

**Separation Processes I**

Code: 106052  
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500897 Chemical Engineering	OB	3	1

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**Teaching groups languages**

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**Teachers**

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**Prerequisites**

Having assisted to Termodinàmica Aplicada

**Objectives and Contextualisation**

The main objective of the subject is that the student learns to select, analyze and design different separation operations controlled by the mass transfer and the heat transmission

The specific objectives of the subject are :

- Understand the different separation operations, their modes of operation and possible applications.
- Understand the physical concepts and fundamentals of each operation studied.
- Use common and illustrative methods of calculation of separation systems
- Design the most common separation equipment

**Competences**

- Analyse, evaluate, design and operate the systems or processes, equipment and installations used in chemical engineering in accordance with certain requirements, standards and specifications following the principles of sustainable development.
- Develop personal work habits.
- Understand and apply the basic principles on which chemical engineering is founded, and more precisely: balances of matter, energy and thermodynamic momentum, phase equilibrium and kinetic chemical equilibrium of the physical processes of matter, energy and momentum transfer, and kinetics of chemical reactions

## Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse, evaluate and design general chemical plant services.
2. Apply and identify basic concepts related with chemical engineering.
3. Apply the scientific and technological basics of balance and transfer of matter and separation operations.
4. Apply the scientific and technological basics of matter transfer to separation operations.
5. Make one's own decisions.
6. Work autonomously.

## Content

- 1.- Introduction. Classification of separation operations. Equilibrium between phases
- 2.- Flash distillation
  - 2.1.- Binary mixtures. Calculation methods
  - 2.2.- Multi-component mixtures. Calculation methods.
  - 2.3.- Flash distillation equipment.
- 3.- Rectification
  - 3.1.- Operation in multiple stages.
  - 3.2.- General concepts. Mass and energy balances.
  - 3.3.- Rectification of binary mixtures
    - 3.3.1.- Lewis Method (McCabe-Thiele Method)
    - 3.3.3.- Sorel method
  - 3.4.- Efficiencies of stage and overall efficiency.
  - 3.5.- Correction of multicomponent mixes
    - 3.5.1.- Rapid ("short-cut") methods
    - 3.5.2.-Rigorous methods.
  - 3.6.- Distillation of azeotropic mixtures.
- 4.- Discontinuous distillation

- 4.1.- Discontinuous simple distillation
- 4.2.- Discontinuous rectification. Modes of operation.
- 5.-Design of columns
- 5.1.- Design of plate columns.
- 5.2.- Design of packed columns
- 6.-Absorption
- 6.1.- General concepts of absorption and stripping
- 6.2.- Absorption and stripping of a component
- 6.3.- Multi-component absorption and stripping
- 7.- Liquid-liquid extraction of immiscible mixtures
- 7.1.- Extraction equipment.
- 7.2.- Application of the methods of McCabe and Kremser.
- 7.3.- Liquid-liquid extraction of miscible mixtures

## Methodology

During the course there will be master classes where the concepts of subject topics will be introduced. In each topic, the examples of calculation or design will be introduced and problems will be given for home work. Once the HYSYS process simulator is introduced, an individual exercise will be proposed with a practical case of separation of compounds.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

## Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Absorption	12	0.48	3, 4, 2
Batch distillation	12	0.48	3, 4, 2
Binary rectification	12	0.48	3, 4, 2
Equilibrium stages	5	0.2	3, 4, 2
Flash distillation	10	0.4	3, 4, 2

Liquid liquid extraction	14	0.56	3, 4, 2
Multicomponent rectification	18	0.72	1, 3, 4, 2
Packed columns	10	0.4	3, 4, 2
Type: Supervised			
HYSYS	5	0.2	1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6
Type: Autonomous			
Case study of a mixture separation	30	1.2	4, 5, 6

## Assessment

The subject will be evaluated by means of the HYSYS software (15% of the mark) and 3 tests: 2 tests (20 and 25% of the mark each) and an exam final (40% of the note). Students who do not pass the subject will have a retake exam that will have at least one exercise of each of the three tests. Students who have already studied the subject previously can choose to maintain the HYSYS simulation work score.

A student will be considered non-evaluable (NA) if it has not assisted in to a minimum of 60% of the total grade of the subject (that is, at least one partial test and final test).

For each assessment activity, a place, date and time of revision will be indicated in which the student will be able to review the activity with the teacher. If the student does not submit to this review, this activity will not be reviewed later.

Honor enrollments Granting an honorific matriculation qualification is a decision of the faculty responsible for the subject. The regulations of the UAB indicate that MH can only be awarded to students who have obtained a final grade of 9.00 or more. It can be granted up to 5% of MH of the total number of students enrolled.

Notwithstanding other disciplinary measures deemed appropriate, the irregularities committed by the student that can lead to a variation in the rating of an evaluation act will be graded with a zero. Therefore, copying, plagiarizing, cheating, copying, etc. In any of the assessment activities it will imply failing with a zero.

Assessment activities qualified in this way and by this procedure will not be recovered

## Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Exercise HYSYS	15	7	0.28	1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6
Prova final	40	4	0.16	1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6
Retake exam	85	7	0.28	4, 2, 5, 6
Test 1: Flash and binary distillation	20	2	0.08	1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6
Test 2: Multicomponent and batch distillation, Absorption and column design	25	2	0.08	4, 2, 5, 6

## Bibliography

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## **Software**

MS Office, Matlab & HYSYS