INSTITUTION	NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS					
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF SCIENCE					
DEPARTMENT	INFORMATICS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS					
COURSE LEVEL	GRADUATE					
COURSE TITLE	Dialogue Systems and Voice Assistants					
COURSE CODE	C17		Semester	3	ECTS	6
TEACHING HOURS per week	THEORY	2	SEMINAR.		LABORATOR	Y 1
URL	https://eclass.uoa.gr/courses/DI530/					

COURSE CONTENT

The course covers the basics of dialogue systems and voice assistants:

- Conversational analysis
- Task-driven dialogue systems and chatbots
- Dialogue system design principles
- Natural Language Understanding
- Dialogue management
- Natural Language Generation
- Voice assistant architecture
- Voice (or multimodal) assistants vs. text-based dialogue systems
- Dialogue system applications

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Teaching-Learning Goals-Expected Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of the course the student will be able to:

- Build a basic dialogue system from scratch using open-source toolkits in python
- Adapt a voice assistant to a specific task
- Analyze the performance of a voice assistant

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS - ASSESSMENT					
TEACHING METHOD	Hybrid: In Class (Face to Face) / Remote Sessions (Online)				
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES	Learning process supported by the e-class platform: Discussions, Announcements, Task assignments, Student groups Email communication Live transmission of lectures Ability to track recorded lectures				
TEACHING ORGANIZATION Describe in detail the way and methods of teaching: Enhanced Lectures,	Activity	ent Workload (hours)			

Online Lectures,	Lectures	26	
Seminars,	Laboratory	13	
Tutorial, Laboratory, Laboratory Exercise,	Teamwork in a case study	46	
Study & analysis of literature,	Small individual exercises	15	
Practice (Positioning), Interactive teaching,	Independent Study	50	
Developing a project, Individual / group work Telework (reference to tools) etc.	Total Course (25 hours of workload per unit of credit)	150	

Details of the student's study hours for each learning activity and hours of non-guided study are shown to ensure that the total workload at the semester corresponds to the ECTS

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENTS

Description of the assessment process

Assessment Methods, Formative or Concluding, Multiple Choice Test, Quick Response Questions, Test Development Questions, Problem Solving, Written Work, Report / Report, Oral Examination, Public Presentation, Laboratory Work, Other / Other

Fully defined evaluation criteria are mentioned and if and where they are accessible to students.

Describe explicitly methods, evaluation tools and provided feedback.

The table below is supplemented accordingly.

Assessment methods	Number	Percentage
Exercises	4	40%
Laboratory	4	40%
Final project	1	20%

LITERATURE AND STUDY MATERIALS / READING LIST

- 1. Jurafsky & Martin: Speech & Language processing. 3rd ed. draft (chapter 24).
- 2. McTear: Conversational AI: Dialogue Systems, Conversational Agents, and Chatbots. Morgan & Claypool 2021.
- 3. Designing Voice Interfaces: Principles of Conversational Experiences, Cathy Pearl
- 4. Wired for Speech: How Voice Activates and Advances the Human-Computer Relationship