

## Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. develop algorithms that solve given problems efficiently; solve computing problems in effective ways.
2. translate algorithms into programs, using a programming language
3. use good programming skills.

## Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to

1. understand formal and mathematical notations;
2. solve simple linear equations

## Course contents

- Algorithms and troubleshooting: strategies for solving problems; the role of algorithms in problem solving; strategies for implementation of algorithms, concepts and properties of algorithms. Variables, simple and structured data types, expressions and functions, structures, flow control selection and repetition; input/output methods, subprogramming and parameters passage. Python language.


## Course contents (extended version)

1. General concepts of problems decomposition and algorithms

- Introduction to the concept of algorithm and structured programming
- Specification of an algorithmic language;
- Types, operators and expressions, structures
- Sub-programming
- Recursivity;
- Types of structured data.

2. Fundamentals of programming languages:

- General concepts, preparation and execution of a program;
- Basic Concepts in Python: identifiers, reserved words
- Structures of flow control: if () else, for, do while, while
- Function and structure of a program;

Recursivity;
Data structures: strings, lists, tuples, etc.
3. Objects Oriented Programming introduction.

Class, Object, atribute and operations.
Constructors.

- Association simple, aggregation, composition and generalization.


## Recommended reading

1. Wentworth, P. , Elkner, J. , Downey, A. B. \& Meyers, C. (2012). How to Think Like a Computer Scientist: Learning with Python 3. (2nd Edition).
2. Downey, A. B. (2016). Think Python. Sebastopol, CA: O'Reilly Media, Inc. ISBN: 9781491939369
3. Cunha, C. (2019). Programação em Python (textos de apoio). Mirandela: EsACT
4. Ramalho, L. (2015). Fluent Python: Clear, Concise, and Effective Programming. Sebastopol, CA: O'Reilly Media, Inc. ISBN: 9781491946008

## Teaching and learning methods

Theoretical and practical: one part consisting of exposure to theoretical problems which arise and offer solutions followed by a part of problems and assignments to be held in class and in tutorial classes, which aims to consolidate the theoretical concepts discussed. Laboratory practice: lessons, which is shown through simulation and testing the concepts already developed.

## Assessment methods

1. Continuous assessment - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)

Intermediate Written Test - 50\% ((1st part of the UC content) Minimum grade: 7 points.)

- Final Written Exam - 50\% ((2st part of the UC content) Minimum grade: 7 points.)

2. Exchange students - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)

- Intermediate Written Test $-50 \%$ ((1st part of the UC content) Minimum grade: 7 points.)
- Intermediate Written Test - $50 \%$ ((2st part of the UC content) Minimum grade: 7 points.)


## Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.
Electronic validation

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