280821 - Marine Foundations

Coordinating unit: 280 - FNB - Barcelona School of Nautical Studies
Teaching unit: 751 - DECA - Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Academic year: 2018
Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN NAVAL AND OCEAN ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2017). (Teaching unit Optional)
ECTS credits: 5
Teaching languages: English

Teaching staff

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Opening hours

Timetable: Mondays from 11:00h to 13:00h; by appointment

Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Basic:

CB6. Possess knowledge and understanding that provide a basis or opportunity to be original in the development and/or application of ideas, often in a research context.
CB7. That the students can apply their knowledge and ability to solve problems in new or unfamiliar environments within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to their study area.
CB8. Students should be able to integrate knowledge and handle the complexity of making judgments based on information that, being incomplete or limited, includes reflections on the responsibilities social and ethical linked to the application of their knowledge and judgments.
Familiarity with basic soil mechanics principles relevant for offshore foundation design

Familiarity with offshore geotechnical site investigation procedures and instruments. Awareness of main geohazards affecting offshore developments.

Familiarity with pile design procedures relevant for the offshore environment. Knowledge of alternative offshore foundation types
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| **Introduction**         | 3h            | **Learning time:** 3h  
Theory classes: 3h |
|                          |               | **Description:**  
Offshore foundations: tipology,  
The offshore geotechnical environment,  
Geohazards,  
Normatives |
| **Soil mechanics**       | 12h           | **Learning time:**  6h  
Laboratory classes: 6h |
|                          |               | **Description:**  
Soil description and classification,  
Groundwater flow and permeability,  
Soil strength,  
Soil stiffness |
|                          |               | **Related activities:**  
Laboratory 1: identification of soils,  
Laboratory 2: flux of water through soils |
|                          |               | **Specific objectives:**  
Familiarize the student with the fundamental concepts of soil mechanics relevant for the offshore environment |
| **Offshore site investigations** | 4h 30m       | **Learning time:**  4h 30m  
Theory classes: 4h 30m |
|                          |               | **Description:**  
Geophysics,  
Probing: the CPTu. Other probes,  
Sampling techniques,  
Laboratory testing |
|                          |               | **Related activities:**  
Some topics may be developed through individual research work |
|                          |               | **Specific objectives:**  
Gain familiarity with the techniques of geotechnical investigation relevant for the offshore environment |
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### Offshore pile foundations

**Learning time:** 12h  
Theory classes: 6h  
Practical classes: 6h

**Description:**  
Types of piles  
Pile installation  
Axial capacity  
Lateral capacity  
Effect of cyclic loading

**Related activities:**  
Team design work with OPILE code

### Direct foundations for offshore structures

**Learning time:** 12h  
Theory classes: 6h  
Practical classes: 6h

**Description:**  
Gravity base  
Suction caissons  
Jack up

### Qualification system

The final grade (0-10) is obtained as a weighted average of the following items  
1. Laboratory (attendance) 10%  
2. Laboratory (reports) 10%  
3. Group design exercise (15%)  
4. Research report and presentation (15%)  
5. Final exam (50%)

The final exam typically includes an exercise and several theoretical questions.

### Bibliography

**Basic:**  

**Others resources:**  
OPILE (Software for pile design oriented to offshore structures)