320068 - RSTM - Environmental Risk, Safety and Technology

Coordinating unit: 205 - ESEIAAT - Terrassa School of Industrial, Aerospace and Audiovisual Engineering
Teaching unit: 713 - EQ - Department of Chemical Engineering
Academic year: 2018
Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
ECTS credits: 6  
Teaching languages: Catalan

Teaching staff

Coordinator: Xavier Colom

Others: Xavier Colom
Gemma Molins

Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Specific:
4. CHE: ability to analyse, design, simulate and optimise processes and products.

5. CHE: Knowledge of material and energy balances, biotechnology, the transfer of materials, separation operations, chemical reaction engineering, the design of reactors, and the reuse and transformation of raw materials and energy resources.

Transversal:
1. SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING - Level 3. Applying the knowledge gained in completing a task according to its relevance and importance. Deciding how to carry out a task, the amount of time to be devoted to it and the most suitable information sources.

2. EFFICIENT ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION - Level 3. Communicating clearly and efficiently in oral and written presentations. Adapting to audiences and communication aims by using suitable strategies and means.

3. 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.
Teaching methodology

In order for students to meet the objectives and acquire the competencies described above, this subject is organised in three different types of sessions:

- Face-to-face lecture and applied sessions.
- Distance independent-learning sessions.
- Distance teamwork sessions.

Face-to-face lecture and applied sessions:

In the lectures, the lecturer will introduce the theoretical fundamentals of the subject, concepts, methods and results, which will be illustrated with relevant examples to facilitate their understanding.

Most of the topics will be covered in the following types of classes:

- Lectures, with problem-solving examples.
- Lecturer-led problem-solving.
- Problem-solving in small groups (2-3 students) or individually. The lecturer will mark some of the problems assigned in class and return them to the students, so that they may track their progress over the course of the semester. These problems will count towards students' final marks.

Students' understanding of the content will be assessed over the course of two two-hour sessions.

Distance independent-learning sessions:

Students are expected to spend time outside of class studying the theoretical content in order to understand it and apply it correctly. Students should divide this time between the study of theoretical foundations and the application of these foundations to solve problems assigned by the lecturer. The lecturer will mark some of the assigned problems and return them to the students, so that they may track their progress over the course of the semester. These problems will count towards students' final marks.

Distance teamwork sessions:

Students are expected to spend time outside of class working in teams of at least four students to solve one of the exercises assigned by the lecturer. Using appropriate bibliographical sources, each student will have to search for instructions on how to correctly carry out the practical, draft a protocol, and orally present the protocol to the other students and the lecturer.

Each team will have tutoring/consulting time with the lecturer prior to the oral presentation.

The subject has been designed to ensure that students attain Level 2 of the independent learning, oral and written expression and teamwork competencies, although the last of these will not be assessed.

Students will receive communications and notifications by means of the UPC Virtual Campus, which is currently available to lecturers and students.

Learning objectives of the subject

In this subject, students will learn to do the following:

- Identify the main pollutants associated with industrial activities, processes and services, as well as the potential environmental impacts that they generate.
- Identify the most significant environmental problems derived from industrial activities, processes and services and propose solutions to these impacts.
- Apply the knowledge acquired to prevent and minimise pollution in the treatment of sewage, waste, air and energy.
- Identify and apply various renewable energy sources and the principles of energy saving and efficiency.
- Identify the hazards associated with industrial facilities and jobs.
- Apply hazard-analysis techniques and regulatory compliance protocols for occupational hazard prevention.
- Identify European, Spanish, regional and local environmental regulations.
- Ensure compliance with the applicable regulations in all activities.

**Study load**

| Total learning time: 150h | Hours large group: 45h | 30.00% |
| Hours medium group: 15h | 10.00% |
| Hours small group: 0h | 0.00% |
| Self study: 90h | 60.00% |
# INTRODUCTION

**Description:**
Conceptes bàsics de la tecnologia ambiental i anàlisi de riscos i seguretat.

**Specific objectives:**
On completing this topic, students will be able to:
- Identify and correctly interpret laws in order to comply with applicable environmental regulations.

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# TOPIC 2: Waste Water Treatment

**Description:**
- The various wastewater treatment methods.
- Primary wastewater treatment.
- Wastewater treatment unit processes.
- Parameters/criteria for selecting a treatment type.

**Specific objectives:**
On completing this topic, students will be able to:
- Understand the laws that apply to wastewater and its treatment.
- Identify the various treatment types for a particular type of wastewater.
- Identify the basic steps of a wastewater treatment process.
- Identify, understand and develop the reactions involved in wastewater treatment.
- Correctly calculate the physical, chemical and biological processes involved in various types of wastewater treatment.

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### TOPIC 4: GAS TREATMENT

**Learning time:** 10h
- Theory classes: 3h
- Practical classes: 1h
- Self study: 6h

**Description:**
- Various gas treatment methods.
- Gas treatment unit processes.
- Parameters/criteria for selecting a type of treatment.

**Specific objectives:**
On completing this topic, students will be able to:
- Understand regulations on air pollution and treatments.
- Identify air pollution impacts.
- Identify the various treatment types for a particular type of atmosphere.
- Identify the basic steps of a gas treatment process.
- Identify, understand and develop the reactions involved in gas treatment.
- Correctly calculate the physical, chemical and biological processes involved in various types of gas treatment.

### TOPIC 5: Energy Management

**Learning time:** 23h
- Theory classes: 6h
- Practical classes: 2h
- Self study: 15h

**Description:**
- Impacts associated with energy generation and consumption. Analysis.
- Renewable energy sources.
- Energy saving and efficiency.

**Specific objectives:**
On completing this topic, students will be able to:
- Understand the laws that apply to energy management.
- Identify the impacts of energy generation, transport and consumption.
- Identify the various sources of renewable energy.
- Assess the sustainability of renewable energy use.
- Understand and apply the mechanisms of energy-efficiency systems.
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**TOPIC 6: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

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**Description:**
- Minimisation methods and techniques.
- Modification of production processes, reuse, recycling and recovery.
- Environmental audits
- Environmental impact assessment.
- Lifecycle analysis.
- Environmental management systems: EMAS and the ISO 14000 standards.

**Specific objectives:**
On completing this topic, students will be able to:
- Understand and correctly apply all environmental regulations.
- Correctly apply the methods for consumption minimisation, reuse and recovery.
- Understand and systematically carry out basic environmental audits.
- Understand and systematically carry out basic environmental impact assessments.
- Understand and systematically implement EMAS and ISO 14001 in basic processes.
- Understand and systematically carry out lifecycle analyses.

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**TOPIC 8: WORKPLACE SAFETY. OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD PREVENTION**

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**Description:**
- The law on occupational hazard prevention.
- Safety management and occupational hazard prevention: preventive organisation, risk assessment, and the planning of measures/activities to eliminate or reduce risk.
- The OSHAS occupational hazard management system.

**Specific objectives:**
On completing this topic, students will be able to:
- Understand and correctly apply all occupational hazard prevention regulations.
- Identify and assess the various elements that may lead to occupational hazards.
- Identify prevention and/or correction measures to apply in order to minimise risk.
- Understand and correctly apply occupational hazard regulations.
- Understand with the OSHAS occupational hazard management system.
TOPIC 9: INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Learning time: 17h
- Theory classes: 5h
- Practical classes: 2h
- Self study: 10h

Description:
- Integration of environmental management systems with the occupational hazard management system.

Specific objectives:
On completing this topic, students will be able to:
- Understand the advantages and disadvantages of system integration.

(ENG) ANÀLISI QUANTITATIVA DEL RISC

Learning time: 8h
- Theory classes: 3h
- Self study: 5h

Description:
Avaluació de conseqüències: models de vulnerabilitat (Pròbit).
Arbres de fallades
Arbres d’esdeveniments
Freqüències

Specific objectives:
Al finalitzar el tema l’alumne ha de ser capaç de:
Avaluar les conseqüències dels accidents industrials mitjançant els models de vulnerabilitat.
Conèixer les metodologies que permetin quantificar el risc associat a una instal·lació industrial

Qualification system

- First examination: 35%
- Second examination: 35%
- Assignments submitted: 20%
- Directed activity: 10%

Unsatisfactory results from the first exam may be re-conducted by a written test to be carried out on the same day as the final exam. Students with a mark less than 5 will be able to access this test. The mark of the test will have a maximum of 5. The mark obtained by applying the renewal will replace the initial mark of the first exam as long as it is higher than 5. For those students who meet the requirements and submit to the reevaluation examination, the grade of the reevaluation exam will replace the grades of all the on-site written evaluation acts (tests, midterm and final exams) and the grades obtained during the course for lab practices, works, projects and presentations will be kept.

If the final grade after reevaluation is lower than 5.0, it will replace the initial one only if it is higher. If the final grade after reevaluation is greater or equal to 5.0, the final grade of the subject will be pass 5.0.
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Regulations for carrying out activities

In order to successfully meet the objectives of this subject, students will be expected to have passed Environmental Technologies and Sustainability.

Bibliography

Basic:


Complementary:


