

Environmental Analysis and Management in Companies and Institutions

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Environmental Sciences	OP	4

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Group languages

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Prerequisites

Although there are no official prerequisites, it is highly recommended that the student have studied the subject "Fundamentals of Environmental Engineering" (third year). It is also convenient to have taken "Contamination chemistry" and "Environmental Assessment of Plans, Programs and Projects" (both in the third year).

Objectives

The objectives of the subject *Environmental management and analysis* in companies and institutions are:

1. To show the relationships between company and the environment and their evolution.
2. Work on the tools to establish and improve these relationships.
3. Give guidelines to determine the tool or set of tools that can be applied in a specific case. Apply these tools to different productive and / or service activities.
4. Work on the concepts of circular economy and industrial ecology through different real examples.

Learning outcomes

- CM44 (Interpret the social, economic and environmental impact of issues related to demographic flows, global change or management in companies.) Interpret the social, economic and environmental impact of issues related to demographic flows, global change or management in companies.
- CM46 (Contrast the different current and future options for environmental risk management, especially in the context of resource management, human health, and global and climate change.) Contrast the different current and future options for environmental risk management, especially in the context of resource management, human health, and global and climate change.
- KM57 (Identify the complex network of knowledge necessary to comprehensively address the main contemporary challenges in environmental science.) Identify the complex network of knowledge necessary to comprehensively address the main contemporary challenges in environmental science.
- KM59 (Recognise the relationship between health, human activity and environmental factors.) Recognise the relationship between health, human activity and environmental factors.

- KM61 (Recognise the management tools and environments available to companies for environmental management and assessment of their own activity, including industrial ecology, eco-design and green engineering.) Recognise the management tools and environments available to companies for environmental management and assessment of their own activity, including industrial ecology, eco-design and green engineering.
- KM63 (Identify the tools and concepts that make it possible to assess environmental risks and keep them at socially acceptable levels.) Identify the tools and concepts that make it possible to assess environmental risks and keep them at socially acceptable levels.
- SM55 (Integrate different types of scientific, technological and social knowledge necessary for the in-depth analysis of environmental processes related to human health, climate change, and environmental management in companies, among others.) Integrate different types of scientific, technological and social knowledge necessary for the in-depth analysis of environmental processes related to human health, climate change, and environmental management in companies, among others.
- SM57 (Apply methodological tools for environmental analysis (Life Cycle Analysis and Analysis of Material and Energy Flows) and management (ISO, EMAS and Eco-labels) in the appropriate context.) Apply methodological tools for environmental analysis (Life Cycle Analysis and Analysis of Material and Energy Flows) and management (ISO, EMAS and Eco-labels) in the appropriate context.

Contents

1. Company and the Environment

Relationship environmental management and company: prevention, correction, conservation and improvement.

2. Environmental management systems and environmental audits

Initial environmental evaluation. Environmental policy. Best available techniques. ISO and EMAS. Planning of the SGMA. Implementation of the SGMA. Verification and corrective action. Management review. Environmental declaration. Certification and / or verification. Environmental audits. Economic study Practical cases

3. Life Cycle Analysis. Eco-efficiency. Eco-labels

Basics Antecedents Stages of an ACV study. Evaluation of the improvements to incorporate into a product. Possibilities and limitations of LCA. Examples of application. Efficiency. Eco-labels Legal framework.

4. Industrial Ecology and "Green Engineering"

What they are and what has been their evolution. Experiences of industrial ecology. Tools and strategies. Practical cases.

Learning activities and methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Study	77	3.08	
External visits	5	0.2	
Cooperative and collaborative activities outside the classroom	20	0.8	
Classroom practices	14	0.56	
Theoretical classes	26	1.04	

The development of the course is based on the following activities:

Theoretical classes: The student acquires the own knowledge of the subject attending the master classes and complementing them with the personal study of the explained subjects. In addition, the case study method will be applied to reinforce the knowledge within the theory classes.

Classroom practices: Applied the knowledge acquired to the theoretical classes through practical cases. In classroom practices, there must be a strong interaction between students and teachers in order to complete and deepen the understanding of the concepts introduced in the theoretical classes. Students will work individually or in groups according to the type of case to be resolved.

Cooperative and collaborative activities outside the classroom: preparation and elaboration of material in groups.

Seminars: specialized classes on a specific topic of interest to the understanding of the subject.

External visits: a visit to a waste treatment plant is planned.

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

Continuous assessment activities

Title	Weight	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Cooperative and collaborative activities outside the classroom	30	1.5	0.06	CM44, KM61, KM63, SM57
First partial test	35	3.25	0.13	CM44, CM46, KM57, KM63, SM57
Second partial test	35	3.25	0.13	KM57, KM59, KM61, SM55, SM57

This subject has the option of continuous or single assessment:

1) Continuous evaluation

The competences of this subject will be evaluated through:

a) Two partial tests that will contribute 35% of the note each. The tests will be carried out in the calendar established by the degree with this objective.

b) Cooperative and collaborative activities carried out inside and outside the classroom (in a group). They will have a total weight of 30%: 25% delivery and 5% will be for participating in practical classes.

To pass the subject it is essential:

a) A minimum of 4 points (out of 10) in each of the two partial tests.

b) A minimum of 4 points (out of 10) in cooperative and / or collaborative activities.

c) A minimum of 5 points (over 10) in the average of partial tests and cooperative and collaborative activities, according to the weighting established previously.

A recovery test will be performed. The student will go to the recovery exam, if:

a) The note is below 4 in one or both partial tests.

b) The average mark (partial tests and activities) is below 5.

In any case, in order to be able to attend the recovery, the student has had to have previously evaluated continuous assessment activities that are equivalent to 2/3 of the final mark.

In case the evaluation of any of the parts does not ultimately exceed the minimum required, the numerical note of the file will be the lowest value between 4.5 and the weighted average of the notes.

Cooperative and collaborative activities cannot be recovered, so the student will be suspended if the grade of these activities falls below the minimum of 4.

The student who doesn't present at the first partial test will be considered Non-Valuable and this will be the qualification that will be obtained from the subject. If a student presents at the first partial test and not at the second will get the qualification of not approved.

Without prejudice to other disciplinary measures that are deemed opportune, and in accordance with the current academic regulations, their irregularities committed will be classified with zero for the student who can lead to a variation of the qualification of an evaluation act. Therefore, plagiarizing, copying or letting copy any evaluation activity will imply suspend it with a zero and cannot be recovered in the same academic year. If this activity has a minimum associated mark, then the subject will be suspended.

Apart from the partial tests already announced in the examining calendar of the degree, the dates corresponding to the other evaluation activities will be announced on the Virtual Campus.

This platform should be consulted regularly, which will also provide various information on how the course works.

2) Single assessment

Students who have accepted the single assessment modality will have to take a final test which will consist of: -Two theory tests and problems. (70%)-Delivery of all cooperative and collaborative activities. (25%)-Compulsory attendance at the four work presentation sessions (dates to be specified by the problem teacher) (5%)

If the final grade does not reach 5, the student has another chance to pass the subject through the remedial exam that will be held on the date set by the degree coordinator. In this test you can recover 70% of the grade corresponding to the theory and the problems. The part of cooperative and collaborative activities is not recoverable.

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Software

MS Excel

Ecoinvent

Simapro

Course groups and languages

The information provided is provisional until November 30. After this date, you will be able to consult the language of each group through this [link](#). To access the information, you will need to enter the course CODE

Type of teaching	Group	Language	Semester	Shift
(TE) Theory	1	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed
(VEXT) Visites externes a entitats	1	Catalan	first semester	morning-mixed