



Course Syllabus

2013-2014

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Undergraduate Degree:	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Combined Undergraduate Degree:	
Subject:	ENVIRONMENTAL AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
Module:	Environmental Management, Quality, Conservation and Planning
Department:	PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL AND NATURAL SYSTEMS
Academic Year:	2013-2014
Semester:	FIRST SEMESTER
ETCS:	6
Year:	Fourth Year
Typology:	Compulsory Subject
Language:	Spanish

Typology of teaching:	C1
a. EB:	50%
b. EPD:	50%
c. AD:	

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2. TEACHING TEAM

2.1. Person responsible for the subject	Pilar Ortiz Calderón
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2.2. Lecturers	
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3. SITUATION WITHIN THE TRAINING PLAN

3.1. Course Objectives

The course is part of the module "Environmental Management, Quality, Conservation and Planning".

This comprehensive module aims to monitor, control and design programs and activities of environmental nature.

The aim of the course includes the implementation of environmental management systems, the ISO 14001 or EMAS certification being prominent among them, as well as quality management systems.

3.2. Contributions to the Training Plan

By the end of the semester, students should be able to:

Apply management methodology. Write a Quality and Environmental Management manual, describing the working procedures and technical instructions depending on the business sector (services, industry and agriculture); and including an analysis of the environmental aspects and impacts associated with productive and secondary activities, and the applicable legislation.

Approach a work plan for the implementation of the management system in models integrated with other management systems, to evaluate and resolve potential problems working as a team.

Plan a certification audit and a follow-up audit of environmental management and / or of quality, through the carrying out of the audit, the writing of the audit report and the non-conformities report, and the effective presentation of the audit results.

All this enables students to know the Management Systems, including the environmental management systems (ISO 14001 or EMAS) and the quality management systems. These management systems are applicable to the sphere of private companies and to the administration.

3.3. Necessary Previous Knowledge

Knowledge of environmental regulation.

Basic knowledge of air pollution, water waste management, solid waste management, land and energy management.

Use of word processors, spreadsheets and database.

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4. SKILLS

4.1 Skills developed through this course

General skills:

1. Ability to analyze and synthesize. Development and defense of arguments.
2. Oral and written communication.
3. Problem solving and decision making.
4. Teamwork.
5. Critical thinking.
6. Independent learning.
7. Ability to gather and interpret relevant data to make judgments that include reflection about social, scientific or ethical issues.
8. Motivation for quality.

Specific skills:

1. To be able to develop and implement environmental management systems.
2. To be able to develop and implement quality management systems.
3. To be able to design, develop and implement environmental audit procedures.

4.2. Skills module developed through this course

This module is based mainly on the development of skills related to monitoring, control and design of programs and activities of an environmental nature. These programs and activities can also be applied in very different fields; in this course they will be applied to companies and administration and, on the other hand, to the natural environment and urban field.

4.3 Specific skills of this course

1. Ability to develop and implement environmental and quality management systems.
2. Ability to plan, design, develop and implement audit procedures of environmental and quality management.
3. Capacity for analysis and integration of environmental and quality management systems with other management models (health, hygiene, occupational hazards, major accidents, etc.).

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5. COURSE OUTLINE

- Unit 1. Fundamentals of Management Systems: Introduction and concepts. Certification and Accreditation.
- Unit 2. Requirements of a management system.
- Unit 3. International ISO-standards for environmental and quality. Integrated systems.
- Unit 4. Regulation on environmental management and ecodiagnosis techniques.
- Unit 5. Implementation and certification process.
- Unit 6. Fundamentals of audit (planning and evaluation).
- Unit 7. Auditor and person responsible for the environmental management profile.
- Unit 8. Collaborating Entities of the administration and certification. National Entity of accreditation.

6. METHODOLOGY AND RESOURCES FOR TEACHING

The course Quality and Environment Management Systems follows the model of teaching C1 with 50% of EB and 50% of EPD.

The course includes 23 hours of face-to-face class time to teach students the basic content of the subject (concepts and associated procedures) by using the method of the lesson (EB). Throughout the course will be carried out practical sessions (EPD) of 1-3 hours that are scheduled in the Faculty of Experimental Sciences webpage:

<http://www.horarios-fcex.info/phpscheduleit/Web/view-schedule.php?sid=12&sd=2012-9-24>

In addition to classroom activities, students shall develop part of the contents of the subject autonomously, by conducting activities proposed by lecturers, using basic literature and attending lecturers' office hours to clarify doubts (it is estimated that the student's individual work corresponds to approximately 90 working hours).

Throughout the course the BB9 tool will be used.

The maximum time devoted to the evaluation of the course will be of 15 hours.

The time devoted to this subject is as follows:



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EB: 23 hours.

EPD: 22 hours.

At-home work activities / Office hours: 90 hours.

Assessments: 15 hours (maximum).

Students will be expected to devote a total of 150 hours in order to pass the course.

7. GRADING

The subject and grading (continuous or exams) are divided in three modules. The weight of each module on the grading is explained in the following steps:

1. The training activities to enhance technical skills will be assessed through written documents (manual, procedures or technical instructions), that will be presented and defended in groups of 3 students. 12.5% of the final grade. Students have to submit the written documents and carry out an oral presentation of 5 minutes.

2. The technical training to analyze and implement management systems will be assessed through the presentation and defense of the implementation records of the developed management model. Records will be work in groups of 3 students. 12.5% of the final grade. Students have to submit the written documents and carry out an oral presentation of 5 minutes.

3. The technical training to carry out an audit will be assessed through the presentation and defense of the audit report, the analysis and writing of non-conformities or observations included within the project and the corrective actions to address the non-conformities identified. Audits will be work in groups of 3 students. 12.5% of the final grade. Students have to submit the written documents and carry out an oral presentation of 5 minutes.

In the exam, each student will have to respond two questions related to Modules 1, 2 and 3 (2 questions about documentation, 2 questions about implementation and 2 questions about audit). The weight of individual work will be 12.5% for the documentation, 12.5% for implementation and 25% for audit.

Students who do not acquire the necessary skills to pass the 1st evaluation in February shall carry out the exam of the three modules in July.

Getting a 4 in each module (team-work and individual exams) is compulsory for the average grading.



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During classes, slots will be dedicated to the presentation and analysis of results, students can decide voluntarily carry out these presentation. Those students with high or excellent presentations (>7), will have up to 0.5 additional points on the final notes of each module. These additional points will be added whenever the marks arrive 4 in both the individual and team work of the three modules.

Table 1 summarises the grading.

Those students who request a change in the examination or practical sessions date shall give to the lecturer a prior notice according to the rules and it will be admitted only where there are duly justified reasons, such as:

- Representation in the University associations or participation in academic acts or sporting events to represent the University.
- Student recognized as a High-Level or High-Performance Athlete.
- Tests and examinations will be adapted for students with disabilities in accordance with their capability.
- Concurrence with the date of evaluation tests in accordance with current legislation.



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Table 1. Grading.

Continuous Grading.

1st Module	Team-Work Written Procedure 40%	Oral presentation 10%	Exam 1 st Call Individual work 2 questions 50%	total 25%	Up to 0.5 points	Add points Oral presentation of your homework during Lesson	0.1 each well-done homework (>7 point)
2nd Module	Team-Work Written Registers 40%	Oral presentation 10%	Exam 1 st Call Individual Work 2 questions 50%	total 25%	Up to 0.5 points	Oral presentation of your homework during Lesson	0.1 each well-done homework (>7 point)
3rd Module	Team-Work Written Audit report 40%	Oral presentation 10%	Exam 1 st Call Individual Work 2 questions 50%	total 50%	Up to 0.5 points	Oral presentation of your homework during Lesson	0.1 each well-done homework (>7 point)
Requirements: A minimum of 4 is compulsory in each part (Individual and team-work). Add points need get 4 in each part.							

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Table 1. Grading.

2nd Official Call.

2 nd Official Call 1st module	Individual Work		
	Written Procedure	2 questions	Total
	50%	50%	25%
2 nd module	Written Records	2 questions	Total
	50%	50%	25%
3 rd module	Written Audit reports	2 questions	Total
	50%	50%	50%

Requirements: A minimum of 4 is compulsory in each module.



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8. GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. ISO 9001: 2008. Quality Management System: Requirements.
2. ISO 14001:2004. Environmental Management System Requirements with guidance for use.
3. ISO 19011:2011. Guidelines for auditing management systems.
4. EMAS. REGULATION 1221/2009. EU European Regulation for eco-management and audit scheme
5. Cómo implantar un sistema de Gestión Ambiental según la norma ISO 14001:2004. Javier Granero y Miguel Ferrando. EC editorial.