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## Content

### Module 1: Petroleum. Oil refining processes and products.

**Description:**

**Learning time:** 18h 40m
- Theory classes: 7h 30m
- Self study: 11h 10m

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**Description:**

**Learning time:** 18h 45m
- Theory classes: 7h 30m
- Self study: 11h 15m


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Position in the industry of fine chemicals such as advanced intermediates, pesticides, vitamins, flavor and fragrance chemicals, and of specialty chemicals such as pharmaceuticals, dyestuffs, perfumes and others. Production of dimethyl carbonate. Production of ibuprofen. Plants for the production of fine chemicals and pharmaceuticals. Batch reactor design. Fermentation technology-cell biomass (Bakers’ yeast production from sugars). Triglycerides. Fat industrial extraction. Soup saponification. Fat hydrogenation. Transesterification. Detergents and surfactants. Enzyme technology (biocatalysts for chemical transformations). Production of L-Aminoacids. Production of artificial sweeteners. Production of D-mannitol. Structure elucidation of natural products and fine chemicals by infrared (IR), visible-ultraviolet (UV), NMR and mass spectrosopies. X-Ray crystallography for structure determination of carbohydrates, proteins and other pharmaceuticals and natural products.

**Learning time:** 18h 45m
- Theory classes: 7h 30m
- Self study: 11h 15m
Module 4: Fuel production processes from petroleum, coal and biomass.

Learning time: 18h 50m
Theory classes: 7h 30m
Self study: 11h 20m

Description:

Qualification system
Final Grade = 0.25 Eval. partial exam + 0.5 Eval. final exam + 0.25 Research Work Project

Any student who cannot attend any of the written tests or that wants to improve the obtained grade, will have the opportunity by taking an additional global written exam that will take place the dated fixed in the calendar of final exams. The grade obtained in this test will range between 0 and 10, and will replace that of the previous tests only in case it is higher.

Regulations for carrying out activities
Because the contents of the partial exam are included in the final exam, passing the final exam implies having passed also the partial exam. In any case, the best average of the exams will remain.

Bibliography

Basic:

Complementary: