

(1.) Course Title: INFPHD015 Research Topics in Autonomic Systems	Credits: 6
Course Classification: Optional	
Theoretical or Practical Nature of the Course, ' <i>training character</i> ' ¹³ : (credit%)	
Type of Class: lecture and number of hours: 2/week in the given semester, <i>(If the course is not (only) taught in Hungarian, then the language: English)</i> Additional (specific) methods and characteristics² used in delivering the knowledge <i>(if any)</i>: -	
Assessment Method (Exam / Midterm Grade / Other³): colloquium Additional (specific) methods⁴ applied in knowledge assessment <i>(if any)</i>: -	
Course Placement in Curriculum (Semester Number): -	
Prerequisites <i>(if any)</i> : -	
Course Description: A concise yet informative description of the knowledge to be acquired.	
In current research trends indicate the need for a networked infrastructure in which open software components achieve business goals by cooperating flexibly with each other, dynamically adapting themselves to the changing environment, with minimal human intervention and in accordance with the aims of their users and their organisations. Although there is no uniquely established technology for this, there are many initiatives containing elements pointing towards this aim. In this course the students will get acquainted with these technology elements and investigate their convergence. Introduction: requirements, technologies, market trends. Intelligent agents, agents and object orientation, agents and expert systems, agent architectures. Multi-agent interactions, utility and preference, strategy. Reaching agreements, mechanism design, auction, negotiation, argumentation. Communication, speech act, agent communication language, ontology. Cooperation, distributed problem solving, task and result sharing, inconsistency, coordination, synchronisation. Evaluation: reliability, reputation, monitoring. Web services: protocols, service descriptions, finding services, interoperability. Applications: business process management, logging and monitoring, self healing and optimisation, semantic web services, reliability and reputation.	
2-5 Most Important Required and Recommended Literature List of required and recommended literature (notes, textbooks) with bibliographic data (author, title, publication details, (possibly pages), ISBN).	
• An Introduction to MultiAgent Systems / Michael Wooldridge / ISBN: 0-471-49691-X / 366 Pages / April 2002 / • http://www.wiley.com/cda/product/0,,047149691X,00.html	
List of Prescribed Professional Competencies and Competency Elements (knowledge, skills, etc., KKK Section 8) that the course significantly contributes to developing (highlight the most important ones).	

a) Knowledge

- Has a research-level understanding of the general and specific characteristics, major directions, and precisely developed boundaries of the subject area within the discipline, as well as the agreed and debated interrelations.
- Creatively comprehends the interrelations, theories, and conceptual frameworks and terminologies of the given field of study.¹
- Possesses research methodology knowledge necessary for independent research in the given discipline/field.

b) Skills

- Capable of creative analysis of the field, synthesizing comprehensive and specific interrelations with a new perspective, and conducting appropriate evaluative and critical activities.
- Able to apply and further develop the specialized learning and problem-solving methods of the field.
- Can creatively elaborate on the novel, previously unknown practical implications of theoretical issues.
- Capable of planning and executing new projects, conducting research in the field, and developing new techniques and approaches.
- Able to identify unforeseen professional problems and uncover the detailed theoretical and practical background necessary for their resolution at a research level.
- Can construct and communicate new relations relevant to the field, as well as comprehensive interrelations significant for personal and communal existence.

c) Attitudes

- Represents and further develops the relations that contribute to the process of human self-creation based on the field's characteristics.
- Possesses an interest and learning ability that enable identifying and solving currently unpredictable research problems in the field.
- Demonstrates a firm professional commitment, a continuous dedication to exploring new approaches, and an acceptance of the necessity for persistent effort.

d) Autonomy and Responsibility

- Builds and initiates new knowledge areas with creative independence and proposes new practical solutions.
- Participates in formulating theoretical and practical questions with a leadership role and high-level cooperation.
- Engages as an equal discussion partner with professionals in the field.
- Takes responsibility for raising and addressing new ethical questions concerning theoretical and practical aspects of the profession.

¹**Section 108**, Article 37 of the National Curriculum Act (Nftv.) 37. lesson: a session (lecture, seminar, exercise, consultation) requiring the personal involvement of the instructor to fulfil the academic requirements specified in the curriculum, the duration of which is at least forty-five minutes and not more than sixty minutes.

² e.g. case studies, role play, thematic presentations, etc.

³ e.g. continuous debriefing, mid-year report

⁴ e.g. request for case studies, thematic papers, essays, business, organisational plans, etc.

Course responsible (name, position, academic degree): **Dr. László Zsolt Varga, Associate Professor, PhD**

Instructor(s) involved in teaching the course (if any) (name, position, academic degree):

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