Course guides
250567 - METESTCIMA - Statistical Methods in Marine Sciences

Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Civil Engineering
Teaching unit: 751 - DECA - Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.
Degree: BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN MARINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Syllabus 2018). (Compulsory subject).
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DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:
13388. To know and apply the lexicon and concepts of the Marine Sciences and Technologies and other related fields.
13390. Establish a good practice in the integration of common numerical, laboratory and field techniques in the analysis of any problem related to the marine environment.
13394. Address the most relevant processes and their interactions related to their physical / chemical / biological / geological components, applying technical and scientific knowledge and criteria.
13403. Develop a conceptual framework to address the sustainability of the marine environment and the related socio-economic activities at different scales, explaining the effects of climate change.
13405. Carry out calculations, assessments, surveys and inspections in coastal and marine environments, as well as the corresponding technical documents.
13407. Apply the necessary tools to analyze the economic and legal aspects of human actions and the related impacts on the marine environment, including technical advice and representation of companies and administrations.

General:
13380. Develop a professional activity in the field of Marine Sciences and Technologies.
13381. Address in a comprehensive manner the analysis and preservation of the marine environment with sustainability criteria.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course consists of 2 hours per week of classroom activity (large size group) and 2 hours weekly with half the students (medium size group).

The 2 hours in the large size groups are devoted to theoretical lectures, in which the teacher presents the basic concepts and topics of the subject, shows examples and solves exercises.

The 2 hours in the medium size groups is devoted to solving practical problems with greater interaction with the students. The objective of these practical exercises is to consolidate the general and specific learning objectives.

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

In this subject, statistical methods that allow explaining correlations and dependencies of natural and anthropogenic processes in the sea will be presented, emphasizing fundamental aspects of exploratory statistics such as descriptive analysis of multivariate data, bivariated distribution, extreme models, principal component analysis, regression models, grouping and classification methods and introduction to Bayesian statistics.

1.- Critically analyze a multivariate database (be it of real, positive, directional or compositional scale) using exploratory (e.g. biplot) and descriptive (e.g. PCAs) techniques.
2.- Establish multiple regression models and simple generalizations of them (e.g. ANOVA). Interpret the diagnoses about the models, as well as critically analyze their predictive uses.
3.- Classify and discriminate large capacity multivariate databases with supervised and unsupervised classification methods, for later analysis and critical interpretation.

This is where students are expected to obtain a vision of real environmental problems in the marine environment from a perspective that combines, on the one hand, chemistry and biology, as well as the mathematical techniques to address these problems (Marine Ecology, Ecosystems and Productive Processes) and, on the other, the tools of chemistry, biology and physics (Marine Pollution, Origin, Transport and Impacts), which are needed to solve common problems in coastal and platform waters.

This subject also includes applied techniques in the visualization, interpretation and resolution of the problems addressed in this same subject.

STUDY LOAD

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Total learning time: 150 h

CONTENTS

Simple linear regression

Description:
Simple linear regression
Practical programming session (R) problems

Full-or-part-time: 19h 12m
Theory classes: 4h
Practical classes: 2h
Laboratory classes: 2h
Self study : 11h 12m
Multiple linear regression

Description:
Multiple linear regression
A1. Linear regression

Full-or-part-time: 19h 12m
Theory classes: 4h
Laboratory classes: 4h
Self study: 11h 12m

Generalized linear models

Description:
Generalized linear models
Practical programming session (R)
A2. Logistic regression

Full-or-part-time: 28h 47m
Theory classes: 6h
Laboratory classes: 6h
Self study: 16h 47m

Frequency analysis and extreme events

Description:
Frequency analysis and extreme events
problems
A3. Distribution of ends

Full-or-part-time: 24h
Theory classes: 4h
Practical classes: 2h
Laboratory classes: 4h
Self study: 14h

Bayesian statistics

Description:
Bayesian statistics
problems

Full-or-part-time: 19h 12m
Theory classes: 4h
Practical classes: 4h
Self study: 11h 12m
Multivariate analysis techniques

Description:
Multivariate analysis techniques
A4. Grouping and classification problems

Full-or-part-time: 33h 36m
Theory classes: 6h
Practical classes: 2h
Laboratory classes: 6h
Self study : 19h 36m

GRADING 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 teachings of the laboratory grade is the weighted average in such activities.

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.

EXAMINATION RULES.

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: