

## Course guide

### 295712 - DCD - Wear, Corrosion and Degradation

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**Unit in charge:** Barcelona East School of Engineering  
**Teaching unit:** 713 - EQ - Department of Chemical Engineering.  
702 - CEM - Department of Materials Science and Engineering.

**Degree:** BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MATERIALS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Compulsory subject).

**Academic year:** 2025    **ECTS Credits:** 6.0    **Languages:** Catalan, Spanish

#### LECTURER

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#### PRIOR SKILLS

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Basic knowledge in Chemistry and Materials

#### REQUIREMENTS

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#### DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

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**Specific:**

CEMT-20. Knowledge of the mechanical, electronic, chemical and biological behaviour of materials, and the ability to apply it in designing, calculating and modelling aspects of elements, components and equipment.

CEMT-24. Knowledge of and the capacity for the evaluation of the safety, durability and structural integrity of materials and components that are manufactured with these materials.

**Transversal:**

06 URI N3. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES - Level 3. Planning and using the information necessary for an academic assignment (a final thesis, for example) based on a critical appraisal of the information resources used.

05 TEQ N3. TEAMWORK - Level 3. Managing and making work groups effective. Resolving possible conflicts, valuing working with others, assessing the effectiveness of a team and presenting the final results.

#### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

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Two methodologies will be applied during the lessons:

- a) Expositive method by using the material available in platform Atenea
- b) Exercises resolution in groups formed by 3-4 students by means cooperative work in classroom. Individual evaluation will be carried out at the end of the session.
- c) Cooperative learning

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

The main objective is to prepare specialists technicians in corrosion in order to avoid the economics loss in public and private enterprises.

Specific objectives:

Know the thermodynamic and kinetics basis of the corrosion.

Anticipate the corrosion and apply the

Study and diagnose different types of corrosion.

Select suitably the corrosion resistant materials.

Corrosion prevention and protection solutions.

Know the basic fundamental of wear, degradation and corrosion.

Study and diagnose different types of wear, degradation and corrosion

## STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours large group	50,0	33.33
Self study	90,0	60.00
Hours small group	10,0	6.67

**Total learning time:** 150 h

## CONTENTS

### 1. Introduction. Corrosion basics. Thermodynamic aspects. Nernst equation

**Full-or-part-time:** 6h

Theory classes: 2h

Practical classes: 2h

Self study : 2h

### 2. Pourbaix diagrams obtention. Applications.

**Full-or-part-time:** 6h

Theory classes: 2h

Practical classes: 2h

Self study : 2h

### 3. Corrosion kinetics. Activation polarization. Tafel equation and Evans diagrams. Concentration and resistance polarization. Pasivation. Flade potential.

**Full-or-part-time:** 6h

Theory classes: 2h

Practical classes: 2h

Self study : 2h

**4. Types of corrosion. Environmental, water, soil, microbiological and marine corrosion. Galvanic, uniform, located, intergranular and stress corrosion cracking.**

**Full-or-part-time:** 6h

Theory classes: 2h

Practical classes: 2h

Self study : 2h

**5. Cathodic protection. Protection by sacrificial anodes. Characteristics of the sacrificial anodes. Anodes number calculation and their probable life. Protection by impressed current. Applications.**

**Full-or-part-time:** 4h

Theory classes: 1h

Practical classes: 1h

Self study : 2h

**6. Anticorrosive coatings. Electrolytic metallic coatings. Characteristics of the electrolytics processes. Immersion coatings . Organic coatings. Paints. Properties, formulation and quality control**

**Full-or-part-time:** 6h 30m

Theory classes: 2h 30m

Practical classes: 2h

Self study : 2h

**Chapter 7**

**Description:**

Thermodynamic considerations. Initial states of oxidation. Oxidation kinetic. Electric conductivity of oxides. Oxides types. Alloys oxidation.

**Full-or-part-time:** 12h

Theory classes: 4h

Practical classes: 4h

Self study : 4h

**Chapter 8**

**Description:**

Polymer degradation. Types of degradation: thermoxidative, biological, thermal, photodegradation, mechanical, chemical

**Full-or-part-time:** 5h 30m

Theory classes: 2h

Practical classes: 2h

Self study : 1h 30m

## Chapter 9

**Description:**

Degradation of ceramics. Corrosion of crystalline ceramics. Kinetic and thermodynamic aspects. Corrosion at high temperature and in aqueous solutions. Glass degradation.

**Full-or-part-time:** 17h

Theory classes: 6h

Practical classes: 5h

Self study : 6h

## Tema 10

**Description:**

Friction and wear. Nature and texture of surfaces. Contact surface. Measurement and origin of friction. Friction theories.

Friction between materials. Types of wear. Mechanical wear processes. Corrosive wear. Wear maps. Lubrication.

**Full-or-part-time:** 18h

Theory classes: 6h

Practical classes: 6h

Laboratory classes: 6h

## ACTIVITIES

### CONTINUOUS EVALUATION 1

**Description:**

Exercises resolution of unit 1

**Specific objectives:**

Evaluation of the exercises session profit

**Material:**

Work exercises of unit 1

**Delivery:**

At the end of the session

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h

Theory classes: 2h



## CONTINUOUS EVALUATION 2

**Description:**

Exercises resolution of unit 2

**Specific objectives:**

Evaluation of the exercises session profit

**Material:**

Work exercises of unit 2

**Delivery:**

At the end of the session

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h

Theory classes: 2h

## CONTINUOUS EVALUATION 3

**Description:**

Exercises resolution of unit 3

**Specific objectives:**

Evaluation of the exercises session profit

**Material:**

Work exercises of unit 3

**Delivery:**

At the end of the session

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h

Theory classes: 2h

## CONTINUOUS EVALUATION 4

**Description:**

Exercises resolution of unit 4

**Specific objectives:**

Evaluation of the exercises session profit

**Material:**

Work exercises of unit 4

**Delivery:**

At the end of the session

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h

Theory classes: 2h



#### CONTINUOUS EVALUATION 5

**Description:**

Exercises resolution of unit 5

**Specific objectives:**

Evaluation of the exercises session profit

**Material:**

Work exercises of unit 5

**Delivery:**

At the end of the session

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h

Theory classes: 2h

#### CONTINUOUS EVALUATION 6

**Description:**

Exercises resolution of unit 6

**Specific objectives:**

Evaluation of the exercises session profit

**Material:**

Work exercises of unit 6

**Delivery:**

At the end of the session

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h

Theory classes: 2h

#### CONTINUOUS EVALUATION 7

**Description:**

Presentation of real cases

**Specific objectives:**

Evaluation of the unit 7 profit

**Delivery:**

Programmed by the professor

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h

Theory classes: 2h



#### CONTINUOUS EVALUATION 8

**Description:**

Presentation of real cases

**Specific objectives:**

Evaluation of the unit 8 profit

**Delivery:**

Programmed by the professor

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h

Theory classes: 2h

#### CONTINUOUS EVALUATION 9

**Description:**

Presentation of real cases

**Specific objectives:**

Evaluation of the unit 9 profit

**Delivery:**

Programmed by the professor

**Full-or-part-time:** 2h

Theory classes: 2h

#### CONTINUOUS EVALUATION 10

**Description:**

Laboratory sessions

**Full-or-part-time:** 6h

Laboratory classes: 6h

### GRADING SYSTEM

The final qualification of the contents will be:

NF1 = 1st PART [5% (2 laboratory sessions) + 10% (exercise sessions) + 35 % (partial exam-1st part)] +  
2nd PART [22 % (practice sessions+seminars) + 6 % laboratory session + 22 % (partial exam-2nd part)]

Minimum qualification of each part must be higher than 3,0

If NF1 is lower than 5,0, the student has to go to re-evaluation exam:

NF2: Final exam (50% each part)

The students will be able to access the re-assessment test that meets the requirements set by the EEBE in its Assessment and  
P e r m a n e n c e R e g u l a t i o n s  
(<https://eebe.upc.edu/ca/estudis/normatives-academiques/documents/eebe-normativa-avaluacio-i-permanencia-18-19-aprovat-je-2018-06-13.pdf>)

## EXAMINATION RULES.

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Complementary material will be available for the student during the proves if it is specifically indicated by the professor.

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