

25206 - Physical foundations of the environment

Información del Plan Docente

Academic Year	2016/17
Academic center	201 - Escuela Politécnica Superior
Degree	571 - Degree in Environmental Sciences 277 - Degree in Environmental Sciences
ECTS	6.0
Course	1
Period	Second Four-month period
Subject Type	Basic Education
Module	---

1.Basic info

1.1.Recommendations to take this course

1.2.Activities and key dates for the course

2.Initiation

2.1.Learning outcomes that define the subject

2.2.Introduction

3.Context and competences

3.1.Goals

3.2.Context and meaning of the subject in the degree

3.3.Competences

3.4.Importance of learning outcomes

4.Evaluation

5.Activities and resources

5.1.General methodological presentation

The learning process used in this subject is based on the following methodology:

- Autonomous work of the student, especially regarding the study and comprehension of the theoretical concepts.
- Working into groups, including three or four students, to develop practical aspects of the subject.

5.2.Learning activities

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The learning process designed for this subject is based on the following activities:

- Theoretical sessions, including exposure of the theory and problems resolution.
- Laboratory sessions, that include the presentation of the report elaborated from the results obtained.
- Making of a work related with some environmental aspects of the subject.

5.3.Program

THEORY

Section I: Physics of Fluids

Unit 1: Fluid Statics

Unit 2: Fluid Dynamics

Section II: Thermodynamics

Unit 3: Temperature and Heat

Unit 4: First law of Thermodynamics

Unit 5: Second law of Thermodynamics

Section III: Waves

Unit 6: Harmonic Oscillator

Unit 7: Ondulatory Movement

Section IV: Electromagnetism

Unit 8: Electrostatics

Unit 9: Electrokinetics

Unit 10: Magnetism

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Unit 11: Electromagnetic Induction

Unit 12: Alternating currents

Unit 13: Electromagnetic waves

OUTLINE OF LABORATORY PRACTICALS

Exercise 1.- *Mechanics of solids and fluids*

- a) Expansion of solids.
- b) Solving/checking the basic equation of fluid statics and the [Archimedes' principle](#) . Measuring the density of a cylinder.
- c) Measurement of average speed of fluids using the continuity equation.
- d) Proving Bernoulli's Principle.
- e) Measuring speeds in turbulent liquids.

Exercise 2.- Calorific Energy

- a) Determining the heat capacity of a calorimeter.
- b) Determining the specific heat (capacity) of liquids.
- c) Determining the specific heat (capacity) of solids.

Exercise 3.- *Harmonic oscillator* : The simple pendulum

- a) Determining the period and the acceleration of gravity.
- b) Study of the variation of the period of a simple pendulum with length.
- c) Determining the period of a simple pendulum for large oscillations.

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Exercise 4.- Ohm's Law. Association of Resistors.

- a) Resistant measurement and the calculation of error.
- b) Graphic representation of Ohm's Law.
- c) Determining the voltage distribution in a series circuit.
- d) Determining current and power distributions in a parallel series circuit.

Exercise 5- Charging and discharging a capacitor in an RC series circuit

- a) Varying the intensity and voltage according to timing
- b) Determining the relaxation time of a circuit

5.4.Planning and scheduling

The estimated amount of work that the student must dedicate to this subject is about 150 h (6 ECTS), during 15 weeks, including holidays.

5.5.Bibliography and recommended resources

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BC: Complementary Bibliography

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