

## Operating Systems (E019010)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 6.0**

**Study time 180 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026**

A (semester 1)

Dutch

Gent

lecture

seminar

practical

**Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026**

De Bosschere, Koen

TW06

lecturer-in-charge

Coppens, Bart

TW06

co-lecturer

**Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026**

[Bachelor of Science in Engineering\(main subject Computer Science Engineering\)](#)

**crdts**

6

**offering**

A

[Bachelor of Science in Computer Science](#)

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A

[Preparatory Course Master of Science in Bioinformatics\(main subject Engineering\)](#)

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A

**Teaching languages**

Dutch

**Keywords**

process management, memory management, system management, security

**Position of the course**

This course builds on the knowledge acquired in the computer architecture course. It teaches the basic principles of the internal organisation, the programming model and the use of modern operating systems.

**Contents**

- Operating systems: Overview, Process management, Synchronisation, Main memory management, File and disk management, Unix commands, Command shell, Scheduling, File systems, Device drivers, Virtualization, Protection and security
- System management: Domains of system management, Production processes and support, Unix, Windows
- Some other systems: Real-time systems, Fault tolerant systems, Parallel and distributed systems
- The triumph of the nerds. Documentary about the pc's history.

**Initial competences**

Programming in C, computer architecture

**Final competences**

- 1 To know the history of operating systems
- 2 To have insight in process management
- 3 To correctly use synchronization primitives
- 4 To understand memory management
- 5 To understand input/output
- 6 To understand virtualization
- 7 To have insight in protection and protection mechanisms

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

Seminar, Lecture, Practical

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

Practicals make use of the student's laptop.

**Study material**

Type: Slides

Name: Annotated slides with the operating system course

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: yes

Language : Dutch

Number of Slides : 800

Oldest Usable Edition : 2023

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : Yes

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : Yes

**References**

- A. Silberschatz en P. Galvin, Operating System Concepts with Java, Addison Wesley.
- Andrew S. Tanenbaum, Modern Operating Systems, Prentice Hall.
- Bill Stallings, Operating Systems: Internals and Design Principles, Prentice Hall.

**Course content-related study coaching**

Teaching staff.

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term and continuous assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Written assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Oral assessment

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Assignment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

examination during the second examination period is not possible

**Extra information on the examination methods**

PE1: written closed-book assessment.

PE2: oral closed-book assessment, written preparation at blackboard.

NPE: evaluation of practical report.

**Calculation of the examination mark**

First examination period: the exam counts for 80% and the labs count for 20% of the final score. Absence for the labs is translated into 0 for that sub-score. The final score is the weighted average of the two sub-scores.

Students can only pass this course if they obtain a minimum 10/20 for the exam.

If students obtain less than 10/20 for the exam and if the weighted final score would be 10 or more out of 20, it is reduced to the highest unsuccessful final score, i.e. 9/20.

Second examination period: same arrangement with retention of marks for non-period evaluation.

**Facilities for Working Students**

There is no compulsory presence during the semester.

