Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Specific:
1. Knowledge on several types of materials' structure, as well as analysis characterisation and techniques of materials.
2. Knowledge on mechanical, electronic, chemical and biologic behaviour of materials, and capacity to apply this behaviour into design, calculation and modelling of aspects of elements, components and equipment.

Transversal:
3. EFFICIENT ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION. Communicating verbally and in writing about learning outcomes, thought-building and decision-making. Taking part in debates about issues related to the own field of specialization.

Teaching methodology

- Participative lectures
- Invited lectures
- Lab practices
- Online questionnaires
- Cooperative learning: group work

Learning objectives of the subject

Once this subject is finished, the student must be able to:
- Describe the natural materials, or biological materials, including both the vegetal and animal tissues from the perspective of its composition, structure and properties.
- Examine the interest these materials have got from the perspective of optimization and efficiency in the techniques of design and process, the contributions of the biomimetic approach in the design and process of the advanced materials.
- Describe the different types of biomaterials used in medical applications, for the substitution with/or regeneration of tissues, with diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.
- Identify the outstanding characteristics and the interaction mechanisms between the biomaterial and the receptor organism.
- Identify and describe the techniques which allow to evaluate the biocompatibility of materials.
# Study Load

| Total learning time: 150h | Hours large group: 45h 30.00% | Hours medium group: 0h 0.00% | Hours small group: 15h 10.00% | Guided activities: 90h 60.00% |
## Part 1: Natural Materials

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### Description:

**STRUCTURE-PROPERTIES RELATIONSHIP IN NATURAL MATERIALS**
- Natural materials definition and relevance.
- Hierarchical structure.
- Design and function.
- Multifunctionality and design optimisation.
- Biomimetic approach.
- Nacre and silk.

**NATURAL COMPOSITE MATERIALS. BIOLOGICAL PLANT TISSUES: WOOD.**
- Composition and structure.
- Wood and water.
- Physical and mechanical properties of wood.
- Wood durability.

**NATURAL COMPOSITE MATERIALS COMPOSTOS: BIOLOGICAL ANIMAL TISSUES**
- Cells and extracellular matrix.
- Classification of animal tissues.
- Soft tissues: tendons, ligaments, and cartilage.
- Mussels.
- Blood vessels.
- Composition, structure, and properties.
- Hard tissues: bone and teeth.
- Composition, structure, and properties.

### Related activities:

- Attendance to theory classes
- Attendance to laboratory classes
- Self study

### Specific objectives:

After finishing this part, the student must be able to:
- Describe the composition, structure, and properties of the most important natural materials, specifically of the main plant and animal tissues.
- Identify the benefits of the biomimetic approach in the design of advanced materials.
**Part 2: Biomaterials**

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**Description:**
MATERIALS FOR CLINICAL APPLICATIONS

BIOMATERIAL-TISSUE INTERACTIONS

**Related activities:**
- Attendance to theory classes
- Attendance to laboratory classes
- Self study

**Specific objectives:**
- After finishing this part, the student will be able to:
  - Identify the common traits and the distinctive features of the different materials used in clinical applications.
  - Describe the basic principles that govern biocompatibility of biomaterials.
  - Define the fundamental criteria that a material must meet to be used in medical applications.
  - Recognise the biological principles that affect the host-material interactions, and correlate them with the in vivo performance of biomaterials.

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**Part 3: Biomaterials Applications**

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**Description:**
BIOMATERIALS APPLICATIONS IN IMPLANTS AND BIOMEDICAL DEVICES
Orthopaedic surgery and traumatology applications; Odontology and maxillofacial surgery applications; Digestive surgery applications; Cardiovascular applications; Drug delivery aplications; Tissue Engineering applications.

**Related activities:**
- Attendance to invited talks by medical doctors
- Cooperative work: group project and presentation

**Specific objectives:**
- After finishing this part the student will be able to:
  - Recognise and select the most adequate materials for the design of medical devices and implants.
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## Planning of activities

| **THEORY CLASSES** | **Hours:** 65h  
Theory classes: 26h  
Self study: 39h |
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| **Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:** | Lecture attendance  
Online questionnaires  
Exams |
| **Specific objectives:** | After attending the lectures, the student will be able to identify the main aspects and the most relevant issues of the structure, design and properties of natural materials and biomaterials. |

| **LABORATORY CLASSES** | **Hours:** 13h 30m  
Practical classes: 9h  
Self study: 4h 30m |
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<td><strong>Specific objectives:</strong></td>
<td>The student will be able to describe and apply the experimental protocols used for the characterisation of natural materials and for the processing and characterisation of some biomaterials.</td>
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| **INVITED TALKS** | **Hours:** 6h  
Theory classes: 6h |
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SUPERVISED GROUP WORK

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<td>The student will be able to analyse in terms of material selection a specific implant or biomedical device, and to make an oral presentation on the conclusion achieved.</td>
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**Qualification system**

Final mark = 0.50* Final exam + 0.10* partial exam + 0.10* on-line tests + 0.10* lab questionnaires + 0.20* group work

Re-evaluation:
Final mark = 0.60* Re-evaluation exam + 0.10* partial exam + 0.10* on-line tests + 0.10* lab questionnaires + 0.20* group work

**Regulations for carrying out activities**

- All activities are compulsory
- The online tests will be open during 2-week periods, distributed along the course, as the different subjects of the course are addressed. The students must answer the tests within the corresponding period.
- The group work will be presented orally, with the help of a power point presentation. Evaluation will be performed on the basis of the oral presentation.
Bibliography

Basic:


Complementary:
