

# SYLLABUS

## Web and Internet Security

University year 2025-2026

### 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
1.7. Form of education	Full time

### 2. Information regarding the discipline

2.1. Name of the discipline	<b>Web and Internet Security</b>			Discipline code	<b>MME8194</b>		
2.2. Course coordinator	Assoc. prof. phd. Darius-Vasile BUFNEA						
2.3. Seminar coordinator	Assoc. prof. phd. Darius-Vasile BUFNEA						
2.4. Year of study	1	2.5. Semester	2	2.6. Type of evaluation	E	2.7. Discipline regime	Mandatory

### 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/project	1/0/1
3.4. Total hours in the curriculum	56	of which: 3.5 course	28	3.6 seminar/laboratory/project	28
<b>Time allotment for individual study (ID) and self-study activities (SA)</b>					<b>hours</b>
Learning using manual, course support, bibliography, course notes (SA)					25
Additional documentation (in libraries, on electronic platforms, field documentation)					25
Preparation for seminars/labs, homework, papers, portfolios and essays					20
Tutorship					14
Evaluations					10
Other activities:					0
<b>3.7. Total individual study hours</b>					<b>94</b>
<b>3.8. Total hours per semester</b>					<b>150</b>
<b>3.9. Number of ECTS credits</b>					<b>6</b>

### 4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1. curriculum	Computer Architecture, Operating Systems, Computer Networks, Web Programming, Modular Arithmetic and Cryptography
4.2. competencies	Basic knowledge of the structure and operation of the Internet, basic knowledge of cryptography, operating systems, computer architecture, databases, web programming, client-server model, algorithm and programming

### 5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. for the course	Classroom equipped with video projector
5.2. for the seminar /lab activities	Classroom equipped with video projector

### 6.1. Specific competencies acquired <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> One can choose either competences or learning outcomes, or both. If only one option is chosen, the row related to the other option will be deleted, and the kept one will be numbered 6.

<b>Professional/ essential competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know and understand the main paradigms related to data protection: confidentiality, integrity and data availability.</li> <li>• Demonstrate advanced skills to analysis, design, and construction of secure software systems, using a wide range of hardware / software platforms, programming languages and environments, and modelling, verification and validation tools.</li> </ul>
<b>Transversal competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applying the norms of organized and efficient work, responsibility and reliability of the work performed both individually and within a team.</li> <li>• Good English communication skills.</li> </ul>

## 6.2. Learning outcomes

<b>Knowledge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student / graduate knows which are the best security mechanisms that can be implemented on the Internet.</li> <li>• The student / graduate knows the most commonly used mathematical cryptographic algorithms as well as the most important protocols in the TCP / IP stack that implement these algorithms.</li> <li>• The student / graduate has knowledge about Internet applied cryptography, especially knowledge related to the public and private key cryptography.</li> <li>• The student / graduate knows the most popular types of cyber attacks that can take place on the Internet and has knowledge about how to prevent such attacks.</li> </ul>
<b>Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student / graduate is able to develop secure software systems.</li> <li>• The student / graduate is able to identify possible security issues in software systems.</li> <li>• The student / graduate is able to use security techniques in the software systems development process.</li> <li>• The student / graduate acquires skills to use various tools in the testing process to identify software vulnerabilities.</li> <li>• The student / graduate is able to design and implement security verification tools.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsibility and autonomy:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student / graduate assumes responsibility for the product of his / her work, requests feedback and uses it constructively.</li> <li>• The student / graduate is able to coordinate project management activities, using decision-making skills, critical and innovative thinking, as well as digital skills.</li> <li>• The student / graduate is able to provide specialized advice and develop specialized materials.</li> <li>• The student / graduate uses efficient strategies, methods and techniques for lifelong education, in order to self educate and self develop his/her personal and professional skills.</li> </ul>

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

<b>7.1 General objective of the discipline</b>	The course aims to deepen the student's knowledge of the best security mechanisms that can be implemented and used on the Internet, both at the level of a computer system and at the level of the communication infrastructure.
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<b>7.2 Specific objective of the discipline</b>	<p>The course brings together some advanced topics in the field of cyber security. The course is structured around the TCP / IP architecture for organizing computer networks, the theoretical aspects being oriented towards each level and set of protocols within the TCP / IP stack. The course aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• present and familiarize the student with the most common encryption algorithms as well as with the different protocols at various levels in the TCP / IP stack that implement these algorithms;</li> <li>• a comprehensive presentation of the main aspects of cryptography applied on the Internet, in particular of public and private key cryptography;</li> <li>• familiarize the student with the most serious vulnerabilities in the field, as well as with the mechanisms and measures to combat these vulnerabilities;</li> <li>• present to students the main security challenges posed by e-commerce on the Internet;</li> <li>• address from a legal and moral point of view various topics such as Internet crime and user privacy;</li> <li>• contribute to the understanding of these fields by studying and developing relevant practical applications.</li> </ul>
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## 8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Presentation of the bibliography and the structure of the course. Requirements and evaluation. Computer vulnerabilities. Policies and aspects of IT security at different levels of the TCP / IP stack.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
2. History of computer attacks. Malware (classification). Computer virology. The anatomy of a computer virus. Antivirus systems. Spyware and adware. Their applications in e-commerce. Botnet networks.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
3. Computer vulnerabilities. Operating system security.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
4. Internet server security. Enterprise network security architectures.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
5. Local area network security. Firewall mechanism (host based, router based). Network & host scanning. Types of scans.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
6. Local attacks and remote attacks. Escalation of privileges. Horizontal attacks. DDOS, flood.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
7. Buffer overflow. Exploits' anatomy. Shellcode.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
8. Web application security. SQL Injection. SMTP Injection. Cross Site Scripting. CSRF. Unrestricted file upload.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
9. Encryption algorithms based on public and private keys. Digital signatures. Digital certificates.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
10. Public keys infrastructures and associated services.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
11. E-mail security. DKIM. Antispam mechanism: bayesian spam filters, DNS based blacklists. PGP.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
12. Network and transport security protocols. IPSec. SSL and TLS. VPN	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
13. Physical and data link layer security	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
14. Social Engineering related vulnerabilities. Cyber crime. Ensuring user privacy.	Presentations, explanations, examples, case studies	
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8.2 Seminar / laboratory	Teaching methods	Remarks
1. Computer vulnerabilities. Computer virology. The anatomy of a computer virus. Antivirus systems.	Debate, dialogue, examples, conversations	
2. Exploits. Shell-code.	Debate, dialogue, examples, conversations	
3. Firewalls	Debate, dialogue, examples, conversations	
4. Web applications security	Debate, dialogue, examples, conversations	
5. Public key encryption algorithms. Digital signatures. Digital certificates.	Debate, dialogue, examples, conversations	
6. E-mail security	Debate, dialogue, examples, conversations	
7. Network and transport layers security protocols.	Debate, dialogue, examples, conversations	

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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

Courses with a similar content exist in the curriculum of all major universities in Romania and abroad.

- The course addresses fundamental security issues and especially current ones on the Internet.
- The content of the course covers the main aspects necessary to be mastered by the student in order to successfully occupy a suitable position within a profile company.

### 10. Evaluation

Activity type	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Percentage of final grade
10.4 Course	Knowledge of the main theoretical aspects presented in the course	Partial examination of the first half of the curriculum	0.3
	Knowledge of the main theoretical aspects presented in the course	Final exam in the second half of the curriculum	0.3
10.5 Seminar/laboratory	Delivery of reports and projects on security topics chosen by mutual agreement of the student with the teacher (among those discussed at the course and/or seminar)	Oral presentation by the student	0.4
10.6 Minimum standard of performance			
The following two conditions must be met for the student to pass the course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• semester-long activity (presentation of reports and projects), activity that must be noted at least with a grade of 5;</li> <li>• minimum average 5 between the mark of the partial exam and the one obtained at the exam in the evaluation session.</li> </ul>			

### 11. Labels ODD (Sustainable Development Goals)<sup>2</sup>

*Not applicable.*

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<sup>2</sup> Keep only the labels that, according to the [Procedure for applying ODD labels in the academic process](#), suit the discipline and delete the others, including the general one for *Sustainable Development* – if not applicable. If no label describes the discipline, delete them all and write „*Not applicable.*”.

Date of approval:

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Signature of the head of department

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