820019 - TMS - Environmental Technologies and Sustainability

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ECTS credits: 6  
Teaching languages: Catalan  

Teaching staff  
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Prior skills  
None  

Requirements  
None  

Degree competences to which the subject contributes  

Specific:  
2. Understand the basic applications of environmental technologies and sustainability principles.  

Transversal:  
1. SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT - Level 1. Analyzing the world's situation critically and systemically, while taking an interdisciplinary approach to sustainability and adhering to the principles of sustainable human development. Recognizing the social and environmental implications of a particular professional activity.  

Teaching methodology  
Expository methods, individual and/or group work, cooperative learning, watching documentaries, directed activities, case studies, tests and examinations.  

Learning objectives of the subject  
- To give students an overview of the state of the world that focuses on limitations and imbalances.  
- To analyse the concept of sustainable development and develop the ability to apply it in engineering.
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· To make students aware of environmental and sustainable technologies and of their applications in the field of engineering: energy, transport, construction, etc.
· To analyse the role of technoscience and the social and environmental impact of technology.
· To apply the concepts and methods of the sustainability paradigm in the design, implementation, operational and decommissioning stages of any engineering project.
· To analyse existing systems and current and future problems in decision making on a global level.

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# Content

## 0. Course presentation

**Learning time:** 10h  
Theory classes: 2h  
Practical classes: 2h  
Self study: 6h

**Description:**
- 0.1 Introduction  
- 0.2 Teachers  
- 0.3 Course objectives  
- 0.4 Syllabus  
- 0.5 Agenda  
- 0.6 Programming Jobs  
- 0.7 Bibliography

## 1. State of the world

**Learning time:** 50h  
Theory classes: 10h  
Practical classes: 10h  
Self study: 30h

**Description:**
- 1.1 Ecological phases of mankind  
- 1.2 Carrying capacity  
- 1.3 The great acceleration; growth and limits to growth  
- 1.4 The anthropocene  
- 1.5 The globalization

**Specific objectives:**
- Understand the problems of the world from a number of perspectives: economic, environmental, cultural, etc.  
- Analyse globalisation as it now stands and its relationship with sustainability.
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<th>2. Sustainable paradigm. Models of development. Sustainable Human Development</th>
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<td>2.1 Sustainable Development concept</td>
<td>Practical classes: 8h</td>
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**Specific objectives:**
- Analyse the models of development
- Define the concept of sustainable development.
- Analyse the concept of sustainable development and its various interpretations.
- Analyse the application of the concept of sustainable development from industrial, political, social and economic perspectives.
- Understand the methodologies and instruments used to measure sustainable development.

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<td>3.1 Multilateral international policy</td>
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<td>3.2 International reports, data and policies</td>
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**Specific objectives:**
- Understand the historical evolution of the political agenda and the international organizations.
- Analyze the role of the main international organizations.
- Analyze the multilateral agenda for 2030 and the main international treaties.
- Analyze the existing systems for decision-making at the international level
### 4. Policies and technologies for sustainability

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<td>- 4.2. Methodologies for sustainability</td>
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<td>- 4.3. Sectoral policies</td>
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#### Specific objectives:

- Analyze individual and organizations responsibility to achieve sustainability
- Draw up sustainability paradigms in the design of products and the different methodologies that can be applied to them.
- Understand how sustainability paradigms are specified in production processes and apply the various existing methodologies to specific examples.

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### Qualification system

**Assessment methods:** assignments, oral presentations, two examinations (mid-semester and at the end of the year), practical problems and exercises.

**Final mark:** mid-semester examination = 38%; exercises, dossier of practical problems = 14%; final examination = 38%; attendance = 10%

Absences of practices without justification penalize the final note of dossier of practical problems, progressively:

End note dossier = (1 - 0.0817 * Nº faults assistance) * Provisional note of dossier of practical problems

**Assessment criteria for generic competencies:**

Sustainability and social commitment = final mark.

At the end of the semester there will be the reexamination exam.

The students will be able to access the re-assessment test that meets the requirements set by the EEBE in its Assessment and Permanence Regulations (https://eebe.upc.edu/ca/estudis/normatives-academiques/documents/eebe-normativa-avaluacio-i-permanencia-18-19-aprovat-je-2018-06-13.pdf)
Bibliography

Basic:


Complementary:

Worldwatch Institute. L'Estat del món ... : informe del Worldwatch Institute sobre el progrés cap a una societat sostenible. Barcelona: Centre Unesco de Catalunya, 199-?)]-. 


Others resources:

https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/es/objetivos-de-desarrollo-sostenible/