310608 - Surveying Instruments and Methods

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Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN GEONFORMATION AND GEOMATICS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2016). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
ECTS credits: 6
Teaching languages: Spanish

Teaching staff
Coordinator: ANA MARÍA TAPIA GÓMEZ

Prior skills
The student must have consolidated his knowledge in trigonometry that ha worked in previous courses. In addition will be helpful if the student has high capacity of visión.

Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Specific:
2. Knowledge, use and application of instruments and topographic methods appropriate for the fulfillment of raisings and surveyings.

General:
1. Use of teams and instrumental: Capacity to select the necessary resources to the achievement of the planned goals according to the quality requirements. Use of the teams, in adequate conditions, with professional efficiency and taking into account the limitations of the instruments and its context of use, in relation with the required precisions.

Teaching methodology
The teaching methodology is based on the participative expository class, that includes the exposition of theoretical foundations and the resolution of practical examples, in the realization of instrumental practices in the field with small groups and in the autonomous work of assimilation of the subject.

Learning objectives of the subject
Exhaustive comprehension of the foundation from work of the different instruments of distance measuring, angles and slopes, its using and optimal conditions of use.
Knowledge of the kind of errors that operate in the measurement of these magnitudes and its transmission according to the different techniques of observation.
Solvency in the determination of the most probable value of a magnitude and of the associated confidence to this data.
Command in the practical manipulation of the different instruments in a quick and efficient way.
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## Study load

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## Content

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<th>C1 Topographic Elements.</th>
<th>Learning time: 17h</th>
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**Definition and object of the topography.**
- Representation and reference systems. Coordinate calculus.
- Process of a topographic hoisting.
- Topographic magnitudes. Units of measurement.

**Related activities:**
- P1: Basic trigonometric calculus for the obtention of coordinates in a point.
- P2: Change of angular units.

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<th>C2 Errors committed in the measurements for direct observation.</th>
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**Description:**
- Precision and accuracy.
- Systematic and accidental errors.
- Errors that define precisión.
- Transmission of errors.

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<th>C3 Direct measurement of distances.</th>
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**Description:**
- The metallic tape. Use methods of different precisión. Errors and corrections.
- Invar threads
- Rulers.

**Related activities:**
P3: Practice in the field about the use of the tape and the surveying rod.
### C4 Measurement of angles in topography I. The theodolite.

**Description:**
- Previous definitions.
- Scheme of a goniometer.
- Components of horizontalization and of collimation.
- Lay in station.
- Vertical and horizontal angles medition.

**Related activities:**
P4, P5, P6: Field practice of parking of a theodolite and angular lectures.

**Learning time:** 20h
- Theory classes: 4h
- Practical classes: 6h
- Self study: 10h

### C5 Measurement of angles in topography II. Errors in the measuring.

**Description:**
- Sistematic errors. Definition, comprovation and correction / compensation.
- Accidental errors. Analysis of the sources and trasmission.
- Estimation of the precisión of data.

**Related activities:**
P7: Field practice about the comprobation of systematic errors of a theodolite.

**Learning time:** 35h
- Theory classes: 8h
- Practical classes: 2h
- Self study: 25h

### C6 Indirect measurement of distances by stadiometric methods. The tachymeter.

**Description:**
- Foundation of the stadiametric rangefinding.
- Calculation of the distance with leaning visuals.
- Calculation of the slope.
- Units of precisión. Stadiametric prism and horizontal stay invar.

**Related activities:**
P8, P9, P10, P11, P12: Field practices in the class about the observation of taquimetric data and calculation of distances and slopes.

**Learning time:** 13h
- Theory classes: 1h
- Practical classes: 10h
- Self study: 2h
### C7 Electromagnetic measurement of distances.

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<td>- Foundation of electronic distanometer.</td>
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<td>- Precision in the measurement. Errors.</td>
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<td>- Use of an integrated instrument, the total station.</td>
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**Learning time:** 19h  
Theory classes: 4h  
Self study: 15h

### C8 Instruments for the determination of slopes.

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<td>- Levelling systems.</td>
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<td>- Barometric nivelation. Foundation. Types of barometer.</td>
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<td>- Types of levels. Classification.</td>
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**Related activities:**  
P13, P14, P15: Field practices of levelling with line and automatic levels.

**Learning time:** 26h  
Theory classes: 6h  
Practical classes: 6h  
Self study: 14h
### Planning of activities

| P1: TRIGONOMETRY. CALCULATION OF COORDINATES. | Hours: 2h  
Practical classes: 2h |
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<td>Assimilation of the official measurement units and its use</td>
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| P2: UNITS OF MEASUREMENT. ANGLES AND DISTANCES. | Hours: 2h  
Practical classes: 2h |
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| P3: MEASUREMENT OF DISTANCES BY DIRECT METHODS. | Hours: 2h  
Practical classes: 2h |
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| P4: PARKING OF A THEODOLITE. | Hours: 2h  
Practical classes: 2h |
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<td>Field practices of parking a theodolite and identification of its elements.</td>
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<td><strong>Support materials:</strong></td>
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### Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment

**P5: MEASUREMENT OF ANGLES WITH THEODOLITE.**

**Hours:** 2h  
Practical classes: 2h

**Description:**  
Field practices of angles measurement with theodolite.

**Support materials:**  
Theodolites at the topographic laboratory.

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**  
Memory of practices

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**P6: MEASUREMENT OF ANGLES AND DISTANCES WITH TAQUIMETER.**

**Hours:** 3h  
Practical classes: 2h  
Self study: 1h

**Description:**  
Field practices about angle and distance measurement with taquimeter.

**Support materials:**  
Taquimeters of the topographic laboratory.

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**  
Memory of practices

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**P7: COMPROVATION OF SYSTEMATIC ERRORS OF A THEODOLITE**

**Hours:** 2h  
Practical classes: 2h

**Description:**  
Field practices about the comprobation of systematics errors of a theodolite.

**Support materials:**  
Theodolites of the topographic laboratory.

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**  
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**P8: POLIGONAL I**

**Hours:** 2h  
Practical classes: 2h

**Description:**  
Beginning of a complete itinerary's observation.

**Support materials:**  
Taqimeters of the topographic laboratory
### P9: THE ITINERARY METHOD OR POLIGONAL.

**Hours:** 2h  
Practical classes: 2h

**Description:**  
Explanation about the purpose of the method and his processes of observation and calculation.

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**  
Memory of practices

### P10: ERRORS IN THE OBSERVATIONS. TOLERANCE.

**Hours:** 2h  
Practical classes: 2h

**Description:**  
Exposition about the accidental errors that operate in an angular observation and the processes of estimation calculation.

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**  
Memory of practices

### P11: POLIGONAL II

**Hours:** 3h  
Practical classes: 2h  
Self study: 1h

**Description:**  
Field practices of development of observation in a poligonal.

**Support materials:**  
Taquimeters of the topographic laboratory

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**  
Memory of practices

### P12: POLIGONAL III

**Hours:** 3h  
Practical classes: 2h  
Self study: 1h

**Description:**  
Field practices of observation of a poligonal.

**Support materials:**  
Taquimeters of the topographic laboratory

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**  
Memory of practices
### P13: LEVELLING I

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**Description:**
Exposition about taking data of a levelling and the correspondent calculation of heights and precisions.

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**
Memory of practices

### P14: LEVELLING II

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**Description:**
Field practices of observation of a levelling itinerary.

**Support materials:**
Line and automatic levels of the topographic laboratory.

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**
Memory of practices

### P15: LEVELING III

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**Description:**
Field practices of observation of a levelling

**Support materials:**
Line and automatic levels of the topographic laboratory.

**Descriptions of the assignments due and their relation to the assessment:**
Memory of practices

### Qualification system

Midterm exams: 20%
Individual memory of practices: 20%
Individual and team projects: 20%
Final exam: 40%
The attendance and work in class will be valued.

### Regulations for carrying out activities

The attendance to the practices and the delivery of the memories and projects is mandatory and, therefore, necessary condition to be evaluated.
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Bibliography

Basic:


Professional surveyor. Arlington: American Surveyors,

Complementary:
