

## Muscular Chains

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ECTS Credits: 6

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Degree	Type	Year
Physiotherapy	OT	4

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### Prerequisites

It is advisable to have the acquired knowledge of Anatomy and Physiology of the device Locomotive, Foundations in Physiotherapy, Biophysics, Human Pathology and Physiotherapy of the Locomotive device I and II

### Objectives and Contextualisation

The subject is programmed in the fourth year of the Degree in Physiotherapy and is part of the subjects of "Depths of the locomotive device"

### Competences

- Act with ethical responsibility and respect for fundamental rights and duties, diversity and democratic values.
- Design the physiotherapy intervention plan in accordance with the criteria of appropriateness, validity and efficiency.
- Display critical reasoning skills.
- Display knowledge of the morphology, physiology, pathology and conduct of both healthy and sick people, in the natural and social environment.
- Evaluate the functional state of the patient, considering the physical, psychological and social aspects.
- Make changes to methods and processes in the area of knowledge in order to provide innovative responses to society's needs and demands.

- Solve problems.
- Take account of social, economic and environmental impacts when operating within one's own area of knowledge.
- Take sex- or gender-based inequalities into consideration when operating within one's own area of knowledge.
- Work in teams.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse a situation and identify its points for improvement.
2. Communicate using language that is not sexist.
3. Consider how gender stereotypes and roles impinge on the exercise of the profession.
4. Critically analyse the principles, values and procedures that govern the exercise of the profession.
5. Describe and apply physiotherapy assessment procedures to the disorders that affect muscle chains, the movement of the nervous system in relation to itself and to its surroundings, and the joints as seen from an osteopathic perspective, with the aim of determining the degree of damage to the musculoskeletal system and its possible functional repercussions.
6. Display critical reasoning skills.
7. Enumerate the different types of material and apparatus used in physiotherapy treatment, according to the specific methods of muscle chains, neurodynamics and osteopathic manual therapy applied to the treatment of the musculoskeletal system.
8. Explain the physiopathological mechanisms of the disorders that affect the muscle chains, the movement of the nervous system in relation to itself and to its surroundings, and the joints as seen from an osteopathic perspective.
9. Identify situations in which a change or improvement is needed.
10. Identify the social, economic and environmental implications of academic and professional activities within one's own area of knowledge.
11. Propose new methods or well-founded alternative solutions.
12. Propose new ways to measure success or failure when implementing innovative proposals or ideas.
13. Propose projects and actions that incorporate the gender perspective.
14. Solve problems.
15. Weigh up the impact of any long- or short-term difficulty, harm or discrimination that could be caused to certain persons or groups by the actions or projects.
16. Weigh up the risks and opportunities of suggestions for improvement: one's own and those of others.
17. Work in teams.

## Content

The course aims to enable the student to be able to make global and not so analytical approaches to any one pathology presented to him, based on the concept of muscle chains, understood as circuits anatomical, through which forces are propagated responsible for stabilizing and mobilizing the human body (Leopold Busquet).

### Unit 1

Introduction.

Organization of muscle strings.

### Unit 2

The static chain:

- The posterior static chain.
- The deep static chain.

- The anterior static chain.

The antigravity system.

### Unit 3

The straight systems of the trunk:

- The anterior straight trunk system.
- The posterior straight system of the trunk.
- Complement the straight system.

### Unit 4

The crossed systems of the trunk.

- The anterior crossed trunk system.
- The posterior crossed system of the trunk.
- Links of the crossed chains.

The movements of the trunk.

### Unit 5.

The static chain of the neck.

Straight neck systems.

- The straight anterior neck system.
- The straight posterior system of the neck.

### Unit 6

Cross-neck systems.

- The crossed anterior system of the neck
- The crossed posterior system of the neck

Active axial self-extension.

### Unit 7

The muscular chains of the EESS.

### Unit 8

The muscle chains of the EEII.

Pubalgia.

### Unit 9

Constriction diaphragm.

-Anatomy and physiology.

Relationship with vital functions.

- Breathing.

- Digestion.

- Circulation.

Unit 10

-Integration

Unit 11

-Introduction to the TMJ (temporomandibular joint)

## Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
LABORATORY PRACTICALS (PLAB)	7	0.28	5, 7
THEORY (TE)	38	1.52	5, 7, 8
Type: Supervised			
ORAL PRESENTATION/EXPOSITION OF WORKS	10.5	0.42	5, 7, 8
Type: Autonomous			
READING ARTICLES /REPORTS OF INTEREST	20	0.8	
SELF-STUDY	40	1.6	7
works delivery	27	1.08	7

The subject is based on theoretical classes and laboratory practices.

The interaction and / or participation of the student will be important as a continuous evaluation.

Students must practice with each other after explanation and demonstration by teachers.

It is essential to bring comfortable clothes and a towel for the laboratory practicals.

Note: 15 minutes of a class will be reserved, within the calendar established by the center or degree to fill in the students, the evaluation surveys of the performance of the teaching staff and the evaluation of the subject.

Attendance at laboratory practices is mandatory

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.

## Assessment

### Continous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Practical evaluations	30%	5.5	0.22	4, 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 9, 16, 11, 12, 13, 6, 14, 17, 3, 15
Written assessments: objective tests	70%	2	0.08	4, 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 9, 16, 11, 12, 13, 6, 14, 17, 3, 15

70% of the final mark will consist of two partial written tests of multi-answer test type on each question correctly answered will be assessed with 0.25 points. The wrong questions will be 0.1 points, and instead they will not answered, neither will they add or subtract.

The fact of suspending one of the exams will oblige you to appear in the recovery test which will include the content of the entire subject.

The minimum score to pass the exam is 5. The recovery exam will be made according to the calendar a end of first semester. And the maximum mark would be a 6

The remaining 30% will consist of the realization and exhibition of a work that will be developed after them knowledge acquired in teorical and practical seminars.

Attendance to laboratory practices is mandatory if this is not the case, the student will only be able to choose how maximum to 5 of the note of the work. And it will be mandatory to present a homework with the class failed practice

"Not evaluable" will be considered as not presenting and exposing the work of Static-dynamic global assessment VEDG

and / or not present at the final exam of the subject.

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## Software

No specific software required

## Groups and Languages

Please note that this information is provisional until 30 November 2025. You can check it through this [link](#). To consult the language you will need to enter the CODE of the subject.

Name	Group	Language	Semester	Turn
(PLAB) Practical laboratories	301	Catalan	first semester	afternoon
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(TE) Theory	301	Catalan	first semester	afternoon