

**COURSE DATA****Data Subject**

Code	33100
Name	Management and conservation of soil and water
Cycle	Grade
ECTS Credits	6.0
Academic year	2022 - 2023

Study (s)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1104 - Degree in Environmental Sciences	Faculty of Biological Sciences	3	Second term

Subject-matter

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1104 - Degree in Environmental Sciences	160 - Management and conservation of soil and water	Obligatory

Coordination

Name	Department
CARBO VALVERDE, ESTER	25 - Plant Biology
HERNANDEZ SANCHO, FRANCESC	132 - Economic Structure

SUMMARY

MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF SOIL AND WATER is a compulsory third year module conservation, environmental planning and management, degree in Environmental Sciences. The course is structured in 6 credits, taught in the second quarter of third year.

Given the importance of soil and water resources for all living beings and their influence on maintaining the quality of the environment, the student is required to know these resources and to protect its quality problems and avoid any bad influence them.

This course addresses, offering integrative approach that requires the current environmental problems, management and conservation of soil and water. It is a discipline in the study of the conditions suffered by the environment, studies their environmental impact and socio-economic and reveals strategies for conservation and management.



PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Relationship to other subjects of the same degree

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

Other requirements

To be enrolled in all subjects of the modules "General Scientific Basis" and "Scientific bases of the natural environment"

The subject MANAGEMENT AND SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION needs some previous knowledge of:

- Soil
- Botany
- Cartography

COMPETENCES (RD 1393/2007) // LEARNING OUTCOMES (RD 822/2021)

1104 - Degree in Environmental Sciences

- Conocimiento y capacidad de aplicación de las estrategias para la gestión y conservación de suelos y aguas.
- Conocimiento y capacidad de aplicación de metodologías y herramientas básicas para la gestión y planificación de los recursos edáficos.
- Conocimiento y capacidad de aplicación de las metodologías y herramientas básicas para la gestión y planificación de los recursos hídricos.

LEARNING OUTCOMES (RD 1393/2007) // NO CONTENT (RD 822/2021)

MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF SOIL AND WATER contributes to the development of skills and abilities of the degree through the acquisition during the study of the subject, the following capabilities:

- Capacity for analysis and synthesis
- Ability to learn and ability to apply theory to practice
- Ability to criticism and self
- Ability to generate new ideas (creativity)
- Ability to organize and plan



- Capacity for a commitment to sustainability
- Ability to recognize problems so common in interdisciplinary environmental systems. Skills to work in multidisciplinary teams. The discussion of cooperation and group problem
- Ability to make decisions, ability to develop and express judgments independently on problems of the environment
- Ability to use information technology, process data, analyze and synthesize data. Interpretation and evaluation of scientific data displayed in tables, graphs and statistical expressions, criticism of the results

Being more specific:

- Ability to handle technical aspects of environmental management and soil conservation
- Knowledge of procedures for assessing land degradation
- Ability to analyze real situations of soil and environmental problems in developing solutions based on the application of acquired knowledge
- Ability to develop and interpret laboratory processes in the laboratory data
- Understand the key concepts for the management and planning of water resources.
- Learn to reason about the possible solutions to water problems from the perspective of supply and demand.
- Build indicators of economic efficiency of water management.
- Know the main analysis methodologies in the management of water resources.
- Study the economic feasibility of water reuse projects.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Theme 01.- International conventions, legal framework and legislation (SECTION I: MANAGEMENT AND SOIL CONSERVATION).

Protecting the global environment: Convention on Climate Change, Desertification and Biodiversity. Agenda 2030. ODS 15. Policies, Plans and Programs for the management and soil conservation. National legislation on land management



2. Theme 02.- Use and land management: processes of degradation (SECTION I: MANAGEMENT AND SOIL CONSERVATION).

Soil quality and degradation. Causes and processes involved. Environmental effects and consequences. Types of degradation. Sustainable soil management.

3. Theme 03.- Soils affected by erosion, analysis, evaluation, management and conservation (SECTION I: MANAGEMENT AND SOIL CONSERVATION)

Erosive agents. Types of erosion. Causes, factors and processes involved. Effects of erosion erosive morphologies. Methods, techniques and evaluation models. Strategies for management and soil conservation, prevention and control practices

4. Theme 04.- Soils affected by salinisation, analysis, evaluation, management and conservation (SECTION I: MANAGEMENT AND SOIL CONSERVATION)

Origins and processes of salt accumulation in soil: natural and induced salinity. Types of sales: abundance, toxicity and effects. Salinity, sodicity and Alkalinization Methods, techniques and evaluation models. Spatial-temporal variability of salinity. Management of saline soils: influence of water quality and other factors involved

5. Theme 05.- Soils affected by loss of organic matter: analysis, evaluation, management and conservation (SECTION I: MANAGEMENT AND SOIL CONSERVATION)

Importance of organic matter in soil fertility. Soils as carbon sink. Causes of loss of organic matter, reduced biomass and reduced biodiversity: Processes. Environmental consequences. Evaluation methods. Use and poor soil management in organic matter. Mechanisms of stabilizing carbon. Carbon sequestration and climate change: soil management for storage and conservation of areas of special interest

6. Theme 06.- Land affected by contamination and other degradation processes: analysis, evaluation and management (SECTION I: MANAGEMENT AND SOIL CONSERVATION)

Point and nonpoint pollution. Mechanisms of degradation of pollutants. Soil as Chemical Time Bomb (BQT). Soil vulnerability to contamination. Compaction process, surface sealing and crusting. Artificial sealing process of the soil. Causes. Environmental effects. Study methodologies. Management Strategies and Practices



7. Theme 07.- Desertification (SECTION I: MANAGEMENT AND SOIL CONSERVATION)

Global problem of land degradation in arid, semiarid and dry sub-humid. Definition and causes. Triggers. Major processes involved in desertification. Desertification in the Mediterranean area. Effects. Evaluation. Measures to control and fight against desertification

8. Theme 08.- Evaluation and planning of land use (SECTION I: MANAGEMENT AND SOIL CONSERVATION)

Perspectives in soil evaluation: Productive vs. environmentalism. Study methods. Evaluation parameters intrinsic and extrinsic. Systems of ability and competence. Methodological approaches to land use planning. The planning of land uses in the Mediterranean

9. Theme 01.- Basic concepts in the management of water resources: Environmental and economic indicators (SECTION II: MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION)

Pressures and impacts on water use. Economic and environmental value of water. Water market and its regulation. Urban growth and supply requirements. Guarantee and security of supply. Situation of agricultural irrigation.

10. Theme 02.- Basic legislation on water: Water Framework Directive (SECTION II: MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION)

Institutional framework. Shared responsibilities in an autonomous State. Basic organizations of the water Administration. Coordination requirements. Implementation of measures for legislation compliance. Study of costs and quantification of the benefits of the measures. Valuation of environmental externalities.

11. Theme 03.- Optimal water management: resource availability, type of use, cost and quality requirements (SECTION II: MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION)

Tools for water management. Integration of socioeconomic and environmental variables in the management models. Adoption of measures in the correction of water deficits.

12. Theme 04.- Hydrological planning: River Basin Plans (SECTION II: MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION)

Watershed delineation. Objectives and structure of the River Basin Plans. Availability of resources and types of uses at basin level. Cost recovery of water services. Administrative management and coordination of competencies in a river basin.



13. Theme 05.- Conventional water resources: surface water and groundwater (SECTION II: MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION)

Uneven territorial use of resources. Criteria for the exploitation of aquifers. Influence of climate change. Cost of the resource and payment criteria. Distribution networks and water quality.

14. Theme 06.- Non-conventional water resources, desalination and reuse of reclaimed water (SECTION II: MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION)

Basics of desalination. Cost of the process and environmental impact. Advantages of desalination. Concept of reuse. Treatment of wastewater and effluent quality criteria. Legal aspects and types of uses of reclaimed water. Replacement of traditional resources for reclaimed water. Need for agreements between local authorities and communities of irrigators. Role of the Administration.

15. Theme 07.- Urban water demand: domestic and industrial use (SECTION II: MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION)

Distribution of competences and private suppliers. Water consumption and pricing. Cost-saving measures. Quality of the resource and the service.

16. Theme 08.- Demand for water in agriculture: irrigation efficiency (SECTION II: MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION)

Crop water requirements. Irrigation systems. Resource productivity and price fixing. Application of historical rights. Security of supply in times of drought.

17. Theme 09.- Optimal water management: resource availability, type of use, cost and quality requirements (SECTION II: MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION)

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**WORKLOAD**

ACTIVITY	Hours	% To be attended
Theory classes	40,00	100
Classroom practices	10,00	100
Laboratory practices	6,00	100
Tutorials	4,00	100
Development of group work	5,00	0
Development of individual work	20,00	0
Study and independent work	10,00	0
Preparing lectures	35,00	0
Preparation of practical classes and problem	10,00	0
Resolution of case studies	10,00	0
TOTAL	150,00	

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

This will be done in groups

CLASSROOM THEORETICAL**CLASSROOM PRACTICAL**

Use of various analytical tools in the management of the water

Application of the methodology of cost-benefit for different uses of water

Analysis of the economic and environmental viability of water reuse project

Study and resolution of practical cases.

LABORATORY PRACTICAL WORKS

Laboratory practical works are carried out related to the soil degradation, management and conservation.



SEMINARS

The European Strategy for Soil Protection

The National Action Plan to Combat Desertification Júcar River Basin Authority

Wastewater Management Authority (EPSAR)

Urban Water Supplier

will be carried out individually or in groups smaller than the previous activities.

TUTORING

Resolve questions about issues or problems proposed to students related to the subject)

MONITORING

Monitoring of the course work

It provides the student with teaching material and selected bibliography in the Virtual Classroom of the matter.

EVALUATION

During the development of the subject, both theoretical and practical classes, there will be a:

1. Continuous Valuation of each student, based on regular attendance at classes and classroom activities, participation and degree of involvement in the process of teaching and learning and skills and attitudes displayed during the development of activities.
2. Evaluation practical activities from the preparation of reports (mandatory) and exhibits the results obtained with the interpretation thereof.

Both continuous assessment and evaluation of practical activities correspond to a maximum of 20% of the final grade. Attendance at practices and Seminaris is mandatory. Failure to pass the course, this assessment will be considered for the next course.



Evaluation of an objective test consisting of a written exam consisting of theoretical and practical issues. Corresponds to a maximum of 80% of the final taking overcome with 5 to count the other parties and pass the course.

The student must complete the compulsory activities before to apply for the advancement of the exam.

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