



COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS

Course name

Introduction to Programming in Python [S1DSwB1>WdPP]

Course

Field of study	Year/Semester
Data Science in Business	1/1
Area of study (specialization)	Profile of study
–	general academic
Level of study	Course offered in
first-cycle	Polish
Form of study	Requirements
full-time	compulsory

Number of hours

Lecture	Laboratory classes	Other
30	0	0
Tutorials	Projects/seminars	
30	0	

Number of credit points

5,00

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Lecturers

Prerequisites

The student has basic knowledge of mathematics and computer science. They are able to learn effectively and solve problems analytically. They are aware of the necessity of expanding their competencies.

Course objective

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the fundamental principles of programming in Python. Students will acquire knowledge of the basic syntax and semantics of the language, methods of code organization, and key concepts such as data types, operators, control statements, functions, and data structures. The course aims to develop analytical thinking skills and the ability to effectively solve algorithmic problems. Students will learn to write, test, and debug Python programs, as well as utilize basic libraries and development tools. The acquired competencies will provide a solid foundation for further development of programming skills in more advanced areas of computer science.

Course-related learning outcomes

Knowledge:

Describes the basic concepts of programming, Python syntax, and its key data structures [DSB1_W02].
Explains the fundamental mechanisms of debugging, code testing, and API handling in Python [DSB1_W05].

Skills:

Implements programs in Python, using variables, operators, data structures, and control statements [DSB1_U02].

Creates and uses functions and modules to organize code in Python [DSB1_U08].

Processes text files, JSON, XML, and other data formats using Python [DSB1_U04].

Uses Pandas and NumPy libraries for data analysis and processing [DSB1_U09].

Debugs and tests Python code, utilizing error analysis tools to ensure program correctness [DSB1_U07].

Argues and evaluates different approaches to solving programming problems based on code analysis [DSB1_U11].

Independently develops programming skills by utilizing available resources and online courses [DSB1_U15].

Social competences:

Critically analyzes code correctness, optimizing its performance and adherence to best programming practices [DSB1_K01].

Collaborates in programming teams, using version control tools and collaborative code editing platforms [DSB1_K02].

Applies automation technologies and Python scripts to improve work efficiency and optimize business processes [DSB1_K04].

Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows:

Lecture:

There are two tests, each graded in the form of points-50 points per test. The final grade is determined by the sum of points from both tests. The first test takes place midway through the course, while the second is held at the end. The passing threshold is a total of 50 points from both tests.

Laboratories:

There are two tests, each graded in the form of points-50 points per test. The final grade is determined by the sum of points from both tests. The first test takes place midway through the course, while the second is held at the end. The passing threshold is a total of 50 points from both tests.

Programme content

The course covers fundamental programming concepts and an introduction to the Python language, including its syntax, data types, and operators. Key data structures and control statements, such as loops and conditional statements, are discussed. Participants will learn the principles of modular and functional programming and how to work with files and input-output streams. The course also includes an introduction to Python libraries and API handling. Additionally, topics such as debugging, code testing, and task automation using Python scripts are covered.

Course topics

Fundamental concepts of programming

Introduction to Python and the development environment

Basics of Python syntax - variables, operators, data types

Data structures - lists, tuples, dictionaries, sets

Control statements - loops and conditionals

Functions and modular programming

File handling and input-output streams

Functional programming - lambda, map, filter, reduce

Advanced file handling - JSON, XML, pickle

Introduction to Python libraries

Pandas and NumPy as key data analysis libraries

API handling and data retrieval from the internet

Multithreading programming
Debugging and code testing
Task automation and Python scripts

Teaching methods

Lectures: Problem-based lecture, case study presentation
Laboratories: Problem-solving tasks, case study analysis, group work

Bibliography

Basic:

Mertz, D. (2024). Lepszy kod w Pythonie, Promise

Matthes, E. (2023). Python. Instrukcje dla programisty, Helion, Gliwice

Additional:

Dawson, M. (2023). Python dla każdego. Podstawy programowania, Wydanie 3, Helion, Gliwice.

Downey, A.B. (2025). Myśl w języku Python! Nauka programowania, Helion

Breakdown of average student's workload

	Hours	ECTS
Total workload	125	5,00
Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher	62	2,50
Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for laboratory classes/ tutorials, preparation for tests/exam, project preparation)	63	2,50