



Course guide

390258 - PCP - The Landscape as Pretext

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Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Agri-Food and Biosystems Engineering
Teaching unit: 745 - DEAB - Department of Agri-Food Engineering and Biotechnology.

Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE (Syllabus 2019). (Optional subject).

Academic year: 2025 **ECTS Credits:** 6.0 **Languages:** English

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: Maldonado Rius, Luis

Others: Maldonado Rius, Luis

PRIOR SKILLS

Subject addressed to fourth-year students and, optionally, third-year ones.

REQUIREMENTS

To take the subject it is necessary to pass the first two years of the degree.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

1: Theoretical classes / 2: Workshops / 3: Field-Trips / 4: Autonomous learning / 5: Delivery and presentation of results

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

The objectives of the course are:

- Teaching to think about landscape architecture by walking and reflecting on what we see by showing it.
- Deepen the knowledge of landscaping as it materializes in a specific location.
- Show and value the designed, built and planted landscape as an example of a continuous process of research and learning through the experience in a specific place.
- To relate the knowledge of the place –horizontal and vertical- with the final proposal.

STUDY LOAD

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

Total learning time: 150 h



CONTENTS

Prior

Description:

PV: prior to the visit
Preparation of the visit (Travel dossier)
Information, documentation and references
Previous representations and work program
Practical preparation and travel program

Related activities:

Theoretical class / Workshop / Autonomous learning / Delivery and presentation of results

Full-or-part-time: 55h

Theory classes: 4h
Practical classes: 6h
Self study : 45h

Field trip

Description:

V (Field trip)
Visit and work on site in one or several projects in the same place
Free afternoons. We will schedule complementary visits to the main

Related activities:

Theoretical class / Workshop / Directed activities

Full-or-part-time: 40h

Theory classes: 5h
Practical classes: 10h
Guided activities: 25h

Conclusion

Description:

CV: Conclusion
Graphic and written analysis
Exhibition and discussion of results

Related activities:

Workshop / Autonomous learning / Delivery and presentation of results

Full-or-part-time: 55h

Theory classes: 2h
Practical classes: 8h
Self study : 45h



GRADING SYSTEM

To assess the subject, it is necessary to attend classes participating in the previous preparation work for the trip and visits, as well as the delivery and public discussion of the work assigned on the return.

Final assessment according to the following formula:

$$N = N1*0,20 + N2*0,35 + N3*0,45$$

In which: N1: Attendance and participation, N2: Previous presentation, and N3: Final presentation and exhibition

EXAMINATION RULES.

The subject and its evaluation tests are face-to-face except for reasons of force majeure.

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