

# Course guide 240EM112 - 240EM112 - Organic Matrix Composites

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Unit in charge: Barcelona East School of Engineering

**Teaching unit:** 702 - CEM - Department of Materials Science and Engineering.

Degree: ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER'S DEGREE IN ADVANCED MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (Syllabus

2014). (Optional subject).

Academic year: 2025 ECTS Credits: 4.5 Languages: Spanish

#### **LECTURER**

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#### **PRIOR SKILLS**

To have knowledge about plastic materials at the level of the subjects Fundamentals of Polymers and Plastics materials and composites (Degree in Materials Engineering.)

For non-graduates of degrees related to Science and Materials Engineering: having completed the subject 240EM013 - Structure and Properties of Polymers.

### **DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES**

### Specific:

CEMCEM-03. (ENG) Aplicar mètodes innovadors en la resolució de problemes i aplicacions informàtiques adequades, pel disseny, simulació, optimització i control de processos de producció i transformació de materials

#### Transversal:

06 URI N2. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES - Level 2. Designing and executing a good strategy for advanced searches using specialized information resources, once the various parts of an academic document have been identified and bibliographical references provided. Choosing suitable information based on its relevance and quality.

### **TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

Subject in process of extinction. There is no teaching, the students that enroll it do so only with the right to an exam.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT**

- 1. Know the main types of organic matrices, of second phases.
- 2. Know the properties of the interface and how it can be modified
- 3. Know the main processing processes of composite materials with fibers.
- 4. Learn how to design a laminated composite material in order to optimize its useful life in real service conditions.

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### **STUDY LOAD**

Туре	Hours	Percentage
Hours large group	27,0	24.00
Hours small group	13,5	12.00
Self study	72,0	64.00

Total learning time: 112.5 h

### **CONTENTS**

### **Subject 1. Introduction**

### **Description:**

Definition

Classification

Examples of applications

Natural compounds

The wood

#### **Related activities:**

Laboratory work

**Full-or-part-time:** 6h Theory classes: 3h Self study: 3h

### **Subject 2. Composites with fibers.**

### **Description:**

Types of fibers.

Types of polymeric matrix.

Matrix fiber interfaces.

Key factors that determine the properties of a compound.

### Related activities:

Laboratory work.

Full-or-part-time: 19h 30m

Theory classes: 6h Guided activities: 1h 30m

Self study: 12h

# Subject 3. Compounds with particles.

### **Description:**

Rigid particles: types of particles, function of each type of particle, effects on mechanical properties and on fracture behavior and crack propagation. Incorporation.

Elastomeric particles: preparation of these compsites, examples and applications. Effect on mechanical properties and on tenacity

Full-or-part-time: 16h 30m

Theory classes: 6h Self study : 10h 30m



### Tema 4. Foams

### **Description:**

Definitions by cell type and size.

Preparation methods.

Examples and applications.

Properties and function of the size of the cells.

**Full-or-part-time:** 9h Theory classes: 1h 30m Guided activities: 1h 30m

Self study: 6h

### **Subject 5. Nanocomposites.**

### **Description:**

Classification and types of nanofillers in polymer matrix. Methods of preparation of organic matrix nanocomposites.

Relationship structure and properties.

Examples of applications

Full-or-part-time: 3h Theory classes: 1h 30m Self study: 1h 30m

# **Subject 6. Processing of composites**

# **Description:**

Manual and projection molding.

SMC and BMC.

Compression molding

Vacuum bag, infusion and RTM.

Autoclave.

Pultrusion and winding of filaments.

RIM, RRIM and SRIM

### **Related activities:**

Guided work.

**Full-or-part-time:** 9h Theory classes: 1h 30m Guided activities: 1h 30m

Self study: 6h

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#### Subject7. Micro and macromechanics of composite materials with long fibers

### **Description:**

Unidirectional mechanical properties of composite materials with long fibers from known properties of fiber and matrix. Mechanical properties in laminates: estimation of elastic constants in the medium plane.

Mechanical design of laminates.

# Related activities:

Group activities

**Full-or-part-time:** 36h Theory classes: 6h Guided activities: 6h Self study: 24h

### Subject 9. Failure analysis in laminates.

#### **Description:**

Failure models.

The "Ply discount" model.

Prediction of useful life of laminates.

Full-or-part-time: 13h 30m Theory classes: 1h 30m Guided activities: 3h Self study: 9h

### **GRADING SYSTEM**

Subject in process of extinction. There is only one final test that corresponds to 100% of the final grade of the subject.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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