning, knowledge gaining, and research and develop capabilities for capitalization of knowledge, accommodation to society requirements and communication in English

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

7.1 General objective of the discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to understand and apply the regulations, law and ethical practices in Data Science • Detect intellectual property violations • Analyze risks and alternative decisions regarding ethical aspects of Data Science
7.2 Specific objective of the discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to use ethical analysis methodologies • Critical abilities in identifying violation of domain's law

8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Introduction to legal and ethical issues in Data Science	Exposure: description, debate	
2. Professional ethics	Exposure: description, debate, case studies, examples, dialogue	
3. Intellectual Property	Exposure: description, debate, case studies, examples, dialogue	
4. Ethical issues for data access, use, and collection	Exposure: description, debate, case studies, examples, dialogue	
5. Bias and Fairness	Exposure: description, debate, case studies, examples, dialogue	
6. Privacy, confidentiality and anonymization of data	Exposure: description, debate, case studies,	

	examples, dialogue	
7. Practical Tools	Exposure: description, debate, case studies, examples, dialogue	
8. Specificity of data from financial sector (invited topic)	Exposure: description, debate, case studies, examples, dialogue	
9. Specificity of data from economic sector (invited topic)	Exposure: description, debate, case studies, examples, dialogue	
10. Specificity of data in health (invited topic)	Exposure: description, debate, case studies, examples, dialogue	
11. Specificity of data in public sector (invited topic)	Exposure: description, debate, case studies, examples, dialogue	
12. Specificity of data in life science (invited topic)	Exposure: description, debate, case studies, examples, dialogue	
13. Presentations of students reports	Exposure: description, debate, case studies, examples, dialogue	
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Mittelstadt, Brent and Floridi, Luciano, Eds. (2016) The Ethics of Biomedical Big Data, Springer, 480 pages.		
Lane, Julia, et al., Eds., (2014) Privacy, Big Data, and the Public Good: Frameworks for Engagement, Cambridge University Press, 339 pages.		
8.2 Seminar / laboratory	Teaching methods	Remarks

1. Debate between teams of students on topics from course: ethics of profession, intellectual property	Debate, case studies, dialogue	
2. Debate between teams of students on topics from course: bias and fairness, confidentiality and privacy	Debate, case studies, dialogue	
3. Workshop on: anonymization	Debate, case studies, dialogue	
4. “Bonnie and Clyde”: famous cases in data breach / infringements	Debate, case studies, dialogue	
5. Debate between teams of students on topics from course: data in finance and economy, health and life sciences	Debate, case studies, dialogue	
6. Reading and discussion on selected papers from bibliography	Debate, case studies, dialogue	
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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 exists in the studying program of all major universities abroad;
- The content of the course is providing basic ethical conduct stated by ACM and IEEE, and legal

10. Evaluation

Type of activity	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Share in the grade (%)
10.4 Course	Course activity during semester	Debates, case studies Report	10% 20%
	At the end of semester	Colloquium	10%
10.5 Seminar/lab activities	Seminar activity	Debates, case studies	30%
		Reading Contribution to case repository	10% 10%
10.6 Minimum performance standards			
<input type="checkbox"/> At least an average grade of 5 <input type="checkbox"/> To be able to identify data infringements cases and to propose counter-measures <input type="checkbox"/> To be able to formulate arguments regarding ethical issues related to data			

Date
20.05.2022

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Date of approval
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