

### Información del Plan Docente

Academic Year 2016/17

**Academic center** 100 - Facultad de Ciencias

**Degree** 543 - Master's in Molecular Chemistry and Homogeneous Catalysis

**ECTS** 2.0

Course

Period First semester

Subject Type Optional

Module ---

### 1.Basic info

## 1.1.Recommendations to take this course

Fundamantal Methodologies in Synthesis is a course aimed at students with different levels of experience working in a chemical laboratory chemical synthesis and catalysis. It is recommended to all students who wish to improve their skills in a chemical research laboratory.

# 1.2. Activities and key dates for the course

The course will be held throughout the first half of the academic year. Practical sessions will take place in the teaching laboratories of the Sciences Faculty. The practical work will be carried out during the October to December period.

The information about schedules, calendars and exams is available at the websites of the Sciences Faculty, <a href="https://ciencias.unizar.es/calendario-y-horarios">https://ciencias.unizar.es/calendario-y-horarios</a>, and the Master, <a href="http://masterqmch.unizar.es">http://masterqmch.unizar.es</a>.

## 2.Initiation

## 2.1.Learning outcomes that define the subject

In order to succesfully pass this subject, the student must show to be capable of :

Handling wisely the basic equipment and techniques which are of common use in a research laboratory.

Knowing the Safety rules on a research laboratory.

Develop o bservation skills and decision -making abilities.

Applying synthetic strategies for the preparation of chemical compounds.

Relating theoretical concepts with the observed experimental facts .



Preparing rigorous reports, demonstrating ability to interpret and analyze the results.

### 2.2.Introduction

Fundamantal Methodologies in Synthesis is an experimental subject that aims to empower students to the preparation and characterization of molecular structures by developing practical working skills in the laboratory, within the context of the Master's Degree in Molecular Chemistry and Homogeneous Catalysis.

In order to acomplish this goal, the synthesis of several organic and inorganic compounds requiring the use of synthetic techniques and usual working methods in research laboratories is proposed. Experimental sessions will be complemented by the development of a report containing the synthetic procedures performed and characterization of the products obtained.

Thus, the subject is constituted as a very important complement to theoretical training acquired in other subjects of the Master and the development of Master's Thesis .

# 3.Context and competences

### 3.1.Goals

This course aims to offer students the opportunity to expand their experimental skills in chemical synthesis, regardless of previous experience. The student will conduct synthetic procedures using some of the techniques and methodologies commonly used in research laboratories. As a result the student will improve their capacity for critical analysis of the procedures used and data collected, as well as his/her ability to present scientific results. All this will result in a significant benefit towards his/her incorporation in chemical research laboratories.

# 3.2. Context and meaning of the subject in the degree

Fundamantal Methodologies in Synthesis is a 2 ECTS subject which is included in the module entitled Structural Characterization . It is a practical subject aimed to help the student expand his/her experimental skills in chemical synthesis. The training will empower him/her for performing advanced work in a chemical research laboratory and also for the development of the practical work of both the subjects included into the basic module of the Master , and also of the Master's Thesis .

# 3.3.Competences

To apply protocols, procedures and advanced synthetic techniques.

To get information on the degree of risk, toxicity and environmental implications of any chemicals, in order to handle them safely and responsibly.

To expand and use the vocabulary and specific terminology within the framework of Organic , Inorganic, Organometallic Chemistry and Catalysis.

Capacity to design, plan and carry out synthetic processes of new organic, inorganic or organometallic molecules, of scientific, industrial and technological interest.

To be able to select and use independently different instrumental and structural determination techniques.



To investigate, understand and interpret the mechanisms of chemical reactions.

Capacity to understand, evaluate and interpret research findings in Molecular Chemistry and Catalysis, and relate them to the theoretical knowledge.

# 3.4.Importance of learning outcomes

The set of knowledge and skills acquired during the course will provide the student tools and resources that will help him/her to develop his/her work in the chemical laboratory, either for the completion of a doctoral thesis or joining the chemical industry. Such knowledge and skills will also be useful for the realization of Master's Thesis.

#### 4.Evaluation

Continuous assessment of this subject will be based based on the following criteria:

- 1.- Evaluation of experimental skill (quality of work performed and the results obtained), 40%.
- 2.- Laboratory Notebook, 10%.
- 3.- Laboratory report, 50%.

Students who have not passed this type of evaluation or want to improve their score may be submitted to an overall test in which they will have to demonstrate having achieved the expected learning outcomes. The number of official examination calls per registration and their use will be subjected to the statements of the *Regulation of Permanence in Master Studies and Regulation of the Learning Assessment*. The latest document will also regulate the general design and scoring criteria of the assessment activities, as well as the exam schedules and timetable for the post-examination review.

# 5. Activities and resources

# 5.1.General methodological presentation

- 1.- Working sessions in the laboratory: the synthesis of a series of organic and inorganic products requiring the use of standard synthetic methodologies will be proposed.
- 2.- Preparation of a report : experimental work will be completed with the drafting of a report containing the synthetic procedures performed, the characterization of the prepared products and interpretation of the data.

## 5.2.Learning activities

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Given the experimental nature of the subject, work sessions may be extended to 30 hours if necessary.



# 5.3.Program

Fundamantal Methodologies in Synthesis is an experimental subject that includes 9 working sessions (3 hour each) in the laboratory. The programmed activities are detailed below:

### 1.- Synthesis of a 4-arylidene oxazolone compound.

The synthesis and purification of an oxazolone derivative will be carried out. The isolated compound will be characterized by IR and NMR spectroscopies.

### 2.- Titration of an organomagnesium compound.

A tetrahydrofuran solution of phenylmagnesium bromide will be titrated, by reaction with a phenylhydrazone under a protected atmosphere.

### 3.- Synthesis of N-Boc diphenylprolinol.

Bulk N-Boc diphenylprolinol will be prepared under inert atmosphere. The product will be subsequently purified by column chromatography and characterized by polarimetry and NMR spectroscopy.

### 4.- Synthesis of Nickel complexes.

Two Nickel compounds will be synthesized under strict oxygen- and water-free atmosphere. Firstly the sandwich, 20-valence electron, Ni(C 5 H 5) 2 derivative (nickelocene) will be prepared, and its magnetic moment will be experimentally determined. Secondly, a half-sandwich derivative stabilized by a N-heterocyclic ligand will be isolated and characterized by NMR spectroscopy.

### 5.- Synthesis of Molybdenum complexes.

Two common Molybdenum starting materials will be synthesized under strict oxygen- and water-free conditions. Firstly, the monohydride, 18-valence electron derivative MoH(C 5 H 5)(CO) 3 will be prepared, isolated and characterized by NMR spectroscopy. Secondly, the highly unstable, paramagnetic, 15-valence electron derivative Mo(C 5 H 5)Cl 4 will be isolated and subsequently analyzed by EPR spectroscopy.

# 5.4. Planning and scheduling

The practical work will be carried out preferably during the period between October and December. Work sessions and assessment tests will be communicated well in advance. The information about schedules, calendars and exams is available at the website of the <a href="Sciences Faculty">Sciences Faculty</a>.

The students will be provided with diverse teaching material either at reprography or through the University's web tool: <a href="https://moodle2.unizar.es/add">https://moodle2.unizar.es/add</a>.

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