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Multicore programming

5.00 credits 30.0 h + 15.0 h Q2

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Teacher(s)	Riviere Etienne ;				
Language :	English > French-friendly				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Main themes	This course treats a specific advanced topic or selection of topics of current research interest in the area of software engineering. The actual topic(s) may vary from year to year, and will be chosen from a variety of software engineering domains such as data-intensive computing, software analytics, development and analysis of large evolving software systems, big data techniques, software repository mining, software recommendation systems, software visualization, novel programming technologies, software requirements and analysis, model-driven software engineering, software configuration management, software engineering processes, software engineering tools and methods, software testing and quality aspects, etc.				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to: Given the learning outcomes of the "Master in Computer Science and Engineering" program, this course contributes to the development, acquisition and evaluation of the following learning outcomes: •INFO1.1 •INFO3.1 •INFO6.3				
	Given the learning outcomes of the "Master [120] in Computer Science" program, this course contributes to the development, acquisition and evaluation of the following learning outcomes: • SINF1.M3 • SINF3.1 • SINF6.3 The students shall acquire advanced theoretical knowledge and technical competences about the topics covered in the course.				
Evaluation methods	 Evaluation methods: Projects and continuous evaluation (50% of the final grade) Realization of personal, individual work: Relevance and quality of the feedback provided to other students in the peer-review activities (10% of the final grade) Grading of the actual individual work realized by the student (40% of the final grade) For the second session (August), the project and continuous evaluation exercises can be redone but only individually. The personal production accounts for 40%. The peer review grade (10%) is maintained and the student does not get peer review feedback on her/his production for this session. The evaluation of produced work (projects, practicals, individual work, and all graded activities in general) is based on the submitted code, reports, and other material submitted by the student and can be accompanied, upon request of the professor, by an oral examination. 				
Teaching methods	Lectures Readings and/or production of tutorial videos Practical sessions Mini project				
Content	This course targets programming models and methods for scalable applications on modern multi-processor and multi-core architectures. In a first short part, it provides the necessary elements of theory and defines consistency protocols, in order to be able to understand the challenges and tradeoffs associated with shared-memory concurrent programming. The emphasis is on performance and scalability aspects (efficient simultaneous use of multiple cores). The rest of the course surveys a number of fundamental algorithmic techniques for building shared memory concurrent data structures. It studies the performance implications of these data structures and algorithmic				

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	constructs in the context of modern architectures, taking into account various aspects such as the memory and cache hierarchy, hardware consistency protocols, and non-uniform memory accesses (NUMA).
	The course is accompanied by a number of practical projects. A multi-core machine is available for the experiments. Students will be able to evaluate the performance and scalability of various algorithms and data structures seen in class.
Bibliography	The Art of Multiprocessor Programming, Maurice Herlihy and Nir Shavit, Morgan Kaufmann. ISBN 978-0-12-370591-4. UCL library reference 10.620.426
Other infos	All relevant course material and slides as well as practical information related to the course will be accessible on Moodle, which will also be the primary means of communication between the teacher(s) and the students.
Faculty or entity in charge	INFO

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Master [120] in Computer Science and Engineering	INFO2M	5		٩		
Master [120] in Computer Science	SINF2M	5		٩		
Master [120] in Data Science Engineering	DATE2M	5		٩		
Master [120] in Data Science: Information Technology	DATI2M	5		٩		