



## Course guides

# 295761 - 295EM121 - Composite Technology

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**Unit in charge:** Barcelona East School of Engineering  
**Teaching unit:** 702 - CEM - Department of Materials Science and Engineering.

**Degree:** ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER'S DEGREE IN ADVANCED MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2014). (Optional subject).  
MASTER'S DEGREE IN MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ADVANCED MATERIALS ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2019). (Optional subject).

**Academic year:** 2021    **ECTS Credits:** 6.0    **Languages:** Spanish

### LECTURER

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Cinca I Luis, Núria  
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### PRIOR SKILLS

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To have knowledge about plastic materials at the level of the subjects Fundamentals of Polymers and Plastics materials and composites (Degree in Materials Engineering.)  
For non-graduates of degrees related to Science and Materials Engineering: having completed the subject 240EM013 - Structure and Properties of Polymers.

### REQUIREMENTS

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Have knowledge about plastic, ceramics and metals materials

### DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

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**Specific:**

CEMCEM-03. (ENG) Aplicar mètodes innovadors en la resolució de problemes i aplicacions informàtiques adequades, pel disseny, simulació, optimització i control de processos de producció i transformació de materials

**Transversal:**

06 URI N2. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATION RESOURCES - Level 2. Designing and executing a good strategy for advanced searches using specialized information resources, once the various parts of an academic document have been identified and bibliographical references provided. Choosing suitable information based on its relevance and quality.

### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

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### LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

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1. Know the main types of organic matrices, of second phases.
2. Know the properties of the interface and how it can be modified
3. Know the main processing processes of composite materials with fibers.
4. Learn how to design a laminated composite material in order to optimize its useful life in real service conditions.
5. Know the main compounds of inorganic matrix, particularly their phases and properties, in view of their optimal microstructural design according to the requirements of the application.



## STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours small group	14,0	9.33
Guided activities	6,0	4.00
Hours medium group	28,0	18.67
Self study	102,0	68.00

**Total learning time:** 150 h

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### Subject 1. Introduction

**Description:**

Definition  
Classification  
Examples of applications  
Natural compounds  
The wood

**Full-or-part-time:** 6h

Theory classes: 3h  
Self study : 3h

### Subject 2. Composites with fibers.

**Description:**

Types of fibers.  
Types of polymeric matrix.  
Matrix fiber interfaces.  
Key factors that determine the properties of a compound.

**Related activities:**

Laboratory work.

**Full-or-part-time:** 21h

Theory classes: 7h 30m  
Practical classes: 1h 30m  
Self study : 12h

### Subject 3. Compounds with particles.

**Description:**

Rigid particles: types of particles, function of each type of particle, effects on mechanical properties and on fracture behavior and crack propagation. Incorporation.  
Elastomeric particles: preparation of these composites, examples and applications. Effect on mechanical properties and on tenacity

**Full-or-part-time:** 8h 30m

Theory classes: 3h  
Self study : 5h 30m



#### Tema 4. Foams

**Description:**

Definitions by cell type and size.  
Preparation methods.  
Examples and applications.  
Properties and function of the size of the cells.

**Full-or-part-time:** 4h 30m

Theory classes: 1h 30m

Self study : 3h

#### Subject 5. Nanocomposites.

**Description:**

Classification and types of nanofillers in polymer matrix.  
Methods of preparation of organic matrix nanocomposites.  
Relationship structure and properties.  
Examples of applications

**Full-or-part-time:** 4h 30m

Theory classes: 1h 30m

Self study : 3h

#### Subject 6. Processing of composites

**Description:**

Manual and projection molding.  
SMC and BMC.  
Compression molding  
Vacuum bag, infusion and RTM.  
Autoclave.  
Pultrusion and winding of filaments.  
RIM, RRIM and SRIM

**Related activities:**

Guided work.

**Full-or-part-time:** 11h

Guided activities: 3h

Self study : 8h

#### Subject7. Micro and macromechanics of composite materials with long fibers

**Description:**

Unidirectional mechanical properties of composite materials with long fibers from known properties of fiber and matrix.  
Mechanical properties in laminates: estimation of elastic constants in the medium plane.  
Mechanical design of laminates.

**Related activities:**

Group activities

**Full-or-part-time:** 36h

Theory classes: 6h

Guided activities: 6h

Self study : 24h



### Subject 9. Failure analysis in laminates.

**Description:**

Failure models.  
The "Ply discount" model.  
Prediction of useful life of laminates.

**Full-or-part-time:** 13h 30m

Theory classes: 1h 30m  
Guided activities: 3h  
Self study : 9h

### Inorganic Matrix Composites

**Description:**

Definition. Types of metal- and ceramic- matrix composites, and microstructural features. Matrix and reinforcement materials. Fabrication processes. Load transfer concept. Interfacial bonding strength. Micromechanics, thermal and physical properties. Case study: Hard and superhard materials - cemented carbides, diamond composites and polycrystalline cubic boron nitrides.

**Specific objectives:**

To become familiar with inorganic-matrix (metal- and ceramic-) composites regarding structural and functional applications. Fundamental structure-property relationships underlying mechanical, thermal and energy related parameters. Case Studies in design and performance of advanced ceramic-matrix composites.

**Related activities:**

Laboratory work.

**Full-or-part-time:** 26h 10m

Theory classes: 9h  
Laboratory classes: 1h 30m  
Guided activities: 1h 30m  
Self study : 14h 10m

## GRADING SYSTEM

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