

## Course guide

# 250MEA014 - 250MEA014 - Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence

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**Unit in charge:** Barcelona School of Civil Engineering  
**Teaching unit:** 751 - DECA - Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.  
**Degree:** MASTER'S DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2024). (Optional subject).  
**Academic year:** 2025    **ECTS Credits:** 5.0    **Languages:** Spanish

### LECTURER

**Coordinating lecturer:** AGUSTÍ PÉREZ FOGUET  
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### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Theoretical classes are devoted to exposing the concepts and basic materials of the subject, presenting examples and carrying out exercises.

Guided activities are carried out to consolidate general and specific learning objectives.

Support material is used in the format of a detailed teaching plan through the ATENEA virtual campus: contents, programming of assessment and guided learning activities and bibliography.

Most sessions will be taught in the language indicated in the guide. Some sessions or materials used may be in other languages.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

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### STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Self study	80,0	64.00
Hours large group	35,0	28.00
Hours small group	10,0	8.00

**Total learning time:** 125 h

## CONTENTS

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### Introduction

**Description:**

Context. Artificial intelligence. Programming techniques and environments.  
Environmental measurements. Spatial and temporal precision.  
Random variable. Bayes' theorem. Descriptive statistics. Multivariate distributions.

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

Theory classes: 6h

Practical classes: 3h

Self study : 16h

### Cluster, factor, and Bayesian network analysis

**Description:**

Cluster analysis.  
Principal component analysis.  
Factor analysis.  
Bayesian networks. Influence diagrams.  
Case study. Air quality.

**Full-or-part-time:** 50h

Theory classes: 14h 30m

Practical classes: 3h 30m

Self study : 32h

### Regression, neural networks and surrogate models

**Description:**

Multiple linear regression. Vector linear regression.  
Logistic regression.  
Bayesian regression.  
Artificial neural networks.  
Surrogate models. Kriging.  
Case study. Water quality.

**Full-or-part-time:** 50h

Theory classes: 14h 30m

Practical classes: 3h 30m

Self study : 32h

## GRADING SYSTEM

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The mark of the course is obtained from the ratings of continuous assessment. Continuous assessment consist in two activities and two written exam. Each part counts the 25% of the course.

The evaluation tests consist of a part with questions about concepts associated with the learning objectives of the course with regard to knowledge or understanding, and a part with a set of application exercises, including computing programming, results discussions, and oral and written presentation in predefined formats.

## EXAMINATION RULES.

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Failure to perform a continuous assessment activity in the scheduled period will result in a mark of zero in that activity.  
The group activities can be qualified considering individual contributions.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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