



FICHA TÉCNICA DE LA ASIGNATURA

Datos de la asignatura	
Nombre completo	Environmental and renewable energy policy
Código	DIM-IND-523
Título	Máster Universitario en Sector Eléctrico / Master in the Electric Power Industry
Créditos	3,0 ECTS
Carácter	Optativa
Departamento / Área	Máster Universitario en Sector Eléctrico Máster Universitario en Sistemas de Energía Eléctrica

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DATOS ESPECÍFICOS DE LA ASIGNATURA

Contextualización de la asignatura
Aportación al perfil profesional de la titulación
<p>Este curso contribuirá al perfil profesional del alumno capacitándole para entender los principales impactos ambientales de la producción y uso de electricidad; conocer los métodos de evaluación física y económica de estos impactos; y ser capaz de comparar los instrumentos regulatorios disponibles para controlar el impacto ambiental de la industria eléctrica, así como familiarizarse con las distintas tecnologías renovables de generación eléctrica. Estos conocimientos le serán de utilidad tanto para trabajar en empresas eléctricas (de generación, transporte, distribución o comercialización) o en empresas de servicios relacionadas, como para actuar como regulador en dicho sector.</p>
Prerequisitos
No tiene

Competencias - Objetivos
Competencias
GENERALES



CG02	Saber aplicar e integrar sus conocimientos, la comprensión de estos, su fundamentación científica y sus capacidades de resolución de problemas en entornos nuevos y definidos de forma imprecisa, incluyendo contextos de carácter multidisciplinar tanto investigadores como profesionales altamente especializados.
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Resultados de Aprendizaje

RA1	Integrar el conocimiento de esta área multidisciplinar en la que los aspectos técnicos de funcionamiento de la generación renovable debe ser considerados en la definición de políticas y regulaciones ambientales.
RA2	Entender por qué el impacto ambiental de la electricidad tiene que ser tenido en cuenta
RA3	Ser capaz de priorizar los principales impactos medioambientales del sector eléctrico, y comprender su base física.
RA4	Conocer los mejores métodos de cuantificación de los impactos medioambientales.
RA5	Aprender los elementos básicos, ventajas y desventajas de los diferentes instrumentos reguladores disponibles para controlar el impacto medioambiental del sector.
RA6	Familiarizarse con el uso actual de estos instrumentos reguladores en todo el mundo.
RA7	Mantener un conocimiento actualizado sobre el estado de desarrollo de las principales tecnologías sostenibles relacionadas con la producción y el uso de la electricidad.

BLOQUES TEMÁTICOS Y CONTENIDOS

Contenidos – Bloques Temáticos

Tema 1: LA ELECTRICIDAD Y EL MEDIO AMBIENTE

1.1 Introducción.

1.2 Contaminación atmosférica y otros impactos ambientales.

1.3 Cambio climático.

Tema 2: EVALUACIÓN DE IMPACTO AMBIENTAL.

2.1 Evaluación de impacto ambiental.

2.2. Valoración económica del impacto ambiental

Tema 3: INSTRUMENTOS DE REGULACIÓN AMBIENTAL.

3.1 Teoría de regulación ambiental.

3.2 Regulación ambiental en la práctica.



3.3 Políticas climáticas.

3.4 Políticas tecnológicas

3.5 Políticas de eficiencia energética

Tema 4: ENERGÍAS RENOVABLES.

4.1 Solar fotovoltaica.

4.2 Eólica.

4.3 Solar termoeléctrica

4.4 Otras tecnologías

METODOLOGÍA DOCENTE

Aspectos metodológicos generales de la asignatura

El objetivo es favorecer la adquisición de conocimientos e incentivar la autonomía y el espíritu crítico del alumno. Los recursos docentes requieren la participación activa del alumno. Es imprescindible que la actividad en el aula se complemente con el trabajo personal del alumno y, en coherencia, se tendrá en cuenta a la hora de evaluar al alumno.

Metodología Presencial: Actividades

Lecciones magistrales. Presentación de los principales conceptos y procedimientos, por el instructor o profesionales del sector. Incluirán presentaciones dinámicas, casos de estudio, y la participación e interacción con los estudiantes **(30 horas)**.

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Metodología No presencial: Actividades

- 1. Trabajo personal del alumno.** Estudio de los contenidos impartidos en las lecciones magistrales y del material de apoyo **(60 horas)**
- 2. Proyecto final.** Trabajo individual en el que el alumno realizará una investigación personal o comentarios de distintos materiales. **(20 horas, opcional)**.

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RESUMEN HORAS DE TRABAJO DEL ALUMNO

HORAS PRESENCIALES

Clases magistrales y discusiones en clase: Presentación de los principales conceptos y procedimientos por parte del profesor y, en muchas ocasiones, profesionales del sector eléctrico. Incluirán estudios de casos, presentaciones dinámicas, participación de los alumnos en discusiones de contenidos en clase e interacciones grupales.



30.00

HORAS NO PRESENCIALES

Estudio personal: Estudio personal del contenido del curso. Dentro de esta actividad individual, los alumnos revisarán y analizarán los contenidos proporcionados como material básico con los que podrán prepararse para discutir con otros alumnos, profesores y conferenciantes en el aula.

60.00

CRÉDITOS ECTS: 3,0 (90,00 horas)

EVALUACIÓN Y CRITERIOS DE CALIFICACIÓN

Actividades de evaluación	Criterios de evaluación	Peso
<p>Exámenes:</p> <p>Se realizarán dos exámenes, que cubrirán los aspectos teóricos del curso. Las preguntas serán abiertas y de tipo test</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. El primer test cubrirá la primera parte del curso (temas 1-2) y tendrá lugar en la semana 8. Los alumnos deben obtener al menos un 3,5 en este examen para tenerlo en cuenta en la nota final. Supondrá un 40% de la nota final.2. El segundo test tendrá lugar el último día de clase y cubrirá la segunda parte del curso (temas 3-4). Los alumnos deben obtener al menos un 3,5 en este examen para tenerlo en cuenta en la nota final. Supondrá un 40% de la nota final. <p>Los alumnos que no lleguen a un 5 en la nota final, o que no hayan llegado a un 3,5 en cada uno de los exámenes parciales deberán realizar un "retake" del total de la asignatura (en caso de no llegar al aprobado) o de una de sus partes (en caso de no haber llegado a la nota mínima de una de ellas).</p>	<p>Grado de conocimiento de los conceptos examinados</p>	<p>80 %</p>
<p>Tareas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participación activa en clase	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entendimiento de los conceptos• Aplicación del los conceptos	<p>20 %</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resúmenes de presentaciones invitadas 	aprendidos a situaciones reales	
<p>Trabajo final (opcional).</p> <p>Aplicación de los conceptos aprendidos a un caso real escogido por el alumno</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grado de aplicación de los conceptos aprendidos en clase Calidad de la presentación escrita Se utiliza para subir nota, hasta 2 puntos adicionales 	20 %

PLAN DE TRABAJO Y CRONOGRAMA

Actividades	Fecha de realización	Fecha de entrega
Lecciones magistrales	Semanal	
Evaluación de la participación activa	Semanal	
Examen intermedio	Semana 8	
Examen final	Último día de clase	
Lectura y estudio de los contenidos teóricos en transparencias y materiales de lectura	Semanal	
Preparación del proyecto final de la asignatura		Último día de clase

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Course Information	
Name	Environmental Impact and Renewable Energy Policy
Code	XXXXX
Degree	Official Master's Degree in Electric Power Industry (MEPI)
Year	2019-20
Semester	2
ECTS Credits	3
Type	Elective
Department	Industrial Engineering
Area	Economics
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DETAILED INFORMATION

Contextualization of the course

Contribution to the professional profile of the degree

This course will contribute to the professional profile of the student by enabling him/her to become knowledgeable about the major environmental impacts of electricity production and use; to be familiar with the methods used to quantify these environmental impacts; to understand and be able to compare the regulatory instruments available to control environmental impact in the power industry; and to learn the different renewable electricity production technologies. This knowledge will be very useful to work in power utilities, consulting companies, or to become a regulator in the power sector.

Prerequisites

CONTENTS

Contents
Chapter 1: Electricity and the environment
1.1 Introduction. 1.2 Atmospheric pollution and other impacts. 1.3 Climate change.
Chapter 2: Environmental impact assessment
2.1 Environmental impact assessment. 2.2. Economic valuation of environmental impact
Chapter 3: Instruments for environmental regulation
3.1 Instruments for environmental regulation. The theory. 3.2 Environmental regulation in practice: second-best. 3.3 Climate change policies. 3.4 Technology policies 3.5 Energy efficiency policy
Chapter 4: Renewable energy
4.1 Solar photovoltaics. 4.2 Wind energy. 4.3 Solar thermoelectric 4.4 Other technologies

Competences and Learning Outcomes
Competences
General Competences
CG2. Know how to apply and integrate knowledge, the understanding of it, its scientific basis, and problem-solving capabilities in new and loosely defined environments, including multidisciplinary contexts, both for research and highly-specialized professions
Specific Competences
CE11. Acquire a clear criterion about the different regulatory instruments to improve the environmental impact of electricity, and to know the major sources of renewable electricity.
CE12. Be able to carry out an informed assessment of the environmental impact of electricity generation technologies.
Learning outcomes
At the end of the course the students must be able:
RA1. To integrate the knowledge of this multidisciplinary area in which technical aspects of renewable energy have to be considered when defining environmental policy and regulation.
RA2. To understand why the environmental impact of electricity has to be taken into account.

RA3. To be able to prioritise the major environmental impacts of electricity, and understand their physical basis.

RA4. To know the best methods for quantification of environmental impacts.

RA5. To learn the basic elements, advantages and disadvantages of the different regulatory instruments available to control environmental impact.

RA6. To become familiar with the current use of these regulatory instruments across the world.

RA7. To keep an updated knowledge on the state of development of the major sustainable technologies related to electricity production and use.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

General methodological aspects	
Classroom Methodology: Activities	Competences
<p>The teaching method is focused on easing the learning of knowledge and increasing the student critical thinking.</p> <p>1. Lectures. Description of the course contents by the course instructor and professionals from the power sector. They will include dynamic presentations, case studies, and open discussion of concepts (30 hours).</p>	CB2, CE11 and CE12
Non-Classroom Methodology: Activities	Competences
<p>Teaching resources require the active participation of the student. In addition, the classroom activity should be complemented by the individual student work performed out of class. Both aspects are taken into account in the evaluation method.</p> <p>1. Personal work of the student. Study of the course content, including both lectures and required readings (60 hours).</p> <p>2. Term paper. Individual research by the student in which the concepts learnt will be applied to a real case (20 hours, optional).</p>	CB2, CE11 and CE12 CB2, CE11 and CE12

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING CRITERIA

Assessment activities	Grading Criteria	Weight
<p><u>Exams:</u></p> <p>There will two tests, which will cover the theoretical concepts of the course. Questions will be open-format and multiple-choice.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The first test will cover the first part of the course (chapters 1-2) and will take place in week 8. Students must achieve at least a 3.5 to pass the course. It will account for 40% of the final grade. The second test will be given in the last day of the course, and will cover the second part of the course (chapters 3-4). Students must get at least a 3.5 (over 10) in this test to pass the course. It will account for 40% of the final grade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concept understanding - Presentation and written communication 	<p>80%</p>
<p><u>Performance evaluation.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in class. • Summaries of invited lectures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concept understanding - Application of concepts to the analysis of real situations - 	<p>20%</p>
<p><u>Optional term paper</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Degree of application of the concepts learned in the course - Quality of the written presentation 	<p>Up to additional 2 points</p>

GRADING AND COURSE RULES

Grading

The student has two periods of final evaluation during the academic year. The first one will be carried out at the end of course (end of the semester). In case that this was not passed (obtaining 5 or more points), the student has another opportunity of final evaluation at the end of the academic year. The dates of evaluation periods will be announced in the web page.

The final grade of the course will be obtained by addition of the following criteria for any evaluation period:

- 40% intermediate exam (with a minimum grade of 3.5 over 10)
- 40% final exam (with a minimum grade of 3.5 over 10)

The average grade of these two exams must be higher than 4 over 10

- 20% participation in class and solution of cases
- Up to two additional points with the optional term paper

In case the student fails the first evaluation period, there will be a retake test, after which the final grade will be 80% the grade of the test (with a minimum grade of 4 over 10) and 20% the participation in class and solution of cases.

Course rules

- Class attendance is mandatory according to Article 93 of the General Regulations (Reglamento General) of Comillas Pontifical University and Article 6 of the Academic Rules (Normas Academicas) of the ICAI School of Engineering. Not complying with this requirement may have the following consequences:
 - Students who fail to attend more than 15% of the lectures may be denied the right to take the final exam during the regular assessment period.
 - Regarding laboratory, absence to more than 15% of the sessions can result in losing the right to take the final exam of the regular assessment period and the retake. Missed sessions must be made up for credit.

Students who commit an irregularity in any graded activity will receive a mark of zero in the activity and disciplinary procedure will follow (cf. Article 168 of the General Regulations (Reglamento General) of Comillas Pontifical University).

WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE¹

In and out-of-class activities	Date/Periodicity	Deadline
Lectures	Weekly	
Performance evaluation	Weekly	
Intermediate exam	Week 8	
Final exam	Last day of class	–
Required readings and study of the materials of the course	Weekly	–
Term paper		Last day of class

STUDENT WORK-TIME SUMMARY			
IN-CLASS HOURS			
Lectures	Exams		
29	1		
OUT-OF-CLASS HOURS			
Personal work of the student	Term paper		
60	20 (optional)		
ECTS CRÉDITS:			3 (90 hours)

¹ A detailed work plan of the subject can be found in the course summary sheet (see following page). Nevertheless, this schedule is tentative and may vary to accommodate the rhythm of the class.

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