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After the course has ended, the course leader fills in this template.

Course code 5HI001	Course title Computer Applications in Health Care and Biomedicine (10hp)	Credits 10
Semester	Period	
1	2	

Course leader	Examiner
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Other participating teachers Sabine Koch, Vasilis Hervatis	Other participating teachers

Number of registered students 36	Number passed after regular session 33	Response rate for course survey (%) 36.11%
Methods for student influence othe Feedback and comments on the sche	r than course survey dule and the agenda, while the course is ru	nning.
	analysis be communicated to students will be published on the programme websit	e, as open pages.

1. Description of any implemented changes since the previous course

HT21 edition of the course was planned to be composed by 33 in-person sessions of two hours each. However, due to Covid-19 pandemic situation, only the initials 17 sessions have been delivered in-person. HT22 edition was planned and delivered as 35 sessions of two hours each (four of them were online). As companies were still working according to remote style, it was possible to arrange only one study visit and having some gest lecture in person. Then, Instructions about the assignments have been updated/clarified, keeping the required professional language to express technical concepts. More sessions were devoted to the explanations of Unified Modelling Language (UML) class diagrams. More sessions were organized as interactive lectures.

2. A brief summary of the students' evaluations of the course

(Based on the students' quantitative answers to the course evaluation and comments. Quantitative compilation and possible graphs attached. Enclose results from the course evaluation)

Thirteen (13) out of 36 students have completed the course evaluation survey. Ten have clinical/medical education background, while three have "technical" education background. For each question of the survey, mean, standard deviation and coefficient of variation, as a percentage, are presented in Table 1.



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In Table 1, the mean value of the answers varies from 3.4 to 4.0, while the standard deviation ranges from 0.5 to 1.1. Finally, the coefficient of variation ranges from 12.6 to 32.5 per cent. From those numbers, it appears that respondents' views are quite heterogeneous.

Table 1. Mean, standard deviation and coefficient of variation for questions of the survey.

#	t Question		Standard	Coefficient of
			Deviation	Variation (%)
1	In my view, I have developed valuable	3.5	0.9	24.8
	expertise/skills during the course.			
2	In my view, I have achieved all the intended	3.4	0.7	19.2
	learning outcomes of the course.			
3	In my view, there was a common theme	3.9	0.5	12.6
	running throughout the course – from			
	learning outcomes to examinations.			
4	In my view, the course has promoted a	3.8	0.8	20.8
	scientific way of thinking and reasoning			
	(e.g., analytical and critical thinking,			
	independent search for and evaluation of			
	information).			
5	In my view, during the course, the teachers	4.0	0.9	22.8
	have been open to ideas and opinions about			
	the course's structure and content.			
6	Teaching was based on real examples to	3.4	0.7	19.2
	develop students' professional knowledge.			
7	This course built on knowledge I had	3.9	0.9	22.0
	acquired during the programme's previous			
	courses.			
8	My previous knowledge was sufficient to	3.7	1.0	27.9
	follow the course.			
9	The course was challenging enough for me.	3.5	1.1	32.5
	Average	3.7	0.83	22.42

3. The course-responsible reflection on the course implementation and results

The course describes the structure, functionality and use of information systems or computer applications (e.g., medical record systems, clinical decision support systems, consumer health, and telemedicine applications) in health care. Computer applications in heterogeneous settings for Clinical Informatics, Consumer Health Informatics, and Public Health informatics will be considered, also considering interoperability, organizational,



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ethical and legal aspects. The course was implemented by 35 sessions of two hours each (four of them were online, as involving international guest lecturers).

Course strengths:

- 1. Class activities and group works.
- 2. Guest lectures.
- 3. Engagement in group work.

Course weaknesses:

- 1. "Clarity/Length" of Instructions about the assignments (Individual Assignment 1).
- 2. Time allocated for theoretical aspects (e.g., explanations of UML class diagrams).

4. Other comments

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5. The course-responsible conclusions and any proposals for changes

(If any changes are proposed, please specify who is responsible for implementing these and a time schedule.)

In Table 2, reflections on weaknesses and proposals for changes are presented. Responsible for changes is the course director.

Table 2. Reflections on weaknesses and proposals for changes

#	Topic/short	Teacher reflections	Actions for improvement
	summary		
1	"Clarity/Length"	Instructions include technical	Instructions will be clarified;
	of Instructions	concepts (that might not be known at	however, the usage of
	about the	the publication date of the	technical concepts in the text
	assignments	assignment). The suggestion of	of the assignment is
	(Individual	looking at the glossary of the	indispensable.
	Assignment 1).	textbook is hardly followed.	
		No word template is provided, as the	
		structure of the report is a criterion	
		of assessment.	
2	Time allocated	During lectures, theoretical aspects	Structure of the lectures will
	for theoretical	are given, as requested for second	be updated to harmonize
	aspects	cycle education. While they might	theoretical aspects with real
		appear abstract, thinking to their	world application.
		application to the reality is a good	
		learning exercise.	