



Faculty of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT  
Computer Science

### Syllabus

#### **Course Approval**

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty Board of Economic Sciences, Communication and IT on 9 February 2011, and is valid from the Spring semester of 2011 at Karlstad University.

**Course Code:** DVAE07

**Research Project in Computer Science, 30 ECTS Credits**  
**(Forskningsprojekt inom Datavetenskap, 30 Swedish credit points)**

**Degree Level:** Master

**Progressive Specialisation:** A1F (Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements)

#### **Language of Instruction**

English

#### **Prerequisites**

30 ECTS credits advanced level courses in Computer Science and relevant background for the chosen research area. Upper Secondary English course B or equivalent.

#### **Major Field of Study**

DVA (Computer Science)

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Having successfully completed this course, a student should be able to

- develop solutions (mechanisms, algorithms, protocols) for computer science related problems,
- implement selected algorithms or protocols in a simulator or on a real platform,
- conduct performance evaluation of selected parts of the algorithms or protocols either through simulation or implementation,
- demonstrate knowledge of the area through active participation in (research) projects in computer science,
- read current literature at the level of conference and journal papers in computer science, and
- write technical reports with content suitable for submission to national/international conferences and journals in the area of computer science.

This course should prepare you for starting a thesis or dissertation in computer science.

#### **Content and Form of Instruction**

During this course the students will deepen their knowledge and abilities in computer science. An important part of system design is to identify the whole width of problems that are involved in the design for a real world implementation. Based on such an analysis, the students will derive a sequence of more detailed sub-problems that can be treated by means of tools and mechanisms that the students are already familiar with. The students will then implement solutions to those problems, evaluate them in a real system or in a simulator and evaluate performance of proposed solutions.

The course includes project work in groups. Each group has to present a written report describing the background, considerations regarding models, precise problem definition, and description of the solution,

results and conclusions. Typically one would expect a report of about 10-15 pages in a style and quality suitable to submit to conferences or journals.

Each group will be given a specific problem to be solved.

#### Reading List

See separate document.

#### Examination

Both a written report and an oral presentation in a seminar are parts of the examination. The contribution of each student should be clear from the report.

Students who do not pass the first time, must submit a revised version of their report or a completely new report for renewed evaluation.

#### Grades

One of the grades Distinction (5), Not without distinction (4), Pass (3) or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

#### Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course assessment is based on student views and experiences as reported in written course evaluations and/or group discussions. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of the measures to be taken.

#### Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

#### Additional Information

Students who enrolled before 1 July 2007 will complete their studies in accordance with the requirements of the earlier admission. Upon completion students may request degree and course certificates to be issued under the current ordinance if they meet its requirements.

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor's and Master's levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.

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