

## Course guide

### 240013 - 240013 - Basic Mechanics

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**Unit in charge:** Barcelona School of Industrial Engineering  
**Teaching unit:** 748 - FIS - Department of Physics.

**Degree:** **Academic year:** 2022 **ECTS Credits:** 6.0  
**Languages:** Catalan, Spanish

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#### DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

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**Specific:**

1. Understanding and dominion of basic concepts on mechanics, thermodynamics, fields and waves and electromagnetism laws and their application to solve engineering problems.

#### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

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Halfway through the course, and therefore within the learning process, the student will perform one evaluation tests. These tests will have a relative difficulty depending on the period in which they take place and will be used to evaluate and guide each student with respect to the success in acquiring the required competencies and capacities.

Towards the end of the academic period practical laboratory sessions will take place. Each laboratory session must be conveniently prepared by the student considering those concepts acquired during the course.

Finally, evaluation tests, of those competencies and capacities acquired during the course, will take place at the end of the learning period. These tests have a relative significance as it is detailed in the "Qualification system" section.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

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Acquiring the capacity to correctly interpret and apply fundamental laws of mechanics.

- Identifying a common methodology in the description of different mechanical phenomena, no matter if it is a single particle's movement or a solid object
- Efficient use of graphic language to solve and interpret problems.
- Acquiring ability to execute measures and later treating the obtained data.
- Solving problems on simple mechanical applications.
- Having the capacity to identify each magnitude that appears in different formulas.
- Having the capacity to express magnitudes in the International System units.
- Having the capacity to choose a problem's fastest and simpler resolution option.
- Having the capacity to correctly use vector notation when necessary.



## STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours large group	52,0	34.67
Self study	90,0	60.00
Hours small group	8,0	5.33

**Total learning time:** 150 h

## CONTENTS

### Topic 1: Physic and mathematic fundaments of mechanics

**Description:**

- 1) Space, time and reference systems.
- 2) Coordinate systems. Cartesian Euclidian coordinates. Distance.
- 3) Vector and scale magnitudes. Operations with vectors: Sum. Scalar product. Vector product. Vector derivation and integration.
- 4) Symmetry principle.
- 5) Experimental data measure and treatment.
- 6) First Newton's law. Inertial reference systems: translations, rotations and speed transformations. Galileo's and Einstein's relative principle.
- 7) Kinematics of the point: position, trajectory, speed and acceleration.

**Related competencies :**

CE2. Understanding and dominion of basic concepts on mechanics, thermodynamics, fields and waves and electromagnetism laws and their application to solve engineering problems.

**Full-or-part-time:** 21h 30m

Theory classes: 2h 24m

Practical classes: 0h 48m

Laboratory classes: 2h

Self study : 16h 18m

### Topic 2: Dynamics of a single particle

**Description:**

- 1) Second Newton's law. Force and mass. Predictive mechanics. Superposition.
- 2) Force and momentum.
- 3) Force momentum and angular momentum.
- 4) Work, kinetic energy and potential energy.
- 5) Examples:  $F=0$ ,  $F=ct$ ,  $F=-kx$ , central forces, gyroscopic forces, friction forces.

**Related competencies :**

CE2. Understanding and dominion of basic concepts on mechanics, thermodynamics, fields and waves and electromagnetism laws and their application to solve engineering problems.

**Full-or-part-time:** 21h 42m

Theory classes: 4h 30m

Practical classes: 1h 36m

Self study : 15h 36m

### Topic 3: Dynamics of N particles

**Description:**

- 1) Third Newton's law: forces between particles.
- 2) Centre de masses.
- 3) Momentum.
- 4) Angular momentum.
- 5) Work, kinetic energy and potential energy.
- 6) Collisions.
- 7) Gravitational and electromagnetic interaction.
- 8) constraints and reactions. Possible displacements and virtual displacements. Ideal reactions.
- 9) Dynamics general equation or d'Alembert's principle.
- 10) Conservative system with constraints. Energy conservation
- 11) Rigid solid.
- 12) Topics on kinematics of the solid.
- 13) Equations of motion of the rigid solid.
- 14) Couple.

**Related competencies :**

CE2. Understanding and dominion of basic concepts on mechanics, thermodynamics, fields and waves and electromagnetism laws and their application to solve engineering problems.

**Full-or-part-time:** 33h 54m

Theory classes: 6h 48m

Practical classes: 9h 36m

Self study : 17h 30m

### Topic 4: Rigid solid statics

**Description:**

- 1) Solid's statics.
- 2) Weight and gravity centre.
- 3) Forces on solids due to gravitating solids. Archimedes' principle.
- 4) Supports and reaction forces. Free solid diagram.
- 5) Solid systems' statics.
- 6) Virtual work principle.
- 7) Balance and stability.

**Related competencies :**

CE2. Understanding and dominion of basic concepts on mechanics, thermodynamics, fields and waves and electromagnetism laws and their application to solve engineering problems.

**Full-or-part-time:** 24h 18m

Theory classes: 4h 24m

Practical classes: 8h 12m

Self study : 11h 42m



### Topic 5: Rigid solid dynamics in the plane

**Description:**

- 1) Translation equation.
- 2) Rotation equation. Angular momentum. Inertia momentum.
- 3) Rotation and translation kinetic energy.

**Related competencies :**

CE2. Understanding and dominion of basic concepts on mechanics, thermodynamics, fields and waves and electromagnetism laws and their application to solve engineering problems.

**Full-or-part-time:** 23h 12m

Theory classes: 3h 12m

Practical classes: 5h

Laboratory classes: 2h

Self study : 13h

### Topic 6: Small oscillations

**Description:**

- 1) Small oscillations near the equilibrium.
- 2) Simple harmonic motion.
- 3) Damped harmonic motion.
- 4) Forced harmonic motion.

**Related competencies :**

CE2. Understanding and dominion of basic concepts on mechanics, thermodynamics, fields and waves and electromagnetism laws and their application to solve engineering problems.

**Full-or-part-time:** 25h 36m

Theory classes: 2h 54m

Practical classes: 4h 42m

Laboratory classes: 2h

Self study : 16h

## ACTIVITIES

### LABORATORY PRACTICES

**Description:**

Towards the end of the academic period, students will take 3 laboratory sessions.

Session 1: A practice related to Topic 1

- (1) Data treatment.

Session 2 and 3: two practices related with topics 4 and 5

- (2) Maxwell's wheel.
- (3) Reversible pendulum.

**Full-or-part-time:** 10h

Laboratory classes: 6h

Self study: 4h

## GRADING SYSTEM

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$NTOT = \text{MAX}(0,6 \text{ NEF} + 0,25 \text{ NMQ} + 0,15 \text{ NLAB}; 0,85 \text{ NEF} + 0,15 \text{ NLAB})$

$NTOTR = 0,85 \text{ NEFR} + 0,15 \text{ NLAB}$

NTOT: Subject's final mark.

NEF: Final exam mark.

NMQ: Midterm's mark.

NLAB: Average mark of the laboratory reports.

## EXAMINATION RULES.

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Half-term test will consist primarily of a multiple choice test with closed questions (no justification needed) that could be supplemented with an exercise reasoned.

Final exam will consist of 2 parts. The first one will be a multiple choice test with closed questions (no justification needed) . In the second part, each student will have to solve a series of exercises reasoning each answer .

In every test/exam, students will be allowed to use an official formulary given by the professor at the beginning of the course. They will also be allowed to use a non-programable calculator.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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### Basic:

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- Ortega Girón, Manuel R. Lecciones de Física : Mecánica 1. 8a ed. Córdoba: Universidad de Córdoba. Departamento de Física Aplicada, 1995-. ISBN 8440442904.
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## RESOURCES

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### Hyperlink:

- Clases virtuales de Mecànica fonamental (Xavier Jaén). <https://sites.google.com/upc.edu/mecanicafonamental/index>- Apunts de Mecànica fonamental (Manel Canales). <https://upcommons.upc.edu/handle/2117/334815>- Curso Interactivo de Física en Internet. Ángel Franco García. <http://www.sc.ehu.es/sbweb/fisica>- OpenStax. <https://openstax.org/details/books/university-physics-volume-1>