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## LEARNING GUIDE

### SUBJECT

**595040537 - Introduction To Quantum Computing**

### DEGREE PROGRAMME

59ID - Grado En Ingeniería Y Sistemas De Datos

### ACADEMIC YEAR & SEMESTER

2023/24 - Semester 2

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## 1. Description

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### 1.1. Subject details

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| <b>Name of the subject</b>            | 595040537 - Introduction To Quantum Computing                              |
| <b>No of credits</b>                  | 4.5 ECTS   |
| <b>Type</b>                           | Optional   |
| <b>Academic year of the programme</b> | Fourth year  |
| <b>Semester of tuition</b>            | Semester 8   |
| <b>Tuition period</b>                 | February-June  |
| <b>Tuition languages</b>              | English  |
| <b>Degree programme</b>               | 59ID - Grado en Ingenieria y Sistemas de Datos                             |
| <b>Centre</b>                         | 59 - Escuela Tecnica Superior De Ingenieria Y Sistemas De Telecomunicacion |
| <b>Academic year</b>                  | 2023-24  |

## 2. Faculty

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### 2.1. Faculty members with subject teaching role

| <b>Name and surname</b>                       | <b>Office/Room</b> | <b>Email</b>                           | <b>Tutoring hours *</b> |
|---|--------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Rafael Delgado Lopez<br>(Subject coordinator) |                    | rafael.delgado@upm.es                  | - -                     |
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\* The tutoring schedule is indicative and subject to possible changes. Please check tutoring times with the faculty member in charge.

## 3. Prior knowledge recommended to take the subject

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### 3.1. Recommended (passed) subjects

- Modelos Matemáticos Y Matemática Discreta
- Probabilidad Y Señales Aleatorias
- Cálculo
- Álgebra

### 3.2. Other recommended learning outcomes

- This course cannot be followed and passed without a previous knowledge of Linear Algebra, Calculus I, Calculus II and some probability theory. They are not marked in this guide as compulsory prerequisites only because of administrative constraints.

## 4. Skills and learning outcomes \*

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### 4.1. Skills to be learned

CB05 - Que los estudiantes hayan desarrollado aquellas habilidades de aprendizaje necesarias para emprender estudios posteriores con un alto grado de autonomía

CE01 - Que los estudiantes sean capaces de aplicar los conceptos y las herramientas fundamentales de la matemática a la formalización y resolución de los problemas en el ámbito de la titulación.

CG01 - Tener capacidad de trabajar en entornos internacionales y multidisciplinares, haciendo uso de la lengua inglesa en forma oral y escrita.

CG04 - Saber identificar y utilizar las herramientas de las Tecnologías de la Información y de las Comunicaciones más adecuadas para plantear y construir soluciones a problemas

CG09 - Desarrollar la capacidad de aprendizaje a lo largo de la vida (lifelong learning) para adaptarse a un sector tecnológico en continua evolución.

## 4.2. Learning outcomes

RA159 - To understand quantum annealing techniques.

RA153 - To know the difference between a classical bit and a qbit.

RA154 - To express multi-qbit states using tensor products, and distinguish between entangled and unentangled states.

RA156 - To be acquainted with the basic types of quantum gates.

RA158 - To know about some important quantum algorithms (quantum teleportation, Shor's algorithm, Grover's search).

RA160 - To be familiar with applications of quantum computation to problems like the Satisfiability Problem.

RA157 - To analyse and implement simple quantum circuits using simulation packages like Quirk and Qiskit.

RA155 - To compute the evolution of multi-qbit states, understanding its measurement and statistical interpretation.

\* The Learning Guides should reflect the Skills and Learning Outcomes in the same way as indicated in the Degree Verification Memory. For this reason, they have not been translated into English and appear in Spanish.

## 5. Brief description of the subject and syllabus

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### 5.1. Brief description of the subject

This course is an introduction to quantum computing. We will explain the mathematical framework of quantum computation, beginning with quantum bits (qbits) and multi-qbits. The physical model of a qbit as a spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  particle will be discussed, followed by an explanation of the unitary evolution and measurement procedure on a multi-qbit. Quantum gates and quantum circuits will be discussed, using simulators like qiskit and Quirk for designing and analysing simple cases. We will discuss several important quantum algorithms like quantum teleportation, Shor's factoring algorithm and Grover's search algorithm. We will end with an introduction to the already commercially available technology of quantum annealing, discussing its application to the problem of Satisfiability.

## 5.2. Syllabus

1. Introduction to quantum physics and quantum computing
  - 1.1. From the bit to the qbit
  - 1.2. Kroneker (or tensor) product
  - 1.3. The computational basis
2. Quantum states
  - 2.1. Quantum states, entanglement
  - 2.2. The spin 1/2 system. The Bloch sphere
  - 2.3. Hermitian operators and observables.
  - 2.4. Measurement
3. Quantum gates
  - 3.1. Introduction to Quantum Gates. Unitary operation over qubit states
  - 3.2. 1-qubit quantum gate: Pauli gate
  - 3.3. 2-qubits quantum gates: Hadamard and CNOT
  - 3.4. 3-qubits quantum gate: Toffoli gate
4. Quantum circuits
  - 4.1. Introduction to quantum gate notation and basic quantum circuits
  - 4.2. Usage of Quirk (Quantum Circuit Simulator)
  - 4.3. Construction of a Toffoli gate by means of CNOT gates
  - 4.4. Simple quantum circuits for increasing and decreasing
  - 4.5. A very basic introduction to the ?de-facto? standard (Python) qiskit framework
  - 4.6. Some quantum gate based algorithms: Quantum teleportation, Schorr?s algorithm and Grover?s search algorithm
5. Quantum annealing
  - 5.1. Introduction to the concept of quantum annealing
  - 5.2. Introduction to the Satisfiability Problem
  - 5.3. Choice of Hamiltonians and interpolation functions to solve a SAT problem via quantum annealing
  - 5.4. Simulation of simple quantum annealing in qiskit

## 6. Schedule

### 6.1. Subject schedule\*

| Week | Classroom activities   | Laboratory activities   | Distant / On-line | Assessment activities   |
|------|--|---|-------------------|---|
| 1    | <b>Chapter 1</b><br>Duration: 03:00<br>Lecture   |   |                   |   |
| 2    | <b>Chapter 2</b><br>Duration: 02:00<br>Lecture<br><br><b>Chapter 2</b><br>Duration: 01:00<br>Problem-solving class |   |                   |   |
| 3    | <b>Chapter 2</b><br>Duration: 02:00<br>Lecture<br><br><b>Chapter 2</b><br>Duration: 01:00<br>Problem-solving class |   |                   | <b>Individual Work</b><br>Individual presentation<br>Continuous assessment<br>Not Presential<br>Duration: 00:00 |
| 4    | <b>Chapter 3</b><br>Duration: 03:00<br>Lecture   |   |                   |   |
| 5    | <b>Chapter 3</b><br>Duration: 02:00<br>Lecture<br><br><b>Chapter 3</b><br>Duration: 01:00<br>Problem-solving class |   |                   |   |
| 6    | <b>Chapter 4</b><br>Duration: 03:00<br>Lecture   |   |                   |   |
| 7    |  | <b>Chapter 4</b><br>Duration: 03:00<br>Laboratory assignments |                   |   |
| 8    | <b>Chapter 4</b><br>Duration: 03:00<br>Lecture   |   |                   |   |
| 9    |  | <b>Chapter 4</b><br>Duration: 03:00<br>Laboratory assignments |                   |   |
| 10   |  | <b>Chapter 4</b><br>Duration: 03:00<br>Laboratory assignments |                   | <b>Laboratory Evaluation</b><br>Problem-solving test<br>Continuous assessment<br>Presential<br>Duration: 03:00  |

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| 11 | <b>Chapter 5</b><br>Duration: 03:00<br>Lecture |   |  |  |
| 12 | <b>Chapter 5</b><br>Duration: 03:00<br>Lecture |   |  | <b>Group Work</b><br>Group work<br>Continuous assessment<br>Not Presential<br>Duration: 00:00  |
| 13 |  | <b>Chapter 5</b><br>Duration: 03:00<br>Laboratory assignments |  |  |
| 14 |  | <b>Chapter 5</b><br>Duration: 03:00<br>Laboratory assignments |  |  |
| 15 |  |   |  |  |
| 16 |  |   |  |  |
| 17 |  |   |  | <b>Global Exam</b><br>Written test<br>Continuous assessment<br>Presential<br>Duration: 03:00<br><br><b>Global Exam</b><br>Written test<br>Final examination<br>Presential<br>Duration: 03:00 |

Depending on the programme study plan, total values will be calculated according to the ECTS credit unit as 26/27 hours of student face-to-face contact and independent study time.

\* The schedule is based on an a priori planning of the subject; it might be modified during the academic year, especially considering the COVID19 evolution.



## 7. Activities and assessment criteria

### 7.1. Assessment activities

#### 7.1.1. Assessment

| Week | Description           | Modality                | Type          | Duration | Weight | Minimum grade | Evaluated skills     |
|------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------|--------|---------------|----------------------|
| 3    | Individual Work       | Individual presentation | No Presential | 00:00    | 10%    | / 10          | CE01<br>CG01         |
| 10   | Laboratory Evaluation | Problem-solving test    | Face-to-face  | 03:00    | 25%    | / 10          | CE01<br>CB05<br>CG04 |
| 12   | Group Work            | Group work              | No Presential | 00:00    | 15%    | / 10          | CE01<br>CB05<br>CG09 |
| 17   | Global Exam           | Written test            | Face-to-face  | 03:00    | 50%    | 3 / 10        | CE01<br>CB05         |

#### 7.1.2. Global examination

| Week | Description | Modality     | Type         | Duration | Weight | Minimum grade | Evaluated skills                     |
|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 17   | Global Exam | Written test | Face-to-face | 03:00    | 100%   | 5 / 10        | CE01<br>CB05<br>CG01<br>CG04<br>CG09 |

#### 7.1.3. Referred (re-sit) examination

| Description        | Modality     | Type         | Duration | Weight | Minimum grade | Evaluated skills                     |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Extraordinary Exam | Written test | Face-to-face | 03:00    | 100%   | 5 / 10        | CE01<br>CB05<br>CG01<br>CG04<br>CG09 |

## 7.2. Assessment criteria

### Assessment criteria

There are two categories of graded items:

- Problem solving, group projects and lab activities: 50% of the total grade, as indicated above.
- Global Exam: the remaining 50%.

If the grading of the Global Exam results in a higher mark than the average between activities and exam, the final grade will be that of the exam. That is, the grade will be the result of applying the following formula:

$$\text{Total grade} = \text{Max}((\text{activities} + \text{exam}) / 2, \text{exam})$$

where both "activities" and "exam" are marked from 0 to 10 points. To pass the course, a total grade of 5 or more, and a minimum mark of 3 points in the final exam are required.

The extraordinary exam (in June/July) will allow to pass the course if a grade of 5 over 10 or more is obtained. The total grade will be that of the extraordinary exam.

## 8. Teaching resources

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### 8.1. Teaching resources for the subject

| Name  | Type         | Notes   |
|---|--------------|---|
| N. D. Mermin. Quantum Computer Science, Cambridge University Press  | Bibliography | Good reference for Chapters 1 to 4                  |
| M.A. Nielsen and I.L. Chuang. Quantum Computation and Quantum Information   | Bibliography | Complete general reference (except for Chapter 5)   |
| McMahon. Quantum Computing Explained  | Bibliography | Simple introduction, accessible through UPM Ingenio |
| <a href="https://qiskit.org/learn/">https://qiskit.org/learn/</a>   | Web resource | Nice textbook and tutorials by qiskit               |
| <a href="https://qiskit.org/ecosystem/optimization/tutorials/index.html">https://qiskit.org/ecosystem/optimization/tutorials/index.html</a> | Web resource | Introduction to quantum annealing                   |

## 9. Other information

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### 9.1. Other information about the subject

Sustainable Development Goals contribution.

The main SDG that the course can contribute to are, perhaps, the following.

SDG 4: Quality Education, by providing high level technical and theoretical knowledge promoting equality and sustainable development.

SDG 9: Industries, Innovation and Infrastructure by enhancing scientific research, and upgrading the technological capabilities of industrial sectors.