

Course guide

280718 - 280718 - Thermal Engines

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Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Nautical Studies
Teaching unit: 742 - CEN - Department of Nautical Sciences and Engineering.

Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF MARINE ENERGY FACILITIES (Syllabus 2016). (Compulsory subject).

Academic year: 2025 **ECTS Credits:** 5.0 **Languages:** Spanish

LECTURER

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ERIC JOSE PASCUAL SOLDEVILLA - MGOIE

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:

CE1-MGOIEM. Coneixements adequats per iniciar l'activitat investigadora. Metodologia de la investigació aplicada a l'àmbit de l'especialitat

CE3-MGOIEM. Capacitat per conèixer, entendre i utilitzar els principis de la cogeneració en instal·lacions marines

CE6-MGOIEM. Capacitat per conèixer, entendre i utilitzar els principis dels sistemes de generació, transport i distribució d'energia

CE12MGOIEM. Coneixement i capacitat per optimitzar la gestió de màquines i motors tèrmics i hidràulics

CE13MGOIEM. Coneixement i capacitat per projectar operacions de manteniment de sistemes de màquines i motors tèrmics i hidràulics i màquines elèctriques marines

Generical:

CG1-MGOIEM. Conocimientos suficientes en materias básicas y tecnológicas, que le capaciten para el desarrollo de nuevos métodos y procedimientos

CG2-MGOIEM. (ENG) Capacidad para resolver problemas complejos y tomar decisiones con responsabilidad sobre bases científicas y tecnológicas en el ámbito de su especialidad

CG5-MGOIEM. (ENG) Capacidad de integración de sistemas marítimos complejos y de traducción en soluciones viables

CG6-MGOIEM. (ENG) Capacidad para desarrollar los conocimientos para el análisis e interpretación de mediciones, cálculos, valoraciones, tasaciones, peritaciones, estudios, informes y documentos técnicos en el ámbito de su especialidad

CG10MGOIEM. Capacitat per re-diseny i modificació d'equips i instal·lacions energètiques i de seguretat marines, dins l'àmbit de la seva especialitat, és a dir, operació, manteniment i explotació

CG11MGOIEM. Capacitat per realitzar tasques d'investigació, desenvolupament i innovació en l'àmbit de la seva especialitat

Transversal:

CT4. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES: Managing the acquisition, structuring, analysis and display of data and information in the chosen area of specialisation and critically assessing the results obtained.

CT1. ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION: Knowing and understanding the organization of a company and the sciences that govern the activity; be able to understand the business rules and relationships between planning, industrial and commercial strategies, quality and profit.

Basic:

CB10. Students must possess the learning skills that enable them continue studying in a way that will be largely self-directed or autonomous.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Acquire, understand and synthesize knowledge.
And solve problems.
Prepare technical reports.
Adopt solutions in practical cases.
Making memory works.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

Explain the construction and functional characteristics of marine engines. Analyze the internal behavior of the motors. Provide the knowledge necessary for analysis and diagnosis. Study of performance and power.

This course will evaluate the following STCW A-III/2 competences:

Manage the operation of propulsion plant machinery

Plan and schedule operations

Operation, surveillance, performance assessment and maintaining safety of propulsion plant and auxiliary machinery

Manage fuel, lubrication and ballast operations

This knowledge is necessary in accordance with STCW A-III/2 and it's developed according to CHIEF ENGINEER OFFICER AND SECOND ENGINEER OFFICER (Model course 7.02) (2014 Edition)

STUDY LOAD

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

Total learning time: 125 h

CONTENTS

Analysis of power and performance

Description:

Description of the design features and working mechanisms of the main engines and auxiliary machinery.

Full-or-part-time: 2h

Theory classes: 2h

Energy load

Description:

Description of the systems and the propulsion characteristics of diesel engines, including the speed, power and fuel consumption. Analysis of the operating limits of the propulsion installation.

Specific objectives:

Manage the operation of propulsion plant machinery

Design features, and operative mechanism of marine diesel engines and associated auxiliaries.

Full-or-part-time: 1h

Theory classes: 1h

Optimization and control

Description:

Functions and mechanisms of automatic control of the main motor. Operation and operation of main propulsion and auxiliary machinery, including associated systems.

Specific objectives:

Plan and schedule operations

Thermodynamics and heat transfer Mechanics and hydromechanics

Propulsive characteristics of diesel engines, including speed, power and fuel consumption

Thermal cycle, thermal efficiency and thermal balance of marine diesel engine

Physical and chemical properties of fuels and lubricants

Full-or-part-time: 2h

Theory classes: 2h

Electronic injection

Description:

Functions and requirements of the injection devices. Functions and mechanisms of automatic control of the main motor.

Full-or-part-time: 1h

Theory classes: 1h

Supercharger

Description:

Utility and boost modes. Supercharger of large two-stroke engines. Two-stage supercharging engines and low compression ratio.

Full-or-part-time: 1h

Theory classes: 1h

Rotary engines

Description:

Rotary engines, types and alternative fuels. Operating Principles: Wankel, Radmax, Quasiturbine, Round Engine, etc.

Full-or-part-time: 1h

Theory classes: 1h

Diagram Interpretation

Description:

Obtaining, interpreting and analyzing diagrams. Analysis of the heat cycle, thermal efficiency and thermal balance of the motor.

Full-or-part-time: 1h

Theory classes: 1h



Polluting emissions

Description:

Emission sources. Gaseous pollutants. Factors affecting emissions. Reducing emissions.

Full-or-part-time: 1h

Theory classes: 1h

Operación, faults and repairs

Description:

Inspection, diagnosis and failure analysis of diesel engines.

Specific objectives:

Operation, surveillance, performance assessment and maintaining safety of propulsion plant and auxiliary machinery

Start up and shut down main propulsion and auxiliary machinery, including associated systems

Operating limits of propulsion plant

The efficient operation, surveillance, performance assessment and maintaining safety of propulsion plant and auxiliary machinery

Manage fuel, lubrication and ballast operations

Operation and maintenance of machinery, including pumps and piping systems

Full-or-part-time: 2h 30m

Theory classes: 2h 30m

GRADING SYSTEM

The final score is the sum of the following partial grades:

$$N_{\text{final}} = 0.6 \cdot N_{\text{pf}} + 0.4 \cdot N_{\text{ec}}$$

N_{final} : Final Rating

N_{pf} : Rated final test

N_{ec} : Course exercises and workshop practices

The final test consists of a part with issues related to the learning objectives of the course in terms of knowledge or understanding concepts, and a set of application exercises. Continuous assessment consists of various tests and formative activities, both individual and group, made during the course.

EXAMINATION RULES.

If you have not done laboratory activities, work or evaluation, is considered as punctuated.

It is considered not submitted when not perform any of the tests.

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