



NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING
COLLEGE OF PETROLEUM AND PETROCHEMICAL ENGINEERING

PETROCHEMICAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM

PM211 – ALGORITHMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

CODE	: PM211 Algorithms and Computer Programming
SEMESTER	: 4
CREDITS	: 3
HOURS PER WEEK	: 5 (Theory – Practice)
PREREQUISITES	: PM212 Calculus III
CONDITION	: Compulsory

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to train students in the use of programming languages so they can be applied in later courses and professional career. This course deals with subjects such as: algorithms, standard functions, decision, repetition, selection and control instructions, array, functions and pointers. Students develop computer programs applied to diverse engineering problems.

III. COURSE OUTCOMES

1. Understand the steps for solving computer programming problems.
2. Analyze and design algorithms for solving a specific problem.
3. Develop programs using a programming language in the solution of problems of practical cases applied to engineering projects.
4. Understand step by step the developing of computer programs.
5. Properly use programming languages for the scientific and technological research.

IV. LEARNING UNITS

1. PROGRAMMING FUNDAMENTALS / 8 HOURS

Introduction / Definition of problems and casuistries / Concept of program and instructions / Programming languages and source code / programming steps / Concepts and characteristics of algorithms / Decision, repetition and control algorithms / Flow diagrams and their symbols / Diagramming and pseudocodes / Diagrams with decisions and repetitions.

2. INPUT/OUTPUT INSTRUCTIONS AND OPERATIONS / 8 HOURS

Structure of a program, types and methods / Programming rules and its libraries / data, constant and variables concept / Types of data / variable declaration: int, float, char, long, double/ Input instructions Console()/ output instructions Console.Write()/ Arithmetic operators and their rules / mathematical operations, priorities and use of parenthesis / Assignment statement and its rules / Type conversions / Math functions: / Multiple assignments and include operator / Operators: ++.

3. REPETITION AND DECISION INSTRUCTIONS / 8 HOURS

Logic operators: ==, !=, >, <, >=, <= / Logic operators: !, &&, || / Rules / Logics. Algorithms and diagrams with decisions. / Logics / Instruction “if-else”, syntax and rules / Instruction “only If”, “if-else” with bocks, “If within if” / Algorithms and programs with “if-else” / Instruction “while”, syntax and rules / Instructions “while” with an instruction and with a block of instructions / Instructions do-while, syntax and rules / Algorithms and programs with do-while.

4. SELECTION AND CONTROL INSTRUCTIONS / 8 HOURS

Instruction “for”, start expression. Assessment and preparation / Control, syntax and rules / Instruction “for” with one instruction and with a block of instructions / “For” nested instructions, “internal” for and “external” for / Algorithms and programs with “for” and “nested for”, “nesting” / Until instruction “for” / Switch-case instruction, syntax and rules / Break instruction, syntax and rules / Use of “break” within switch-case / “Continue” instructions.

5. ARRAYS / 8 HOURS

Concept of array, declaration, subscript. Syntax and rules / reading and writing of arrays of one dimension / Sorting and deleting of the elements of an array / Operations with one-dimensional arrays / String arrays, string reading and writing / Comparisons and initializations of strings / String internal functions / Two-dimensional arrays, syntax and rules / Subscripts, addresses and declarations of two-dimensional arrays / Reading, writing and operations with two-dimensional arrays / Multidimensional arrays, syntax, rules and uses / Matrix operations.

6. FUNCTIONS / 8 HOURS

Concept of function, syntax and rules / Definition of a function, arguments and parameters / Local and global variables / Call of a function and transfer values / Typical variables of a function, repeated execution of a function / Return instruction / One-function algorithms and programs / Programs with several function and their iterative function / Concept of recursion / programs with function recursion / Functions with scripts / Reading and writing functions.

7. POINTERS / 8 HOURS

Concept of pointer and pointer assignment / Values exchange among arguments and parameters / Declaration, rules, syntax and pointers / Pointers to arrays / Pointers to scripts / Algorithms and programs with pointers / Concept of pointer array, syntax and rules / Pointer array addressing / Algorithms and programs with pointer array / Algorithms and programs with pointer’s pointer.

V. LABORATORY EXPERIENCES

Lab 1: Decision instructions.

Lab 2: repetitive instructions.

Lab 3: Array and selection sentences.

Lab 4: Functions and pointers.

VI. METHODOLOGY

Sessions will be carried out stimulating students’ active participation, through practical cases programming. Students will form groups for researching and exchanging learning and work experiences. The instructor’s expositions will guide every programming work and they will also advised be individually and in groups using real applications. Lab practical sessions will complement knowledge and develop students’ skills and abilities in problem solving through programming language techniques. Papers’ originality and creativity will be motivated encouraging a constant research.

VII. EVALUATION FORMULA

The average grade PF is calculated as follows:

$$PF = 0.25 EP + 0.50 EF + 0.15 PP + 0.10 PL$$

EP: Mid-Term Exam

EF: Final Exam

PP: Average of five quizzes

PL: Average of four laboratory reports

VIII. BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. JOYANES, LUIS

C# Programming

Mc Graw – Hill, 2001

2. SCHILDT, Herbert

Turbo C Programming

Osborne/McGraw-Hill, 2010