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## LEARNING GUIDE

### SUBJECT

**593000401 - Advanced Digital Architectures**

### DEGREE PROGRAMME

59AF - Master Univ. Ing. Sistemas y Servicios para la Sociedad de la Información

### ACADEMIC YEAR & SEMESTER

2020/21 - Semester 1

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## 1. Description

### 1.1. Subject details

<b>Name of the subject</b>	593000401 - Advanced Digital Architectures
<b>No of credits</b>	5 ECTS
<b>Type</b>	Compulsory
<b>Academic year of the programme</b>	First year
<b>Semester of tuition</b>	Semester 1
<b>Tuition period</b>	September-January
<b>Tuition languages</b>	English
<b>Degree programme</b>	59AF - Master Univ. Ing. Sistemas y Servicios para la Sociedad de la Informacion
<b>Centre</b>	59 - Escuela Tecnica Superior de Ingenieria y Sistemas de Telecomunicacion
<b>Academic year</b>	2020-21

## 2. Faculty

### 2.1. Faculty members with subject teaching role

<b>Name and surname</b>	<b>Office/Room</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Tutoring hours *</b>
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### 3. Prior knowledge recommended to take the subject

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#### 3.1. Recommended (passed) subjects

The subject - recommended (passed), are not defined.

#### 3.2. Other recommended learning outcomes

- Microprocessor
- C Language Programming
- Operating Systems
- Basic use of Linux OS

### 4. Skills and learning outcomes \*

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#### 4.1. Skills to be learned

CB.06 - To have knowledge that provides the basis or the opportunity of being original to develop and/or to apply ideas, usually in a research context.

CB.07 - To be capable of applying the students' acquired knowledge, as well as their problem solving abilities, to new or not well-known environments in broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts that are in the framework of their expertise area.

CB.10 - To have the learning abilities to continue studying in a mostly self-guided or autonomous manner.

CE.01 - To be capable of analyzing, interpreting and applying standards related to the ICT.

CE.07 - To be capable of proposing, organizing and executing research works in the framework of the Information Society engineering.

CESI.03 - To be capable of analyzing and developing embedded systems integrating operating systems.

CGEN.03 - To be capable of elaborating, planning strategically, leading, coordinating and managing, both technically and economically, projects in the framework of the Information Society engineering, according to ethical, quality and environmental criteria.

CGEN.04 - To be capable of planning, calculating and designing systems and services for the Information Society.

## 4.2. Learning outcomes

RA62 - Analyze the embedded systems, the technologies they use and the theoretical aspects involved in the systematic design of this type of systems.

RA68 - Implement an embedded system project using Embedded Linux

RA69 - Integrate digital sensors in an Open Hardware platform using standardized interfaces

RA64 - Apply the software tools to built an embedded Linux operating system

RA63 - Analyze and evaluate operating systems that can be integrated into an embedded system

RA66 - Deploy an embedded Linux system in a Open Hardware platform

RA67 - Develop and debug software applications for embedded Linux systems using GNU tools

RA11 - Ability to analyze and design systems and services for the Information Society

RA10 - Improvement of the skills for autonomous learning

\* The Learning Guides should reflect the Skills and Learning Outcomes in the same way as indicated in the Degree Verification Memory. For this reason, they have not been translated into English and appear in Spanish.

## 5. Brief description of the subject and syllabus

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### 5.1. Brief description of the subject

The primary subject objective is to present to the students the use of the fundamental technologies in the embedded electronic systems development.

After an introduction to the subject where the basic concepts of advanced digital architectures are presented (processors, DSPs and FPGAs), the course focuses on the use of GPPs (General Purpose Processors) and how the embedded Linux operating system can be executed on them using an Open Hardware platform such as the BeagleBone Black. The topics discussed include ARM processors, the use of a hardware platform such as the BeagleBone, and the use of Buildroot to generate an embedded Linux distribution.

### 5.2. Syllabus

1. Introduction to embedded systems. Technologies used in the design of these systems. General purpose processor architectures (GPP)

1.1. Advanced Digital Architectures

1.1.1. GPP Processors

1.1.2. Digital Signal Processors

1.1.2.1. VLIW Architecture

1.1.2.2. DSP Specific peripherals: DMA, High Speed Serial Lines

1.1.3. Architectures using FPGAs and SoCs

1.1.3.1. FPGA Architecture

1.1.3.2. FPGA-based SoC architecture and ARM processor

1.2. Embedded system introduction

1.3. Overview of ARM processors

1.3.1. Basic architecture of an ARM processor

1.3.2. Reduced instructions set

### 1.3.3. Pipeline

### 1.3.4. Memory levels

## 1.4. Embedded operating systems. Embedded Linux

### 1.4.1. Basic features

### 1.4.2. Operating systems main elements

#### 1.4.2.1. Bootloader

#### 1.4.2.2. Kernel

#### 1.4.2.3. Filesystem

#### 1.4.2.4. OS Initialization. Applications

### 1.4.3. Buildroot concept

## 1.5. Beaglebone Black description

### 1.5.1. Beaglebone Black

#### 1.5.1.1. Hardware architecture

#### 1.5.1.2. Connectos

### 1.5.2. Ubuntu Virtual Machine for Linux development

### 1.5.3. Use of Eclipse

## 1.6. Embedded Linux tutorial with BeagleBone. Using Buildroot

### 1.6.1. Downloading and configuring Buildroot

### 1.6.2. Kernel configuration

### 1.6.3. uboot, ucLibc and Busybox configuration

### 1.6.4. Network configuration

### 1.6.5. Booting the system

## 1.7. Project Application development for Beaglebone using Buildroot and external sensors

### 1.7.1. Connecting peripherals to BeagleBone with standard interfaces

### 1.7.2. Application development and debugging

## 6. Schedule

### 6.1. Subject schedule\*

Week	Face-to-face classroom activities	Face-to-face laboratory activities	Distant / On-line	Assessment activities
1	<b>Course Introduction</b> Duration: 01:00  <b>Advanced Digital Architectures</b> Duration: 02:00			
2	<b>Introduction to embedded systems</b> Duration: 01:00  <b>ARM processors family overview</b> Duration: 02:00			
3	<b>Introducción a la familia ARM de procesadores</b> Duration: 01:00  <b>ARM processors family overview</b> Duration: 02:00			
4	<b>Embedded operating systems</b> Duration: 03:00			
5	<b>Embedded operating systems</b> Duration: 03:00			
6	<b>BeagleBone platform description. Software tools</b> Duration: 01:00	<b>Basic tutorial to use BeagleBone</b> Duration: 01:00		<b>Midterm exam</b>  Continuous assessment Presential Duration: 01:00
7		<b>BeagleBone and Buildroot. Embedded Linux Tutorial</b> Duration: 03:00		
8		<b>BeagleBone and Buildroot. Embedded Linux Tutorial</b> Duration: 02:00		<b>Midterm exam. Embedded Linux</b>  Continuous assessment Presential Duration: 01:00



9		<p><b>Course Project Presentation</b> Duration: 01:00</p> <p><b>Application development</b> Duration: 02:00</p>		
10		<p><b>Application development</b> Duration: 03:00</p>		
11		<p><b>Project revision and sharing</b> Duration: 03:00</p>		
12		<p><b>Project revision and sharing</b> Duration: 03:00</p> <p><b>Application Development</b> Duration: 03:00</p>		
13		<p><b>Application development</b> Duration: 03:00</p>		
14		<p><b>Application development</b> Duration: 03:00</p>		
15				<p><b>Written exam</b></p> <p>Continuous assessment Presential Duration: 01:00</p> <p><b>LAB exam</b></p> <p>Continuous assessment Presential Duration: 01:00</p> <p><b>LABs revision. Report revision</b></p> <p>Continuous assessment Presential Duration: 00:00</p>
16				<p><b>written exam</b></p> <p>Final examination Presential Duration: 01:00</p> <p><b>LABs and project course exam</b></p> <p>Final examination Presential Duration: 02:00</p>

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Depending on the programme study plan, total values will be calculated according to the ECTS credit unit as 26/27 hours of student face-to-face contact and independent study time.

\* The schedule is based on an a priori planning of the subject; it might be modified during the academic year, especially considering the COVID19 evolution.

## 7. Activities and assessment criteria

### 7.1. Assessment activities

#### 7.1.1. Continuous assessment

Week	Description	Modality	Type	Duration	Weight	Minimum grade	Evaluated skills
6	Midterm exam		Face-to-face	01:00	25%	5 / 10	CGEN.04 CESI.03 CGEN.03
8	Midterm exam. Embedded Linux		Face-to-face	01:00	15%	5 / 10	CGEN.03 CB.10
15	LAB exam		Face-to-face	01:00	25%	5 / 10	CE.07 CGEN.04 CB.10
15	Written exam		Face-to-face	01:00	10%	5 / 10	CGEN.03 CE.01 CB.07
15	LABs revision. Report revision		Face-to-face	00:00	25%	5 / 10	CB.10 CE.07 CGEN.04 CE.01 CESI.03 CB.06

#### 7.1.2. Final examination

Week	Description	Modality	Type	Duration	Weight	Minimum grade	Evaluated skills
16	written exam		Face-to-face	01:00	50%	5 / 10	CESI.03 CB.07 CGEN.03 CB.10 CGEN.04 CE.01
16	LABs and project course exam		Face-to-face	02:00	50%	5 / 10	CESI.03 CB.06 CB.10 CE.07

#### 7.1.3. Referred (re-sit) examination

Description	Modality	Type	Duration	Weight	Minimum grade	Evaluated skills
written exam		Face-to-face	01:00	50%	5 / 10	CESI.03 CB.07 CGEN.03 CB.10 CGEN.04 CE.01
LABs and Project course exam		Face-to-face	02:00	50%	5 / 10	CESI.03 CB.06 CB.10 CE.07

## 7.2. Assessment criteria

### Components of the evaluation

The Master's program to which this subject belongs has entered its termination phase. There will be only **final evaluation**

**Final evaluation** will have a test which will consist of:

A written exam of 1 hour.

A practical exam where the student must develop a two-hour hardware/software application project for the BeagleBone.

**The extraordinary exam will have this same format**

To pass the subject, it will be necessary that the student meets the following conditions:

Obtain 5 points or more in all the components of the final grade of the subject.

## 8. Teaching resources

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### 8.1. Teaching resources for the subject

Name	Type	Notes
Open Hardware embedded system	Equipment	Beaglebone Black
Moodle UPM	Web resource	Moodle UPM
Buildroot	Others	Buildroot software tools
Virtual Machine with Linux OS	Equipment	Linux in a virtual machine

## 9. Other information

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### 9.1. Other information about the subject

"IMPORTANT NOTE: The Master's program to which this subject belongs has entered its termination phase. For this reason, the only valid section of this Study Guide is "Activities and assessment criteria / Actividades y Criterios de Evaluación", being the rest equal to the last time that the subject was taught."