

Course guide

330351 - 330351 - Mineral Processing Plants

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Unit in charge: Manresa School of Engineering
Teaching unit: 750 - EMIT - Department of Mining, Industrial and ICT Engineering.
Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN MINING ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2013). (Optional subject).
Academic year: 2026 **ECTS Credits:** 5.0 **Languages:** Spanish, English

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: Hoffmann Sampaio, Carlos

Others:

REQUIREMENTS

has no requirements

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The subject consists of 1 hour a week of lectures in the classroom, 1 hour a week also in the classroom in which more applied aspects and problem solving are developed, and 1 hour a week in the computer room.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

Obtaining advanced knowledge in the technologies of Spanish and world mineral treatment plants. Knowledge of different equipment, processes and flow charts used in the mineral processing industry.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours large group	45,0	36.00
Self study	80,0	64.00

Total learning time: 125 h

CONTENTS

Mineral concentration equipment. Revision

Description:

Description of mineral concentration methods and processes: comminution and granulometric classification; Separation by density; Magnetic and electrostatic separation; Floatation; leaching; Other concentration processes.

Related activities:

Basic concepts master class.

Full-or-part-time: 33h 20m

Theory classes: 12h

Self study : 21h 20m

Description and comparison of mineral treatment plants.

Description:

Description of mineral concentration plants and comparison of the equipment used.

Related activities:

Master class of basic concepts.

Full-or-part-time: 91h 40m

Theory classes: 33h

Self study : 58h 40m

GRADING SYSTEM

Any academic fraud, plagiarism or use or possession of unauthorised means in an assessment activity leads to a mark of zero (0) for the affected test or assignment. Furthermore, in accordance with the University's regulations, if disciplinary proceedings are initiated the subject is recorded as "Pending Assessment" until a decision is reached. These incidents are managed in accordance with the [Action Framework for Academic Integrity in Assessment at the UPC](#).

EXAMINATION RULES.

Other generic prior skills and qualities applicable to any activity within the university academic field are required, such as: the spirit of sacrifice, neatness, the ability to synthesize, teamwork, respect for other colleagues and to the teacher, the record, etc.

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