Course: SOFTWARE METRICS AND QUALITY ASSURANCE (CSc 840)

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Objectives: The goal of this course is to present the areas of software measurements,

modeling, and quality assurance, and to prepare students for research projects

in this area.

Prerequisite: CSc 640/848 (Software Engineering) or consent of instructor.

Contents: Introduction to SW metrics and SQA. Quality activities in the project life

cycle. Measurements and modeling in software engineering. Software metrics data collection and analysis. Measurement of lines of code, execution time, processor and memory utilization. Compiler performance analysis. Program generators. Size metrics, data structure metrics, logic structure metrics, software science composite metrics, effort and cost metrics. Effort, productivity, and software cost assessment models (COCOMO). Functional metrics. Software metrics in managing quality. Strategy and implementation of testing. Software reliability and defect models. Software quality standards, certification, and assessment (ISO 9001, ISO 9000-3, CMM. CMMI, ISO/IEC 9126, IEEE 12207, IEEE 1012, IEEE 1028, and IEEE 1061: IEEE Standard for a Software Quality Metrics Methodology). Quantitative models for software evaluation and comparison based on the LSP method. Design of

system requirement trees, elementary criteria, and preference aggregation structures for evaluation of software systems. Software quality models based on usability, integrity, efficiency, correctness, reliability, maintainability, testability, flexibility, reusability, portability, and interoperability. Design and

use of software metrics tools.

Grading: This course is entirely project-oriented, and has no exams. The grades are

based on a series of individual projects.

Research Areas: One of goals of this course is to develop student research interests and

skills. So far, this class was active in the following research areas:

• Workload metrics and workload characterization

• Benchmark design: methods and tools

• Software evaluation and quality assurance

• Decision support systems based on LSP method

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