



Information about the subject

Degree: Bachelor of Degree in Marine Sciences

Faculty: Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Experimental Sciences

Code: 274001 **Name:** Marine Pollution

Credits: 6,00 **ECTS Year:** 4 **Semester:** 1

Module: Professional

Subject Matter: Marine and Coastal Management **Type:** Compulsory

Department: Oceanography and Environment

Type of learning: Classroom-based learning

Languages in which it is taught: Spanish

Lecturer/-s:

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Module organization

Professional

Subject Matter	ECTS	Subject	ECTS	Year/semester
Oceanography	36,00	Chemical Oceanography	6,00	3/1
		Geological Oceanography	6,00	3/1
		Marine Biology and Biological Oceanography	6,00	3/1
		Methods in Oceanography I: Physical and Geological	6,00	3/2
		Methods in Oceanography II: Chemical and Biological	6,00	3/2
		Physical Oceanography	6,00	3/1
Marine living resources	12,00	Aquaculture	6,00	3/2
		Fisheries	6,00	3/2
Marine and Coastal Management	18,00	Coastal Planning and Management	6,00	4/1
		Legislation and Economy	6,00	4/1
		Marine Pollution	6,00	4/1



Recommended knowledge

Chemical and Physical Oceanography

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, the student must be able to prove that he/she has acquired the following learning outcomes:

- R1 The student knows the types of pollutants that can reach the marine environment, their behaviour and the impact they can generate.
- R2 The student knows the treatment applied to wastewater and the regulations in force on the discharge of treated wastewater. He/she knows the quality criteria, and how to analyse the established pollution indicators.
- R3 The student knows the mechanisms of transport of conservative pollutants in the marine environment. He/she knows how to use specific programs to predict environmental impact.
- R4 The student knows how to apply corrective measures in the design of submarine emissaries to improve the dilution of wastewater discharged into the marine environment. He/she knows how to design and execute campaigns to assess the environmental condition of the marine environment.
- R5 The student knows the current regulations to be applied in bathing waters. He/she knows the sanitary criteria, and also how to plan and carry out the necessary field and laboratory work.



Competencies

Depending on the learning outcomes, the competencies to which the subject contributes are (please score from 1 to 4, being 4 the highest score):

BASIC		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CB2	Students are able to apply knowledge to their work in a professional way and have the competences enabling them to state and defend views and opinions as well as perform problem-solving tasks in their field of study.		X		
CB4	Command of a foreign language			X	
CB5	Students develop the necessary learning skills to undertake further studies with a high level of autonomy.			X	

GENERAL		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CG1	Capacity to analyze and synthesize		X		
CG2	Capacity to organize and plan		X		
CG3	Mastering Spanish oral and written communication			X	
CG5	Knowing and applying Basic ITC skills related to marine science				X
CG6	Capacity to manage information (capacity to look for and analyze information coming from different types of sources)			X	
CG8	Capacity to work in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary team			X	
CG9	Interpersonal skills			X	
CG10	Critical and self-critical capacity			X	
CG11	Capacity to learn				X



CG12	Capacity to adapt to new situations				X
CG16	Capacity to apply theoretical knowledge				X
CG18	Sensibility to environmental issues.				X

SPECIFIC		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CE2	Knowing basic sampling techniques of water column, organisms, sediment and sea-bottoms as well as basic techniques of dynamic and structural variable measurement			X	
CE4	Understanding laws regulating use of marine resources and environment			X	
CE5	Applying marine environment use planning techniques as well as resource sustainable management		X		
CE6	Applying marine instrument techniques			X	
CE7	Collecting, assessing, processing and interpreting oceanographic data, following the most recent theories			X	
CE8	Identifying and analyzing new problems and proposing solution strategies				X
CE9	Knowing how to carry out experiments and measurements both in the laboratory and during sample collection				X
CE10	Knowing how to use planning, designing and implementing research tools while surveying and assessing results			X	
CE11	Knowing how to do fieldwork and laboratory experiments in a safe and responsible way, promoting teamwork				X
CE15	Identifying and proposing monitoring means for problems of marine pollution				X
CE17	Developing training programs for marine and coastal areas		X		
CE22	Practical experience of methods of marine environmental impact assessment				X



Assessment system for the acquisition of competencies and grading system

Assessed learning outcomes	Granted percentage	Assessment method
R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	50,00%	Written test with theoretical and practical questions
R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	30,00%	Delivery of guided assignments, whose objectives and contents will be proposed by the teacher
R2, R5	10,00%	Laboratory test
R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	10,00%	Oral presentation

Observations

This course is not eligible for single evaluation. According to the general evaluation and qualification regulations, the preferred evaluation system will be by means of continuous evaluation. Specifically: A series of activities to monitor both theoretical and practical learning will be carried out throughout the semester: Kahoots, directed work (topic of choice -10%-), Calpe spill simulation -20%-), exercises, etc. The final written test will contain two parts: a theoretical part (70%) and a practical part (30%).

Attendance at practical sessions is mandatory.

IMPORTANT: In order to obtain an average, students must have obtained at least a 5 out of 10 in each of the evaluation instruments.

The use of artificial intelligence (AI)-based tools is subject to the discretion of the teacher, who may establish specific limits or conditions depending on the training or assessment activity.



MENTION OF DISTINCTION:

In accordance with the regulations governing the assessment and grading of subjects in force at UCV, the distinction of "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may be awarded to students who have achieved a grade of 9.0 or higher. The number of "Matrículas de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may not exceed five percent of the students enrolled in the group for the corresponding academic year, unless the number of enrolled students is fewer than 20, in which case a single "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with 9 Distinction) may be awarded. Exceptionally, these distinctions may be assigned globally across different groups of the same subject. Nevertheless, the total number of distinctions awarded will be the same as if they were assigned by group, but they may be distributed among all students based on a common criterion, regardless of the group to which they belong. The criteria for awarding "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) will be determined according to the guidelines stipulated by the professor responsible for the course, as detailed in the "Observations" section of the evaluation system in the course guide.

Learning activities

The following methodologies will be used so that the students can achieve the learning outcomes of the subject:

- M1 Teacher presentation of contents, analysis of competences, explanation and in-class display of skills, abilities and knowledge.
- M2 Group work sessions supervised by the professor. Case studies, diagnostic tests, problems, field work, computer room, visits, data search, libraries, on-line, Internet, etc. Meaningful construction of knowledge through interaction and student activity.
- M3 Activities carried out in spaces with specialized equipment.
- M4 Supervised monographic sessions with shared participation.
- M5 Application of multidisciplinary knowledge.
- M6 Personalized and small group attention. Period of instruction and/or guidance carried out by a tutor to review and discuss materials and topics presented in classes, seminars, readings, papers, etc.
- M8 Set of oral and/or written tests used in initial, formative or additive assessment of the student.
- M9 Group preparation of readings, essays, problem-solving, seminars, papers, reports, etc. to be presented or submitted in theoretical, practical and/or small-group tutoring sessions. Work done on the university e-learning platform (www.plataforma.ucv.es)



M10 Student's study: Individual preparation of readings, essays, problem-solving, seminars, papers, reports, etc. to be presented or submitted in theoretical, practical and/or small-group tutoring sessions. Work done on the university e-learning platform (www.plataforma.ucv.es).

IN-CLASS LEARNING ACTIVITIES

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
ON-CAMPUS CLASS M1	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	31,00	1,24
PRACTICAL CLASSES M2	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	10,00	0,40
LABORATORY M3	R2, R5	10,00	0,40
SEMINAR M4	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	2,00	0,08
GROUP PRESENTATION OF ASSIGNMENTS M5	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	2,00	0,08
TUTORIAL M6	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	3,00	0,12
ASSESSMENT M8	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	2,00	0,08
TOTAL		60,00	2,40

LEARNING ACTIVITIES OF AUTONOMOUS WORK

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
GROUP WORK M9	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	40,00	1,60
INDEPENDENT WORK M10	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	50,00	2,00
TOTAL		90,00	3,60



Description of the contents

Description of the necessary contents to acquire the learning outcomes.

Theoretical contents:

Content block	Contents
1.- INTRODUCTION TO MARINE POLLUTION	Contamination vs. Pollution. Type of pollutants. Sources of pollutants in the marine environment.
2.- MARINE POLLUTION.	Biodegradable organic compounds. Wastewaters Persistent organic compounds (HAPs, organohalogenated, pesticides ...) Heavy metals. Plastics and microplastics Diatoms and dinoflagellates ("red tides") Exotic invasive species.
3.- TRANSPORT OF POLLUTANTS IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.	Diffusion. Advection. Advective-diffusive equation.
4.- SIMULATION OF WASTEWATER DISCHARGES	Froude's densimetric number. Dilution processes in the near field and the far field. Design of submarine outfalls.
5.- MICROBIOLOGICAL POLLUTION	Bioindicators of fecal pollution. Quality standards and seawater regulation.



Organization of the practical activities:

	Content	Place	Hours
PR1.	Determination of physico-chemical parameters of water quality. Interpretation.	Field visit	2,00
PR2.	BOD5 analysis (traditional method)	Laboratory	4,00
PR3.	COD and S.S. analysis	Laboratory	2,00
PR4.	Simulation of oil spills with the software Gnome.	Lecture room	2,00
PR5.	Simulation of pollutant discharges in a river with the software Enviroland.	Lecture room	2,00
PR6.	Simulation of pollutant discharges through outfalls with the software CORMIX	Lecture room	4,00
PR7.	E. coli and E. faecalis analysis.	Laboratory	4,00

Temporary organization of learning:

Block of content	Number of sessions	Hours
1.- INTRODUCTION TO MARINE POLLUTION	2,00	4,00
2.- MARINE POLLUTION.	15,00	30,00
3.- TRANSPORT OF POLLUTANTS IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.	5,00	10,00
4.- SIMULATION OF WASTEWATER DISCHARGES	5,00	10,00
5.- MICROBIOLOGICAL POLLUTION	3,00	6,00



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