

Course guide

310714 - 310714 - Construction of Structures

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Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Building Construction
Teaching unit: 753 - TA - Department of Architectural Technology.

Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION (Syllabus 2019).
(Compulsory subject).

Academic year: 2025 **ECTS Credits:** 4.5 **Languages:** Catalan, Spanish, English

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: Capellà Llovera, Joaquim

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PRIOR SKILLS

Construction basics (equipment and processes)
Material mechanical properties knowledge (masonry, wood, steel shapes and plates, concrete and reinforcement)
Basic knowledge of statistics, physics, mechanics and structural analysis and design

REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge in construction. construction equipment and construction procedures
General knowledge materials properties (masonry, wood, steel, concrete and reinforcement)
Basic knowledge of structure analysis and design
Interpretation and knowledge of construction codes

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:

1. FE-5 Ability to adapt the construction materials to the typology and use of the building, manage and run the receipt and quality control of the materials, its implementation in the construction, the control of execution of the construction units and the realization of trials and final tests.
2. FE-7 Ability to identify the constructive elements and systems, define its function and compatibility, and its implementation to construction in the construction process. Plan and solve constructive details.
3. FE-8 Knowledge of specific procedures for the material execution control of the construction.

Transversal:

4. TEAMWORK - Level 2. Contributing to the consolidation of a team by planning targets and working efficiently to favor communication, task assignment and cohesion.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The face-to-face, directed and autonomous methods will be combined. With the combination of the three methods, the levels of knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation required for professional practice should be achieved.

In the classroom method, special attention will be paid to the aspects of clarity, precision and order by the teaching staff. They will be done with the whole group (large group), and the teacher will develop the topics of the course in the classroom and the students will have been advanced the necessary documentation in ATENEA to prepare the class and get better monitoring of the explanations.

Practical exercises will also be proposed in classroom and will be completely solved individually or small group. Once the exercise is over, professor will solve main exercise aspects. Students will complete it individually or in groups with a compulsory solution delivery by ATENEA for grading.

The PUZZLE (medium group) practice will be developed in classroom. In addition to achieving specific objectives, they will also develop cooperative learning techniques in the classroom.

There will also be two theoretical / practical examinations that will be solved individually.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

Upon course completion, student should be able to:

- Determine purpose and function of structural elements.
- Explain structural elements construction process and phases.
- Link structural elements with the optimal materials for their construction.
- Incorporate formwork and construction equipment.
- Incorporate sustainability in construction.
- Define and know properties of structural elements.
- Identify different construction systems and subsystems of different structures.
- Appropriate use construction lexic. Be aware of the responsibility of the technicians in sustainability and respect of the environment

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours medium group	18,0	16.00
Hours large group	27,0	24.00
Self study	67,5	60.00

Total learning time: 112.5 h

CONTENTS

C1 MASONRY STRUCTURES

Description:

Contents:

- . Introduction to masonry structures and definitions
- . Material properties and construction processes.
- . Structural typologies
- . Masonry structures constructive design
- . Construction and quality control
- . Maintenance, durability and sustainability.

Related activities:

Activity 1 in small groups, which corresponds to autonomous learning and / or small group activity.

Activity 3 corresponding to the group sessions in the classroom.

Midterm individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Final individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Full-or-part-time: 12h

Theory classes: 3h

Practical classes: 3h

Self study : 6h

C2 TIMBER/WOOD STRUCTURES

Description:

Contents:

- . Introduction to timber and wood structures.
- . Prefabricated and industrial wood products and elements
- . Durability and protection
- . Structural typologies in wood
- . Constructive design of wooden structures. Joints and details
- . Construction procedures
- . Sustainability

Related activities:

Activity 1 in small groups, which corresponds to autonomous learning and / or small group activity.

Activity 3 corresponding to the group sessions in the classroom.

Midterm individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Final individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Full-or-part-time: 15h

Theory classes: 4h

Practical classes: 3h

Self study : 8h

C3 STEEL STRUCTURES

Description:

Contents:

- . Introduction to steel structures.
- . Structural steels. Products
- . Main steel structure typologies
- . Constructive design of steel structures.
- . Auxiliary structures.
- . Supports. Welded and composite profiles
- . Welded and bolted joints. Detailed engineering design
- . Construction equipment.
- . Protection systems
- . Sustainability and durability

Related activities:

Activity 1 in small groups, which corresponds to autonomous learning and / or small group activity.

Activity 3 corresponding to the group sessions in the classroom.

Midterm individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Final individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Full-or-part-time: 18h

Theory classes: 5h

Practical classes: 3h

Self study : 10h

C4 REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURES (I)

Description:

Contents:

- . Introduction to reinforced concrete structures.
- . Beams, pillars and joints
- . Rebar and detailed engineering design
- . Unidirectional slabs. Detailed engineering design
- . Constructive design of reinforced concrete structures (pillars, beams and unidirectional slabs).
- . Formwork.
- . Construction equipment.
- . Sustainability.

Related activities:

Activity 1 in small groups, which corresponds to autonomous learning and / or small group activity.

Activity 3 corresponding to the group sessions in the classroom.

Midterm individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Final individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Full-or-part-time: 30h

Theory classes: 9h

Practical classes: 6h

Self study : 15h

C5 REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURES (II)

Description:

Contents:

- . Two-way spanning waffle slabs.
- . Solid reinforced two-way slabs.
- . Shear walls
- . Constructive design of two-way reinforced slabs.
- . Formworks.
- . Construction equipment.
- . Sustainability.

Related activities:

Activity 1 in small groups, which corresponds to autonomous learning and / or small group activity.

Activity 2 which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Activity 3 corresponding to the group sessions in the classroom.

Midterm individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Final individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Full-or-part-time: 25h

Theory classes: 8h

Practical classes: 3h

Self study : 14h

C6 PRESTRESSED AND POSTSTRESSED STRUCTURES

Description:

Contents:

- . Introduction to posttensioned structures.
- . Prestressing effects
- . Pre and post tensioning techniques
- . Constructive design of prestressing and post-tensioning structures.
- . Post tensioned two-way slabs
- . Formwork special requirements.
- . Construction equipment.
- . Sustainability.

Related activities:

Activity 1 in small groups, which corresponds to autonomous learning and / or small group activity.

Activity 3 corresponding to the group sessions in the classroom.

Activity 4 which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Midterm individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Final individual, which corresponds to autonomous learning.

Full-or-part-time: 12h 30m

Theory classes: 3h 30m

Practical classes: 3h

Self study : 6h



GRADING SYSTEM

Continuous assessment consists of various summative and formative activities carried out throughout the course (in and out of class).

Directed 1 - 15%

Directed 2 - 10%

Directed 3 - 5%

Directed 4 - 10%

There will also be one midterm exam and a final exam with the following percentages (the exams will be given without reference materials):

Midterm - 30%

Final - 30%

Activity 3, called group puzzle practice in class, will be graded overall for the entire group. The practice counts for 5%.

Continuous assessment consists of various summative and formative activities, both individual and group, carried out throughout the course (in class).

There is no reassessment exam.

EXAMINATION RULES.

If any continuous assessment activity is not carried out, it will be graded with a 0.

Individual tests may not be reassessed or modified on dates other than those scheduled except for force majeure causes included in UPC and EPSEB regulations and upon presentation of a valid justificative document. Absence to any examination out of these assumptions will be qualified with 0 NP

THERE IS NO REASSESSMENT.

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Complementary:

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RESOURCES

Audiovisual material:

- Guia Virtual
- Diccionario visual de la construcción
- La gestión de los Residuos

Hyperlink:

- Biblioteca
- . <http://bibliotecnia.upc.es/>- Diapoteca. <http://bibliotecnia.upc.es/diapoteca/>

Other resources:

Files of the topics presented in class and posted on the Virtual Campus.

Web Link