# Course guides
# 820532 - SOPQ - Simulation and Optimisation of Chemical Processes

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**Unit in charge:** Barcelona East School of Engineering
**Teaching unit:** 713 - EQ - Department of Chemical Engineering.

**Degree:** BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2009). (Compulsory subject).

**Academic year:** 2021 **ECTS Credits:** 6.0 **Languages:** Catalan, English

## LECTURER

**Coordinating lecturer:** Moisés Graells Sobré

**Others:**

Primer quadrimestre:
ALBA ÁGUEDA COSTAFREDA - T11
MOISES GRAELLS SOBRE - T11
ANA SOMOZA TORNOS - T11

Segon quadrimestre:
ALBA ÁGUEDA COSTAFREDA - M11, M21
MOISES GRAELLS SOBRE - M11
EDUARD SANMARTI VILA - M21

## PRIOR SKILLS

Sufficient capacity of written communication. Autonomous learning.

## REQUIREMENTS

OPERACIONS BÀSIQUES I - Prerequisit
OPERACIONS BÀSIQUES II - Corequisit

## DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

**Specific:**
2. Analyse, design, simulate and optimise processes and products.

**Transversal:**
1. EFFECTIVE USE OF INFORMATI0N RESOURCES - Level 3. Planning and using the information necessary for an academic assignment (a final thesis, for example) based on a critical appraisal of the information resources used.

## TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course uses lecturing by 20%, group work in the classroom 20%, individual work 20%, work in groups by 20%.
Competence in the solvent use of information resources, which is the competence to be assessed in this course is examined in the course simulation project, as well as in the partial and final exams.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

Know how to systematically formulate steady state mass and energy balances.
Know how to prepare efficient calculation schemes for automatically solving mass and energy balances (ideal / linear) in stead state using a spreadsheet (Excel).
Know how to prepare efficient calculation schemes for automatically solving mass and energy balances (ideal / linear) in steady state using algebraic modeling languages â□□â□□(GAMS).
Identify and explain the sequential-modular approach and the equation-oriented approach.
Know how to incorporate numerical methods for the calculation of thermodynamic and transport properties (non-ideal / non-linear) by programming the spreadsheet (Excel VBA).
Know how to find solvent information on thermodynamic properties, and select and adjust thermodynamic models reproducing the experimental behavior of mixtures (ELV).
To know how to simulate complex processes in the stationary state using several commercial simulators of chemical processes (UniSim, VMGSim, AspenHYSYS, AspenPlus, etc.)

## STUDY LOAD

| Type | Hours | Percentage |
|---|---|---|
| Hours small group | 30,0 | 20.00 |
| Hours large group | 30,0 | 20.00 |
| Self study | 90,0 | 60.00 |

**Total learning time:** 150 h

## CONTENTS

### (ENG) Tema 1. Introducció

**Description:**
(ENG) Modelització, simulació, optimització i presa de decisions. Definicions: Model, variable, paràmetres, restriccions i funció objectiu. Limitació dels models. El temps de càlcul com a variable del problema. Càlculs preliminars: estimacions, acotacions y heurístiques. Exercicis.

**Specific objectives:**
(ENG) Aprendre a modelitzar, analitzar i a simular processos químics en estat estacionari. Aprendre a programar funcions d'usuari per a la resolució numèrica de les equacions dels models i per al càlcul de propietats termodinàmiques. Aprendre a ajustar els paràmetres d'un model.

**Related activities:**
(ENG) Exercicis de supòsits relacionats amb el contingut del tema, realitzats amb suport Excel.

**Full-or-part-time:** 8h
Theory classes: 3h
Self study : 5h

**(ENG) Tema 2.**

**Description:**
Spreadsheet. Justification for the use of this tool. User interface. Control variables, parameters and constraints. Macro programming. Degrees of freedom. Limitations of the model. Exercises.

**Specific objectives:**
Learning to model, analyze and simulate chemical processes in steady state. Learn to program user functions for the numerical solution of the equations and models to calculate thermodynamic properties. Learn to adjust the parameters of a model.

**Related activities:**
Practical case exercises related to the content of this chapter, made on Excel.

**Full-or-part-time:** 8h
Theory classes: 3h
Self study : 5h

**(ENG) Tema 3.**

**Full-or-part-time:** 8h
Theory classes: 3h
Self study : 5h

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**Full-or-part-time:** 8h
Theory classes: 3h
Self study : 5h

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**Full-or-part-time:** 8h
Theory classes: 3h
Self study : 5h

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Theory classes: 3h
Self study : 5h

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Theory classes: 3h
Self study : 5h

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Self study : 5h

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## GRADING SYSTEM

1. Problems 25%
2. Partial Exam 25%
3. Final Exam 25%
4. Simulation Project 25%. There is no re-evaluation exam.

## EXAMINATION RULES.

Exams will be performed individually in the computer room. Exams will consist in the preparation of solutions to process simulation problems, and will be presented in a digital format through ATENEA within the time-frame prescribed.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

**Basic:**
- Finlayson, Bruce A. Introduction to chemical engineering computing. Hoboken, N.J: Wiley Interscience, cop. 2006. ISBN 0471740624.
- Liengme, Bernard V.; Ellert, David J. A Guide to Microsoft Excel 2007 for scientists and engineers [on line]. London: Elsevier/AP, 2009 [Consultation: 12/06/2020]. Available on: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/book/9780123746238. ISBN 9780123746238.
- Billo, E. Joseph. Excel for scientists and engineers : numerical methods. West Sussex: John Wiley and Sons, 2007. ISBN 9780471387343.

**Complementary:**
- Seider, Warren D.; Lewin, Daniel R.; Seader, J. D. Product and process design principles : synthesis, analysis, and evaluation. 4th ed. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons, 2017. ISBN 9781119588009.