250264 - IMPAMBOM - Environmental Impact in Maritime Works

Coordinating unit: 250 - ETSECCPB - Barcelona School of Civil Engineering
Teaching unit: 751 - DECA - Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Academic year: 2018
Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2010). (Teaching unit Optional)
ECTS credits: 4,5  
Teaching languages: English

Teaching staff

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Opening hours

Timetable: To be agreed with the professors

Degree competences to which the subject contributes

General:

3105. Students will learn to identify, formulate and solve a range of engineering problems. They will be expected to show initiative in interpreting and solving specific civil engineering problems and to demonstrate creativity and decision-making skills. Finally, students will develop creative and systematic strategies for analysing and solving problems.

3106. Students will learn to assess the complexity of the problems examined in the different subject areas, identify the key elements of the problem statement, and select the appropriate strategy for solving it. Once they have chosen a strategy, they will apply it and, if the desired solution is not reached, determine whether modifications are required. Students will use a range of methods and tools to determine whether their solution is correct or, at the very least, appropriate to the problem in question. More generally, students will be encouraged to consider the importance of creativity in science and technology.

3107. Students will learn to identify, model and analyse problems from open situations, consider alternative strategies for solving them, select the most appropriate solution on the basis of reasoned criteria, and consider a range of methods for validating their results. More generally, students will learn to work confidently with complex systems and to identify the interactions between their components.

3111. Students will learn to plan, design, manage and maintain systems suitable for use in civil engineering. They will develop a systematic approach to the complete life-cycle of a civil engineering infrastructure, system or service, which includes drafting and finalising project plans, identifying the basic materials and technologies required, making decisions, managing the different project activities, performing measurements, calculations and assessments, ensuring compliance with specifications, regulations and compulsory standards, evaluating the social and environmental impact of the processes and techniques used, and conducting economic analyses of human and material resources.

3112. Students will develop an understanding of the different functions of engineering, the processes involved in the life-cycle of a construction project, process or service, and the importance of systematising the design process. They will learn to identify and interpret the stages in preparing a product design specification (PDS), draft and optimise specifications and planning documents, and apply a systematic design process to the implementation and operation phases. Students will learn to write progress reports for a design process, use a range of project management tools and prepare final reports, and will be expected to show an awareness of the basic economic concepts associated with the product, process or service in question.

3113. Students will learn to identify user requirements, to draft definitions and specifications of the product, process or service in question, including a product design specification (PDS) document, and to follow industry-standard design management models. Students will be expected to show advanced knowledge of the steps involved in the design, execution and operation phases and to use the knowledge and tools covered in each subject area to the
design and execution of their own projects. Finally, students will assess the impact of national, European and international legislation applicable to engineering projects.

**Transversal:**

586. ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION - Level 2. Taking initiatives that give rise to opportunities and to new products and solutions, doing so with a vision of process implementation and market understanding, and involving others in projects that have to be carried out.

589. SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT - Level 2. Applying sustainability criteria and professional codes of conduct in the design and assessment of technological solutions.

594. TEAMWORK - Level 3. Managing and making work groups effective. Resolving possible conflicts, valuing working with others, assessing the effectiveness of a team and presenting the final results.

584. THIRD LANGUAGE. Learning a third language, preferably English, to a degree of oral and written fluency that fits in with the future needs of the graduates of each course.

**Teaching methodology**

The course consists of 3 hours per week of classroom activity (large size group) and 0.6 hours weekly with half the students (medium size group).

During the theoretical lectures, the teacher presents the basic concepts and topics of the subject, shows examples and solves exercises.

During the practical lectures, the teacher will help solving practical problems with greater interaction with the students. The objective of these practical exercises is to consolidate the general and specific learning objectives.

The rest of weekly hours devoted to laboratory practice.

Support material in the form of a detailed teaching plan is provided using the virtual campus ATENEA: content, program of learning and assessment activities conducted and literature.

**Learning objectives of the subject**

Capacity for construcción and conservation of maritime works.

Understanding of climate-wind-wave-coast interaction and of the conditionings that imposes to the maritime works.

Itinerary in hydrology

Development to level of specialization of the basic concepts purchased of engineering of ports and coasts in the subject precedent on technologies of the water.

The main objective of this course is to introduce students in the knowledge of the major environmental aspects related to the maritime works (works of defence of coast, and submarine outfalls) from two points of view: (i) the impact on the physical environment generated by these works and (ii) issues related to the quality of coastal waters, instilling him at all times the environmental importance of the territory which will develop its engineering activity. Expected that the student acquires a knowledge of:

(i) the basis governing the functional design of the main works of coastal protection, as well as the basics of coastal Dynamics to assess the interaction with the engineering works in the coastal area (physical impacts on the adjacent coast).

(ii) the main physical processes that control the quality of coastal waters as well as the main impact of this due to maritime works (this section includes the design of submarine outfalls and accidental processes). At the end of the course students should have basic knowledge of the marine environment, environmental conditions, hydrodynamics,
coastal (in response to the forcing of the tide, the waves and the wind), evaluation of the transport (of water and sediments), the expected response of shoreline in the presence of structures, processes of dispersion of pollutants and nutrients and basic aspects of the quality of coastal and port waters. Therefore students will have the capacity of: 1. projecting the functional design of a coastal protection structure depending on the problem and the dominant forcing mechanisms on the coast. 2. Optimize the interaction between coastal defences and the physical environment while minimizing environmental impact.

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Content

1.- Description of subject

**Description:**
Proceed

**Specific objectives:**
Basic objectives of the course, approach and presentation of the work to develop during the course. Definition of problem (vs. processes * problems) and impact. Definition of the coastal area as a multi-component (physical, ecological and socio-economic). Concept of temporal and spatial scales for the definition of processes, problems and solutions. Basic types of coastal problems and conceptual solutions.

**Learning time:** 4h 48m
- Theory classes: 2h
- Self study: 2h 48m

2.- Physical processes in the nearshore zone

**Description:**
Review of relevant physical processes more about the environmental impact of coastal protection structures

**Specific objectives:**
Morphodynamic processes that control the impact of coastal engineering works. Agents promoters. Sediment transport. Coastal evolution.

**Learning time:** 12h
- Theory classes: 3h
- Practical classes: 2h
- Self study: 7h

3.- Cross-shore structures

**Description:**
Objectives of this type of work and basic design criteria. Potential impacts and basic solutions. Impact of the breakwaters on the marine environment

**Specific objectives:**
Objectives of this type of work and basic design criteria. Potential impacts and basic solutions.

**Learning time:** 14h 23m
- Theory classes: 2h
- Practical classes: 1h
- Laboratory classes: 3h
- Self study: 8h 23m
## Longshore structures

**Description:**
Impact of dams exempt on the marine environment.

**Specific objectives:**
Objectives of this type of work and basic design criteria. Potential impacts and basic solutions.

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## Longshore structures on the beach

**Description:**
Impact of dams exempt on the marine environment.

**Specific objectives:**
Objectives of this type of work and basic design criteria. Potential impacts and basic solutions.

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## Exam

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### 6.- Harbour impacts

**Description:**
- Approach the problem. Impacts associated with water quality. Impacts associated with the interaction with the coast. Basic solutions.

**Specific objectives:**
- Approach the problem. Impacts associated with water quality. Impacts associated with the interaction with the coast. Basic solutions.

**Learning time:** 7h 11m
- Theory classes: 3h
- Self study: 4h 11m

### 7.- Dredging Impacts

**Description:**

**Specific objectives:**

**Learning time:** 7h 11m
- Theory classes: 3h
- Self study: 4h 11m

### 8.- Beach nourishment impacts

**Description:**
- Impacts of beach regeneration in the marine environment

**Specific objectives:**
- Works supply and regeneration of beaches. Type of food. Ecological impact. Effect on water quality.

**Learning time:** 7h 11m
- Theory classes: 3h
- Self study: 4h 11m
### 9.- Processes that control water quality associated with coastal works

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**Specific objectives:**
- Processes that control water quality associated with coastal works. Agents promoters. *
- Advection-diffusion processes.
- Pollutants.

**Description:**

### 10.- Emissaries submarines

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**Specific objectives:**
- Emissaries submarines. Objectives of this type of work and basic design criteria. Potential impacts and basic solutions.
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- Emissaries submarines. Objectives of this type of work and basic design criteria. Potential impacts and basic solutions.
Qualification system

The mark of the course is obtained from the ratings of continuous assessment and their corresponding laboratories and/or classroom computers.

Continuous assessment consist in several activities, both individually and in group, of additive and training characteristics, carried out during the year (both in and out of the classroom).

The grade of teaching at the field is the average in such activities.

The course is divided into two main groups. The first has to do with the environmental impact of maritime coastal protection works, and the second, with port maritime works, and the dispersion of pollutants. Each block is evaluated separately, through an examination and work/individual practice (which contributes with 35% 15% of the grade of each block respectively) and the final grade will result from the sum of both assessments. 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.

Criteria for re-evaluation qualification and eligibility: Students that failed the ordinary evaluation and have regularly attended all evaluation tests will have the opportunity of carrying out a re-evaluation test during the period specified in the academic calendar. Students who have already passed the test or were qualified as non-attending will not be admitted to the re-evaluation test. The maximum mark for the re-evaluation exam will be five over ten (5.0). The non-attendance of a student to the re-evaluation test, in the date specified will not grant access to further re-evaluation tests. Students unable to attend any of the continuous assessment tests due to certifiable force majeure will be ensured extraordinary evaluation periods.

These tests must be authorized by the corresponding Head of Studies, at the request of the professor responsible for the course, and will be carried out within the corresponding academic period.

Regulations for carrying out activities

Failure to perform a laboratory or continuous assessment activity in the scheduled period will result in a mark of zero in that activity.

Bibliography

Basic: