**Introduction to Data Science**

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course provides a basic introduction to modern data science using SQL and the Python programming language. It also covers some fundamental concepts of Information Systems in a business environment.

At the end of the course, students will be able:

* to understand the importance and the impact of information in modern organizations and society;
* to identify the various components of an Information System;
* to understand and support the process of software procurement
* to design a database according to the information needs of an organization
* to perform simple SQL queries on relational databases.

Furthermore, student will be introduced to modern data science with the Python programming language: they will be able to do basic exploratory data analysis, to graphically present the results of an analysis with simple graphs using the Matplotlib library and to solve a regression analysis problem using the Scikit-learn library

***COURSE CONTENT***

1.Information Systems and Databases

 a. Introduction to information systems.

 b. Databases: the concept of data, information, database, DBMS.

 c. The relational model: the concept of relation, integrity constraints.

 d. Designing databases: conceptual and logical design

 e. SQL: performing simple SELECT queries on a database

 f. Brief overview of: Transaction Processing Systems, Functional Areas Information Systems, Enterprise Resource Planning Systems, Customer Relationship Management Systems, Supply Chain Management Systems.

 g. Software Procurement: how organizations procure software

2. Introduction to Data Science

 a. What is data science and why it is important;

 b. Use case: Recommender Systems;

 c. Introduction to computing in Python (Data structures, Flow control structures, Functions);

 d. Basic Exploratory Data Analysis;

 f. Introduction to data visualization with Matplotlib

 g. Introduction to Machine Learning, regressions analysis with Python Scikit-learn"

***READING LIST***

Copies of the slides used in class and class notes. The books to be used as references will be indicated during the course.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures, computer laboratory lessons.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

All students will be graded based on a written final exam. The exam consists of a database design exercise, an SQL exercise, a simple Python exercise and some open questions.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

The course does not need prerequisites.

***OFFICE HOURS***

Information on office hours available on the teacher's personal page at <http://docenti.unicatt.it/>.