

Course guide

2400246 - 240MEI98 - Cybathlon Bio1

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Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Industrial Engineering
Teaching unit: 712 - EM - Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2025). (Optional subject).

Academic year: 2026 **ECTS Credits:** 2.5 **Languages:** Catalan, Spanish

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: Clos Costa, Daniel

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TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The subject is designed as project-based learning, in which students seek the necessary knowledge to carry out the assigned tasks. Self-directed learning and teamwork are encouraged.

It is conceived as an engineering project where the students have the challenge of designing and building a low-cost prosthetic hand in order to help people in need of assistive technology devices to overcome obstacles in their day-to-day life. The project is organized in different sections; mechanics, electronics, management, ... Each section establishes objectives and tasks that are distributed among the students. One of the objectives is to participate in the international Cybathlon competition, organized by ETH Zurich, which promotes assistive technology for people with functional diversity.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

Overall objective:
Acquire and put into practice the knowledge necessary to design and build a low-cost prosthetic hand.

Specific objectives:
Learn how to plan, organize and develop the activities of a project. Acquire group work, responsibilities and leadership skills.
Develop effective oral and written communication.
Gain knowledge related to mechanical design, 3D printing, electronics and control.
Contribute to the reduction of the gender gap in engineering in general and in mechanical design, in particular.
Improve the motivation and academic success of students, through participation in school projects.
Consolidate a more comprehensive engineering training, participating in multidisciplinary projects.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Guided activities	22,5	100.00

Total learning time: 22.5 h

CONTENTS

Project planning

Description:

The students, with the advice of the reference teaching staff, will set the team's objectives and the associated tasks.

Full-or-part-time: 50h

Theory classes: 45h

Guided activities: 5h

Task development

Description:

The students, with the help of the reference teachers, will develop the assigned tasks and validate the results in order to corroborate the proposed designs and be able to manufacture and build the prosthesis

Full-or-part-time: 50h

Guided activities: 5h

Self study : 45h

Preparing and participating in competitions

Description:

The students will prepare and manage the participation in the decided competitions.

Full-or-part-time: 50h

Guided activities: 5h

Self study : 45h

GRADING SYSTEM

An evaluation will be made based on the students' participation in the project. The final grade will take into account the development of the tasks associated with the project and the documentation generated.