



Philadelphia University
Faculty of Information Technology
Department of Computer Science

2013-2014

<u>Course Syllabus</u>	
Course Title: Special Topics	Course code: 0750460
Course Level: 4 th year of study	Course prerequisite (s):
Lecture Time:	Credit hours: 3

<u>Academic Staff Specifics</u>				
Name	Rank	Office Number and Location	Office Hours	E-mail Address

Course module objectives:

This module aims to offer any recent topic in computer science. The chosen topic may be different from semester to another. So, this syllabus must be developed each semester according to the topic.

Course/ module components

<to be filled>

Teaching methods:

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Learning outcomes:

<to be filled>

Assessment instruments

<u>Allocation of Marks</u>	
Assessment Instruments	Mark
First examination	
Second examination	
Final examination:	
Reports, research projects, Quizzes, Home works, Projects	
Total	100

Documentation and academic honesty

- Documentation style: University rules apply.
- Protection by copyright
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 2. Note that this does not prevent your taking copies of your laboratory work home, or making copies of non-copyright material, but does prevent your taking random pieces of software away on a floppy. You should assume that all material is copyright unless it specifically states otherwise. If in doubt, ask.
- Avoiding plagiarism.
 1. Coursework, laboratory exercises reports and essays submitted for assessment must be your own work, unless in the case of group projects a joint effort is expected and is indicated as such.
 2. Unacknowledged direct copying from the work of another person, or the close paraphrasing of somebody else's work, is called plagiarism and is a serious offence, equated with cheating in examinations. This applies to copying both from other students' work and from published sources such as books, reports or journal articles.
 3. Use of quotations or data from the work of others is entirely acceptable, and is often very valuable provided that the source of the quotation or data is given. Failure to provide a source or put quotation marks around material that is taken from elsewhere gives the appearance that the comments are ostensibly your own. When quoting word-for-word from the work of another person quotation marks or indenting (setting the quotation in from the margin) must be used and the source of the quoted material must be acknowledged.
 4. Paraphrasing, when the original statement is still identifiable and has no acknowledgement, is plagiarism. A close paraphrase of another person's work must have an acknowledgement to the source. It is not acceptable for you to put together unacknowledged passages from the same or from different sources linking these together with a few words or sentences of your own and changing a few words from the original text: this is regarded as over-dependence on other sources, which is a form of plagiarism.
 5. Direct quotations from an earlier piece of your own work, if not attributed, suggest that your work is original, when in fact it is not. The direct copying of one's own writings qualifies as plagiarism if the fact that the work has been or is to be presented elsewhere is not acknowledged.
 6. Sources of quotations used should be listed in full in a bibliography at the end of your piece of work.
 7. Plagiarism is a serious offence and will always result in imposition of a penalty. In deciding upon the penalty the Department will take into account factors such as the year of study, the extent and proportion of the work that has been plagiarized and the apparent intent of the student. The penalties that can be imposed range from a minimum of a zero mark for the work (without allowing resubmission) through caution to disciplinary measures (such as suspension or expulsion).

Course/module academic calendar

Week	Basic and support material to be covered	Homework/reports and their due dates
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)	FIRST EXAM	
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
(11)	SECOND EXAM	
(12)		

(13)		
(14)		
(15)		
(16)	Final Exam	

Expected workload:

On average students need to spend 2 hours of study and preparation for each 50-minute lecture/tutorial.

Attendance policy:

Absence from lectures and/or tutorials shall not exceed 15%. Students who exceed the 15% limit without a medical or emergency excuse acceptable to and approved by the Dean of the relevant college/faculty shall not be allowed to take the final examination and shall receive a mark of zero for the course. If the excuse is approved by the Dean, the student shall be considered to have withdrawn from the course.

Module references

<to be filled>

Journals

<to be filled>

Websites

<to be filled>