

SYLLABUS

1. Information regarding the programme

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| 1.1 Higher education institution | Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca |
| 1.2 Faculty | Environmental Science and Engineering |
| 1.3 Department | Environmental Analysis and Assessment |
| 1.4 Field of study | Environmental Engineering |
| 1.5 Study cycle | Master |
| 1.6 Study programme / Qualification | Sustainable Development and Environmental Management |

2. Information regarding the discipline

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| 2.1 Name of the discipline | | LIDAR systems | | | | | |
| 2.2 Course coordinator | | Nicolae Ajtai, Lecturer Ph.D. | | | | | |
| 2.3 Seminar coordinator | | Nicolae Ajtai, Lecturer Ph.D. | | | | | |
| 2.4. Year of study | II | 2.5 Semester | 1 | 2.6. Type of evaluation | C | 2.7 Type of discipline | Optional |

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

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| 3.1 Hours per week | 3 | Of which: 3.2 course | 1 | 3.3 seminar/laboratory | 2 |
| 3.4 Total hours in the curriculum | 42 | Of which: 3.5 course | 14 | 3.6 seminar/laboratory | 28 |
| Time allotment: | | | | | hours |
| Learning using manual, course support, bibliography, course notes | | | | | 10 |
| Additional documentation (in libraries, on electronic platforms, field documentation) | | | | | 10 |
| Preparation for seminars/labs, homework, papers, portfolios and essays | | | | | 10 |
| Tutorship | | | | | 2 |
| Evaluations | | | | | 4 |
| Other activities: | | | | | |
| 3.7 Total individual study hours | | | | | 30 |
| 3.8 Total hours per semester | | | | | 78 |
| 3.9 Number of ECTS credits | | | | | 4 |

4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

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| 4.1. curriculum | Basic knowledge of atmospheric environment |
| 4.2. competencies | Basic computer and technical skills |

5. Conditions (if necessary)

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| 5.1. for the course | Video projector |
| 5.2. for the seminar /lab activities | Laboratory with computers; |

6. Specific competencies acquired

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| Professional competencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the concepts, methods and models used in environmental data acquisition and remote sensing • Understanding the composition of the atmosphere and its dynamics • Understanding radiative transfer through the atmosphere • Understanding basic meteorological aspects • Understanding the principles of active and passive remote sensing • Learn to derive microphysical properties of particles from optical ones • Learn to use trajectory models for particle dynamics • Learn the basic operation of LIDAR systems |
| Transversal competencies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply descriptive methodologies according to the type of study design for answering a particular research question • Learn data processing with specific software • Learn to work in research teams • Learn to integrate environmental data with other socio-economical parameters in order to get a broader perspective on sustainable development |

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

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| 7.1 General objective of the discipline | Acquire expertise regarding concepts, methodologies and techniques used in environmental data acquisition and LIDAR remote sensing |
| 7.2 Specific objective of the discipline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire a theoretical background regarding data acquisition and remote sensing • To provide hands-on expertise in the use of LIDAR systems and remote sensing instrumentation • Learn to integrate different types of environmental data in order to better characterize environmental factors |

8. Content

| 8.1 Course | Teaching methods | Remarks |
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| 1. Introduction. Initial Evaluation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversation • Assessment | |
| 2. The atmosphere. Composition and dynamics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Oral presentation • Conversation | |
| 3. Radiative transfer through the atmosphere | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Oral presentation | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversation | |
| 4. Active and passive remote sensing systems. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Oral presentation • Conversation | |
| 5. LIDAR systems. Set-up and operation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Oral presentation • Conversation | |
| 6. LIDAR data acquisition and processing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive exposure • Explanation • Oral presentation • Conversation | |
| 7. Final evaluation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Conversation | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment | |

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| 8.2 Seminar / laboratory | Teaching methods | Remarks |
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| 1. Discussions over initial evaluation. Project assignments. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive discussions • Brainstorming | |
| 2. Data acquisition procedures and protocols. Safety procedures in the laboratory | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Oral presentation | |
| 3. The radiative transfer equation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Demostration • Hands-on learning | |
| 4. LIDAR technique. Instrumentation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Demostration • Hands-on learning | |
| 5. LIDAR technique. Operation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Demostration • Hands-on learning | |
| 6. LIDAR technique. Data acquisition. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive discussions • Assessment | |
| 7. LIDAR data pre-processing in LabView | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Oral presentation | |

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| 8. LIDAR data processing in LabView. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Demonstration • Hands-on learning | |
| 9. LIDAR data processing in LabView. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Demonstration • Hands-on learning | |
| 10. HYSPLIT particle back-trajectory model | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Demonstration • Hands-on learning | |
| 11. Joint project work. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Demonstration • Hands-on learning | |
| 12. Joint project work. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Demonstration • Hands-on learning | |
| 13. Joint project work. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation • Demonstration | |
| 14. Final project presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive discussions • Assessment | |

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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

This course will give the opportunity for the students to work with state-of-the-art remote sensing LIDAR equipments available within the Romanian Atmospheric 3D Research Observatory and get a complete and complex view of the atmospheric environment.

10. Evaluation

| Type of activity | 10.1 Evaluation criteria | 10.2 Evaluation methods | 10.3 Share in the grade (%) |
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| 10.4 Course | Theoretical and practical skills should | Coloquium | 50% |

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| | be demonstrated within a 2 hour colloquim | | |
| 10.5 Seminar/lab activities | Project presentation | Public presentation | 50% |
| 10.6 Minimum performance standards | | | |
| Successful passing of the course is conditioned by the final grade that has to be at least 5, and the two individual composig grades should also be at least 5. | | | |

Date

Signature of course coordinator

Signature of seminar coordinator

14.05.2018

Date of approval

Signature of the head of department