



Course guides

295702 - PCO - Plastic and Composites

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Unit in charge: Barcelona East School of Engineering
Teaching unit: 702 - CEM - Department of Materials Science and Engineering.
Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MATERIALS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Compulsory subject).
Academic year: 2020 **ECTS Credits:** 6.0 **Languages:** Catalan, Spanish

LECTURER

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REQUIREMENTS

FONAMENTS DE POLÍMERS - Precorequisit

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:

1. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.
2. Knowledge and application of materials' technology in the following fields: production, transformation, processing, selection, control, maintenance, recycling, and storage of any type of materials.
3. Knowledge and capacities to evaluate security, durability, and structural integrity of materials and components manufactured with these materials.

Transversal:

06 URI N3. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES - Level 3. Planning and using the information necessary for an academic assignment (a final thesis, for example) based on a critical appraisal of the information resources used.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

During the course there will be three types of sessions: theory, problems, and laboratory practices. In addition autonomous learning to relate knowledge acquired in practices with theoretical fundamentals. Two exams will take place.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

The objective is that the student acquires basic knowledge on the structure, properties, manufacturing, design and service behaviour of polymeric materials and composite materials.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours large group	45,0	30.00
Guided activities	90,0	60.00
Hours small group	15,0	10.00



Total learning time: 150 h

CONTENTS

TOPIC I. Introduction to polymeric materials

Description:

History of polymers technology. Production and consumption. Applications in markets. General concepts on polymerisation and polymers structure.

Related competencies :

CEM7. Knowledge and capacities to evaluate security, durability, and structural integrity of materials and components manufactured with these materials.

CEM5. Knowledge and application of materials' technology in the following fields: production, transformation, processing, selection, control, maintenance, recycling, and storage of any type of materials.

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

Full-or-part-time: 13h

Theory classes: 5h

Self study : 8h

TOPIC II: Plastics Technology

Description:

Classification of plastic materials according to their molecular structure and to their consumption. Natural polymers. Description of plastic material families: polyolefines, styrenic, halogenated polymers, polyamides, linear polyesters, PMMA, POM. High performance polymers. Thermoplastics and elastomers. Polymers obtained from renewable sources and biodegradable (biopolymers). Additives.

Related competencies :

CEM7. Knowledge and capacities to evaluate security, durability, and structural integrity of materials and components manufactured with these materials.

CEM5. Knowledge and application of materials' technology in the following fields: production, transformation, processing, selection, control, maintenance, recycling, and storage of any type of materials.

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

Full-or-part-time: 26h

Theory classes: 8h

Laboratory classes: 3h

Self study : 15h



TOPIC III: Structure-properties relation

Description:

Relation between structure and the following properties: mechanics, chemical, optical and electric. Service behaviour.

Related competencies :

CEM7. Knowledge and capacities to evaluate security, durability, and structural integrity of materials and components manufactured with these materials.

CEM5. Knowledge and application of materials' technology in the following fields: production, transformation, processing, selection, control, maintenance, recycling, and storage of any type of materials.

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

Full-or-part-time: 20h

Theory classes: 7h

Practical classes: 1h

Self study : 12h

TOPIC IV: Thermoplastics processing technology

Description:

Rheology principles. Extrusion process: machine, process variables, defects and applications. Extrusion related technologies. Injection process: machine, casts, process variables, defects and applications. Thermoforming. Rotational casting. Advanced processing techniques. Design principles in plastic materials.

Related competencies :

CEM7. Knowledge and capacities to evaluate security, durability, and structural integrity of materials and components manufactured with these materials.

CEM5. Knowledge and application of materials' technology in the following fields: production, transformation, processing, selection, control, maintenance, recycling, and storage of any type of materials.

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

Full-or-part-time: 47h

Theory classes: 13h

Practical classes: 3h

Laboratory classes: 3h

Self study : 28h



TOPIC V: Composite materials

Description:

Matrices. Second phases: microloads, nanoloads. Interphases. Critical parameters. Applications. Manufacturing technologies of compounds with composite materials.

Related competencies :

CEM7. Knowledge and capacities to evaluate security, durability, and structural integrity of materials and components manufactured with these materials.

CEM5. Knowledge and application of materials' technology in the following fields: production, transformation, processing, selection, control, maintenance, recycling, and storage of any type of materials.

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

Full-or-part-time: 23h

Theory classes: 5h

Practical classes: 1h

Laboratory classes: 3h

Self study : 14h

TOPIC VI: Environmental aspects

Description:

Post-consumption waste. Waste alternatives. Ecodesign principles. ACV. Primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary recycling. Practical cases.

Related competencies :

CEM7. Knowledge and capacities to evaluate security, durability, and structural integrity of materials and components manufactured with these materials.

CEM5. Knowledge and application of materials' technology in the following fields: production, transformation, processing, selection, control, maintenance, recycling, and storage of any type of materials.

CE9. Knowledge of science, technology and materials' chemistry fundamentals. Understanding the relation between microstructure, synthesis or processing and materials' properties.

Full-or-part-time: 20h

Theory classes: 5h

Laboratory classes: 3h

Self study : 12h

GRADING SYSTEM

50% Final exam + 25% Partial Exam + 15 % Practices (Activity 1) + 10% Presentation (Activity 2).

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RESOURCES

Other resources:

Educational material available in ATENEA.