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TECHNICAL SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Data of the subject	
Subject name	Data Analysis and Visualization
Subject code	E000011443
Main program	Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Management
Involved programs	Grado en Administración y Dirección de Empresas (E-2) [First year] Grado en Administración y Dirección de Empresas con Mención en Internacional (E-4) [First year] Grado en Administración y Dirección de Empresas y Grado en Relaciones Internacionales [First year] Grado en Administración y Dirección de Empresas (E-2) - en inglés [First year] Grado en Ingeniería en Tecnologías Industriales y Grado en Administración y Dirección de Empresas [Second year] Grado en Psicología y Grado en Administración y Dirección de Empresas [First year]
Level	Reglada Grado Europeo
Quarter	Semestral
Credits	6,0 ECTS
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SPECIFIC DATA OF THE SUBJECT

Contextualization of the subject
Contribution to the professional profile of the degree
The "data analysis and visualization" course aims to provide the student with an introductory and transversal vision, applicable to all areas of business administration, of how to use data as a support for decision making.



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Working with data consists of several phases that go from obtaining raw data to obtaining knowledge: obtaining, enriching, cleaning, summarizing, visualizing, analyzing, drawing conclusions and communicating the results. All this in the context of a business problem and with the objective of generating recommendations that help decision making.

The course is aligned with the achievement of Learning Goal No. 5. Specifically, the intended general learning objective is: To know how to communicate effectively to a non-technical audience, facts, conclusions and recommendations based on data, using digital presentation and visualization tools.

The course will use Excel primarily as a computer tool to support the processing and analysis of data and will use concepts and basic descriptive statistics to tabulate, summarize, visualize and analyze the information, but goes much further, with a holistic approach across the board. It cannot be subsumed into an "advanced spreadsheet" course or considered equivalent to traditional "descriptive statistics" disguised under another name.

However, thanks to the varied, attractive and simple examples that are intended to be used, the student, even being a first year student, can have the basic tools to be able to work autonomously using data in any of the disciplines that require it (which nowadays are almost all) and what is more important, having a positive vision and engagement with the use of data.

Competencies - Objectives

Competences

GENERALES

CG2	Capacidad de gestionar información y datos provenientes de fuentes diversas para hacer un análisis crítico y un correcto diagnóstico de la realidad empresarial.	
	RA1	A partir de la información y datos obtenidos de fuentes diversas, identifica problemas empresariales determinando, el origen/las causas de los mismos
	RA2	Es capaz de realizar dicho proceso de diagnóstico dando y recibiendo feed-back de forma asertiva, que ayude a incrementar la integración y la confianza en los equipos de trabajo.
CG3	Capacidad para la resolución de problemas y toma de decisiones empresariales seleccionando y aplicando adecuadamente las técnicas pertinentes de análisis de datos	
	RA1	Identifica, captura y analiza de forma eficiente datos de fuentes primarias y secundarias que sean necesarios para el análisis del entorno competitivo de la empresa
	RA2	Aplica los conceptos matemáticos y técnicas cuantitativas y cualitativas de análisis de datos necesarios para la resolución de problemas empresariales y apoyar el diagnóstico y toma de decisiones en la empresa.

ESPECÍFICAS



CE01	Capacidad para tratar, sintetizar y analizar información de fuentes y bases de datos profesionales micro y macroeconómicas, a través del manejo de la hoja de cálculo y herramientas de visualización de datos	
	RA1	Sabe extraer información y datos de la web, así como los fundamentos sobre diseño y obtención de información mediante cuestionarios
	RA2	Conoce, diferencia y emplea los conceptos estadísticos para el análisis de la información- Identificación de variables, codificación y presentación sistemática de los datos.
	RA3	RA3 Deduce información estadística relevante de un conjunto de datos y analiza e interpreta correctamente las relaciones entre distintas variables
	RA4	Maneja con soltura de la hoja de cálculo como herramienta básica para el análisis de datos y conoce y emplea de forma básica alguna herramienta informática de uso común para análisis estadístico y visualización de resultados

THEMATIC BLOCKS AND CONTENTS

Contents - Thematic Blocks

The design of the course is by PROJECTS, so that the contents and thematic blocks are not presented sequentially, but advance simultaneously as required by the different cases and projects.

Obtaining data: questionnaires, secondary sources, microdata, unstructured data...

Cleaning and improving data: pre-processing, aggregation, enrichment...

Analyzing what the data tell us: basic univariate and bivariate descriptive statistics

Visualizing what the data says: graphs and visualization tools

Communicating what the data says: presentation, "story-telling"...

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

General methodological aspects of the subject

In-class Methodology: Activities

Development of case-projects by the teacher, with the collaboration of the students, by means of which the different concepts of descriptive statistics are different concepts of descriptive statistics, the use of the spreadsheet, visualization tools, and the procedures, sources and techniques for the of the spreadsheet, the visualization tools and the procedures, sources and techniques to obtain, clean and aggregate data.

Presentation of the projects developed by the students, following the structure of the ones developed by the teacher

CG2, CG3, CE01



Non-Presential Methodology: Activities

Preparation and realization of practical cases in which we will try to replicate the structure and contents of the ones done by the teacher in the lectures

Individual study

CG2, CG3, CE01

SUMMARY STUDENT WORKING HOURS

CLASSROOM HOURS		
Lecciones de carácter expositivo	Ejercicios y resolución de casos y de problemas	Exposición pública de temas o trabajos
25.00	25.00	10.00
NON-PRESENTIAL HOURS		
Ejercicios y resolución de casos y de problemas	Estudio individual y/o en grupo y lectura organizada	Trabajos monográficos y de investigación, individuales o colectivos
40.00	20.00	30.00
ECTS CREDITS: 6,0 (150,00 hours)		

EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

The use of AI to produce full assignments or substantial parts thereof, without proper citation of the source or tool used, or without explicit permission in the assignment instructions, will be considered plagiarism and therefore subject to the University's General Regulations.

Evaluation activities	Evaluation criteria	Weight
Final exam with multiple-choice theoretical-practical questions (35%) Final deliverables of the group project (20%)	Numerical rating from 0 to 10 According to rubric for evaluating LG 5 30% proposal 70% final presentation	55
Periodic continuous evaluation activities	Numerical rating from 0 to 10	10



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Individual work and cases	To be performed at home Grade A, B, C, D	15
Class presentation of group work	According to rubric for evaluating Learning Goal #5	20
Co-assessment of group work		

Ratings

It is necessary to obtain a 5 in the final exam to pass the course in any of the calls.

The final group work must be done with a minimum of quality in order to pass the course, both in the ordinary and extraordinary exams, as well as in the extraordinary exam. In a subject of an applied nature, it is necessary to demonstrate that you have acquired the skills to apply theoretical concepts to real data, theoretical concepts to real data through the use of appropriate analysis techniques. The teacher may ask oral questions to the student in order to obtain evidence of his real participation in the elaboration of the work.

In the third and subsequent calls, it is recommended to do the work again, although it is not compulsory. The final grade in this case will be the better of the following two grades: a) 70% exam and 30% paper and b) 100% exam.

Exchange students (IN): same regime as regular students.

Exchange students (OUT): same system as for third and subsequent calls.

The use of ChatGPT or other generative IA models is welcome in the course as a 'co-pilot' to raise examples, solve doubts, improve and organize writing, among other aspects. Always under the student's responsibility since ChatGPT can provide false results.

Its use in face-to-face evaluation activities (final exam, tests, exposition and oral defense of the work) is expressly forbidden.

WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE

Activities	Date of realization	Delivery date
Final project proposal		towards the middle of the course
Final project presentation	last course sessions	
Multiple-choice tests	at the ending of a thematic block	



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BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Basic Bibliography

Moodle

Complementary Bibliography

For statistical concepts

Estadística Empresarial en 101 ejemplos (volumen I). Borrás Palá, F.; Martínez de Ibarreta Zorita, C; Escobar Torres, L.S., Edit EV Services

For visualization

Wilke, C.O. *Fundamentals of data visualization*.

<https://clauswilke.com/dataviz/index.html>

For story telling

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_YA761LPsE