



## Course guide

# 295760 - 295EM115 - Advanced Surface Engineering

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

**Degree:** MASTER'S DEGREE IN MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ADVANCED MATERIALS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2019). (Optional subject).  
ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER'S DEGREE IN ADVANCED MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2021). (Optional subject).

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

### LECTURER

**Coordinating lecturer:** GEMMA FARGAS RIBAS

**Others:** Primer quadrimestre:  
GEMMA FARGAS RIBAS - Grup: T1  
JAUME PUJANTE AGUDO - Grup: T1  
GISELLE RAMIREZ SANDOVAL - Grup: T1

### PRIOR SKILLS

Knowledge of materials science and chemistry

### DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

**Specific:**  
CEMCEAM-03. (ENG) Realizar estudios de caracterización y evaluación de materiales según sus aplicaciones

### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

- Face-to-face expository classes (Theory)
- Face-to face directed classes (Problem solving)
- Cooperative learning.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

To understand the goals, benefits and applications of surface engineering.  
To acquire a knowledge of the methods and techniques of surface modification from conventional to the most advanced ones and correlate them with the structure and properties achieved on the surface.

### STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Self study	108,0	72.00
Hours large group	28,0	18.67
Hours small group	14,0	9.33



Total learning time: 150 h

## CONTENTS

### 1. Basic concepts of surface engineering

**Description:**

- Purpose and Need of Surface Engineering
- Classification of Surface Modification Techniques
- Applications and Limitations

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

Guided activities: 2h

Self study : 2h

### 2. Surface engineering by changing the surface metallurgy

**Description:**

Mechanical methods: Burnishing y Shot peening

Thermal methods: Flame and induction hardening, Laser and electron beam hardening, Plasma and TIG melting

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

Guided activities: 8h

Self study : 10h

### 3. Surface engineering by changing the composition

**Description:**

- Diffusion-based processes: Carburizing, Nitriding, Cyaniding, Boronizing, Vanadizing
- Ion implantation
- Laser alloying

**Full-or-part-time:** 24h

Guided activities: 12h

Self study : 12h

### 4. Surface modification by developing coatings

**Description:**

- Diffusion-based processes
- Melting-based methods
- Dipping in hot melt-based methods
- Electrolysis-based methods
- Mechanical methods

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

Guided activities: 12h

Self study : 18h



### 5. Multifunctional surface engineering applications

**Description:**

- Transparent Conductive Oxide Thin Films
- Thin Film Permeation Barriers
- Photocatalytic Thin Films

**Full-or-part-time:** 26h

Guided activities: 6h

Self study : 20h

### 6. Bio-inspired surfaces and coatings

**Description:**

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**Full-or-part-time:** 24h

Guided activities: 4h

Self study : 20h

### 7. Surface engineering of nanomaterials

**Description:**

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**Full-or-part-time:** 24h

Guided activities: 4h

Self study : 20h

## GRADING SYSTEM

First partial test: 15%

Second partial test: 25%

Third partial test: 35%

Autonomous learning: 15%

Laboratory: 10%

In this subject a reassessment test will be scheduled. The students will be able to access the re-assessment test that meets the requirements set by the EEBE in its Assessment and Permanence Regulations (<https://eebe.upc.edu/ca/estudis/normatives-academiques/documents/eebe-normativa-avaluacio-i-permanencia-18-19-aprovat-je-2018-06-13.pdf>).



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