

## syllabus

### 1. Information regarding the programme

1.1 Higher education institution	<b>Babeş Bolyai University</b>
1.2 Faculty	<b>Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science</b>
1.3 Department	<b>Department of Computer Science</b>
1.4 Field of study	<b>Computer Science</b>
1.5 Study cycle	<b>Bachelor</b>
1.6 Study programme / Qualification	<b>Computer Science (in English)</b>

### 2. Information regarding the discipline

2.1 Name of the discipline (en) (ro)	<b>Static Program Analysis</b>						
2.2 Course coordinator	<b>Prof.PhD. Simona Motogna</b>						
2.3 Seminar coordinator	<b>Prof.PhD. Simona Motogna</b>						
2.4. Year of study	<b>3</b>	2.5 Semester	<b>6</b>	2.6. Type of evaluation	<b>C</b>	2.7 Type of discipline	<b>Optional</b>
2.8 Code of the discipline	MLE5126						

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

3.1 Hours per week	3	Of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/laboratory	1lab
3.4 Total hours in the curriculum	36	Of which: 3.5 course	24	3.6 seminar/laboratory	12
Time allotment:					hours
Learning using manual, course support, bibliography, course notes					20
Additional documentation (in libraries, on electronic platforms, field documentation)					10
Preparation for seminars/labs, homework, papers, portfolios and essays					20
Tutorship					20
Evaluations					19
Other activities: .....					-
3.7 Total individual study hours	89				
3.8 Total hours per semester	125				
3.9 Number of ECTS credits	5				

### 4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1. curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal Languages and Compiler Design course</li> </ul>
4.2. competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic knowledge of front-end and back end of a compiler</li> <li>Medium programming skills</li> </ul>

### 5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. for the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Room with projector</li> </ul>
5.2. for the seminar /lab activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laboratory: computers and use of a programming language environment</li> </ul>

### 6. Specific competencies acquired

<b>Professional comp</b>	<p>C 4.1 Definition of concepts and basic principles of computer science, and of mathematical theories</p> <p>C 4.2 Interpretation of mathematical and computer science models (formal)</p> <p>C 4.4 Use of simulation to study the behaviour of models and to evaluate their performance</p>
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<b>etencies</b>	
<b>Transversal competencies</b>	<b>CT1</b> Apply rules to: organized and efficient work, responsibilities of didactical and scientific activities, capitalization of own potential, while respecting principles and rules for professional ethics <b>CT3</b> 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"> <li>• Be able to understand compiler design</li> <li>• Be able to understand static analysis concepts</li> <li>• Improved programming skills</li> </ul>
7.2 Specific objective of the discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be able to apply static analysis techniques</li> <li>• Be able to implement static analysis techniques</li> </ul>

## 8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Static Analysis Tools: an introduction: principles, goals	Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies	
2. Dataflow analysis	Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies	
3. Abstract interpretations	Exposure: description, explanation, examples, debate, dialogue	
4. Interprocedural analysis	Exposure: description, explanation, examples, proofs	
5. Symbolic execution	Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies	
6. Buffer Overflow Analysis	Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies	
7. Analysis of heap data structures	Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies	

8. Detecting security vulnerabilities	Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies	
9. Invited lecture: how are static analysis tools used in real life projects	Exposure: description, explanation, examples, discussion of case studies	
10. – 12. Project presentations	Exposure: discussion of case studies	

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5. Flemming Nielson, Hanne R. Nielson, Chris Hankin: Principles of Program Analysis. 2nd edition, Springer, 2005
6. Steven S. Muchnick, Neil D. Jones: Program Flow Analysis: Theory and Applications. Prentice Hall, 1981
7. Anders Møller and Michael I. Schwartzbach - Static Program Analysis, Lecture notes, <https://cs.au.dk/~amoeller/spa/>

8.2 Seminar / laboratory	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Case study: static analysis tool (part 1): features, techniques, applicability	Laboratory assignment, case study, conversation	
2. Case study: static analysis tool (part 1): apply for a program	Laboratory assignment, case study, conversation	
3. Choice of project topic. Problem specification	Laboratory assignment, case study, conversation	
4. Project analysis and design. – documentation	Laboratory assignment, case study, conversation	
5. Project implementation and testing	Laboratory assignment, case study, conversation	
6. Project presentations	Laboratory assignment, case study, conversation	

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1. P. Emanuelsson, U. Nilsson: A Comparative Study of Industrial Static Analysis Tools, Technical Report 2008:3, Linköping University, Sweden, 2008
2. SonarQube documentation
3. PyLint documentation
- Other static analysis tools

### 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 content of the course is considered the software companies as important for advanced programming skills
- The course provides a good theoretical background for further research in Software Engineering and Programming Fundamentals

### 10. Evaluation

Type of activity	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Share in the grade (%)
10.4 Course	- know the basic principle of the domain; - apply the course concepts - problem solving	Continuous evaluation at course	10%
	- understand advanced topics in the field	Paper presentations	30%
10.5 Lab activities	- be able to implement course concepts and algorithms	Lab assignments	40%
	- apply techniques for different classes of programming languages	Use of Static Analysis Tools	20%
<b>10.6 Minimum performance standards</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ At least grade 5 (from a scale of 1 to 10) at both written exam and laboratory work.</li> <li>➤ To be able to use and interpret results of Static Analysis tools</li> <li>➤ To be able to explain the concepts involved in static analysis methods</li> </ul>			

Date  
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