

COURSE GUIDE

Course Data	
Name	Energy and Sustainability
Code	
Degree	MBA in the Global Energy Industry
Year	
Semester	
ECTS Credits	1 ECTS
Type	Elective
Department	Industrial Engineering
Area	
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SPECIFIC INFORMATION OF THE COURSE

Course context	
Contribution to the professional profile of the degree	
<p>This course will contribute to the professional profile of the student by enabling him/her to become knowledgeable about the major challenges that the energy sector faces regarding sustainability, and in particular its environmental component; 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 impacts in the power industry; and to learn about renewable energy and energy efficiency policies. This knowledge will be very useful to work in power utilities, consulting companies, or to become a regulator in the power sector.</p>	
<p>Benefits</p> <p>The benefits of the course are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A solid understanding of the challenges for sustainability of the global energy sector - The development of sound judgment about the merits and problems of environmental regulation instruments for the energy sector, as well as of renewable energy and energy efficiency policies. 	
Pre-requirements	
None	

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MODULE 1: Sustainable Energy Models: The challenges
1.1. Energy sustainability 1.2. Assessing the environmental impacts of the power sector
MODULE 2: Sustainable Energy Models: The answers
2.1. Environmental regulation policies 2.2. Technology policies 2.3. Energy efficiency policies

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

General methodological aspects of the course
In order to achieve the learning objectives stated above, the course will focus on the students' activity and on their active learning. Therefore, the methodology will be oriented towards a more active role of the student.
Classroom Methodology: Activities
The lectures will have an emphasis on the practical, problem solving approach. Generally, each session will feature: An introduction of the subject matter, answering questions the students may have after they have completed the pre-reading and self-study materials. A practical section relating theory to practice via group work, short case studies and real-life examples and topical issues Clarifying concepts and issues using assignments and previous exam questions A summary identifying learning points, main issues and possible outcomes of the regulation process.
Non-Classroom Methodology: Activities
The objective of non-classroom activities is to read the recommended materials, and after the course, to work on the assignment.

EVALUATION ACTIVITIES AND CRITERIA

Evaluation activities	Evaluation Criteria	Weight Percentage
This module will be assessed through a group assignment (small groups).	The students will be required to apply the concepts reviewed during the class to a case study.	100%

Qualification Criteria

The final grade of the course will be formed exclusively from the grade given to the assignment

WORK PLAN AND SCHEDULE¹

In and out-of-class activities	Date/Periodicity	Deadline
• Reading and study of the materials	Before the session	
• Assignment	After the session	To be determined

SUMMARY OF WORKING HOURS OF THE STUDENT			
CLASSROOM HOURS			
Lectures	Case studies		
5	5		
NON-CLASSROOM HOURS			
Pre-lecture readings	Assignment		
10	10		
ECTS CRÉDITS:			1 (30 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.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Basic References (pre-lecture readings)

Lechón, Y., N. Caldés and P. Linares (2013). Environmental implications of energy production. In Dyer, H. and J. Trombetta (eds.). International handbook of energy security. Edward Elgar.

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Additional References

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Stavins, R.N. (2001) Experience with market-based environmental policy instruments. In Maler, K-G, and J. Vincent, The Handbook of Environmental Economics. North-Holland/Elsevier Science

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