

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 36378**Name:** Cooking techniques**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies**ECTS Credits:** 6**Academic year:** 2026-27**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1212 - Degree in Gastronomic Sciences	Facultat de Farmàcia i Ciències de l'alimentació	2	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1212 - Degree in Gastronomic Sciences	Cooking techniques	COMPULSORY

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

The Culinary Technology course is an obligatory subject of the second year of the Degree of Gastronomy Science, which is taught in the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Valencia. This course has a total of 6 ECTS taught in the first term quarter.

Different cooking techniques are used in preparation of food and they will significantly affect to the sensory and nutritional quality of food. In preparing foods using various cooking techniques that will decisively affect the sensory quality and nutritious food. On the other hand, the evolution of social habits, especially in developed countries has changed the way we eat, both on the quality of our diet and the type of cuisine that are made in our menus. So, in the exercise of a professional of gastronomy, a thorough knowledge of culinary techniques, as well as the effect caused in the properties of food, is essential to establish recommendations in food preparation. It is also intended to obtain ideas about the spaces in which these processes take place.

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 study the subject it is interesting to have basic knowledge of physics, chemistry and biochemistry that will allow students to understand the changes in the composition of foods and the theoretical concepts of Culinary Techniques. Moreover, it is also interesting to have knowledge in Food Science, Nutrition and Food Technology, without which they would be very difficult to understand some issues developed in the course subject.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

1212 - Degree in Gastronomic Sciences

Analizar, poner a punto y desarrollar el proceso de elaboraciones básicas culinarias de múltiples aplicaciones, utilizando los métodos de almacenamiento y conservación.

Analizar los procesos de cocina, identificando y caracterizando las técnicas, operaciones, fases, parámetros de operación y control y servicios asociados necesarios para las elaboraciones culinarias, definiendo los resultados que deben obtenerse.

Characterise food preparations according to their composition, production and service.

Clasificar, evaluar y describir las propiedades de las materias primas utilizadas en cocina atendiendo a sus características organolépticas, nutricionales, de calidad y posibilidades de intervención en las ofertas gastronómicas.

Know and know how to apply the cooking techniques to optimise the organoleptic and nutritional characteristics of foodstuffs, with respect to traditional and current gastronomy.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Introduction

Topic 1. Introduction to Culinary Technology. Definition of Culinary Technology. Objectives. Some milestones.

Topic 2. The current catering industry: food sources. Objectives of the current catering industry: the menus. Development of eating habits. Current systems of collective restoration.

Topic 3. Community Kitchen . Defining kitchen. The classic cuisine. Key factors in the evolution of catering. Identification of variants of catering.

Topic 4. The culinary space. Areas of the culinary space. Personal. The rational distribution.



2. Preparative culinary operations

Topic 5. Preparative culinary operations without application of heat. Operations of sorting, cleaning and cutting..Emulsions and types of emulsion. Production of cold sauces.

Topic 6. Preparative culinary operations with application of heat. Operations of binding ingredients. Development of funds and hot sauces.

Topic 7. Spice and flavoring. Spices, herbs and essential oils. Factors affecting the taste. Confit. Marinade.

3. Cooking: operations with heat

Topic 8. Application of heat to food: Cooking. Overview cooking. The generation of heat and transfer to food. Changes of heat on food. Chemical changes of food by the heat. Maillard and caramelization reactions. Physical changes of food. Culinary application.

Topic 9. Dry cooking. The roast and Smoking. Preliminary considerations. Direct roast or grilled directly on the grill. Indirect roast in the oven. Smoking. Frying. Overview frying. Operations prior to frying. Characteristics of frying oils. Effect on food.

Topic 10. Cooking in aqueous media. Overview and types of cooking in aqueous media. Importance of water in the application of heat. Effect on food.

Topic 11. Mixed Cooking. Overview and types of mixed cooking.

Topic 12. Vacuum cooking. Overview. Process. Advantages and disadvantages.

Topic 13. Microwave cooking. Fundamentals and physical principles of heating. Penetration depth of microwaves. The process of heat transfer. Applications to food.

4. Other concepts

Topic 14: The quality in culinary technology. Quality of cooked dishes. Making datasheet of dishes. Integrated aspects of quality.



5. Laboratory sessions

BLOCK 1: The culinary space

BLOCK 2: Preparative culinary operations without application of heat.

Production of cold sauces.

BLOCK 3: Preparative culinary operations with application of heat.

Development of funds and hot sauces.

BLOCK 4: Cooking.

The roast and Smoking.

Frying.

Cooking in aqueous media.

Mixed Cooking.

Vacuum cooking.

Microwave cooking.

BLOCK 5: New Culinary Techniques.

BLOCK 6: Molecular Gastronomy.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	15,00
Other activities	30,00
Laboratory	15,00
Total hours	60,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	20,00
Independent study and work	70,00
Preparation of lessons	0,00
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	90,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The theoretical teaching methodology will be based on the delivery of lectures along with the possible performance, presentation and defense of individual and collective reports. Classes are taught using audio-



visual technical equipment. The student will have this material in the virtual classroom

The practice sessions will be conducted in a professional kitchen where students can extend and implement the knowledge. A guide on the organization of the laboratory sessions will with the necessary. The teacher will monitor the practice, will address the doubts in the implementation and provide guidance on how to make reports, organizing results and conclusions. At the end of the sessions, the teacher will distribute a series of questions that students will develop and deliver to the teacher within a certain time.

Visits to centers of interest for the subject will be scheduled. The aim of them is to show in site day to day, process and facilities of a company to apply theoretical knowledge. To make the most of the experience, a previous study of the company will be asked, whenever possible, and the professor will address the doubts. At the end of the visit, a report will be delivered to the teacher.

EVALUATION

Written test to ensure knowledge and understanding of established theoretical minimum content for the subject (60%). The written test will include questions about theoretical sessions and visits.

Continuous evaluation with the possible implementation, presentation and defense of individual and group reports on topics related to the contents explained and discussed during visits or seminars. The level of understanding of content and skills to their exposure, advocacy and discussion will be appreciated, when it would be possible. (20%)

Assessment of practice sessions work by monitoring the work with detailed and organized reports. (10%) In addition, an exam about the lab sessions will be carried out (10%).

It is necessary to acquire 5 out of 10 points in the written test to pass the subject. Attendance at practices and visits is mandatory to pass the subject.

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