COURSE DATA

DATA SUBJECT

Code: 36446
Name: Spatial and geographical analysis
Cycle: Undergraduate Studies
ECTS Credits: 4.5
Academic year: 2026-27

STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1406 - Degree in Data Science	Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria	4	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1406 - Degree in Data Science	Spatial and Geographical Analysis	ELECTIVES

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

The subject Spatial and Geographic Analysis provides the necessary knowledge to address the analysis of geographic information and the inference and prediction in spatial statistical models. The main purpose is to distinguish the type of spatial data, classified into geostatistical data, point patterns and lattice data. The representation and treatment of geographic information are essential tools for the professional specialized in spatial data. For each type of data, specific objectives are raised, models are designed and appropriate methods are used.
The theory classes will be taught in Spanish and the practical and laboratory classes will be taught according to the subject description available in the web page of the Degree.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The previous training in probability, simulation, inference, Bayesian methods, linear models and time series

provided by various compulsory subjects various compulsory subjects allows the students to follow the contents of the program adequately.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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(CB4) Students must be able to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both expert and lay audiences.

(CB5) Students must have developed the learning skills needed to undertake further study with a high degree of autonomy.

(CE05) To understand the most relevant fields of application of data science and understand how data science is used to base and perform decision-making based on data

(CE15) Ability to model and analyse the uncertainty in data-based studies, as well as to know how to interpret and contextualise the results obtained.

(CG03) Capability to elaborate models, calculations, reports, to plan tasks and other works analogous to the specific field of data science.

(CG05) Analysis and synthesis capability in the preparation of reports and in the defence of ideas.

(CG07) Ability to autonomously make decisions and to properly and originally elaborate reasoned arguments, in order to obtain reasonable and contrastable hypotheses.

(CT05) Ability to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of different methodological and / or technological alternatives in different fields of application.

Students must be able to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional manner and have acquired the competences required for the preparation and defence of arguments and for problem solving in their field of study.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Types of spatial data

Geostatistical data.
Point patterns.
Lattice data.

Spatial variability.
Spatial relationships.

2. Spatial representation

Spatial variability.
Exploratory analysis of spatial data.
Elaboration of maps.
Geographical projections.
Integration of spatial elements.

3. Geographic Information Systems

Geographic Information.
GIS functionality.
Types of geographic data.
Statistical integration in GIS.

4. Geostatistics

Continuous stationary processes.
Variogram estimation.
Structure of spatial variability.
Spatial prediction.
Bayesian Kriging.

5. Point patterns

Exploration of point patterns.
Point processes.
Models of point processes.
Inference in point patterns.
Bayesian Cox processes.

6. Lattice data

Exploratory analysis of lattice data.
Markov random fields.
Automodels.
Inference in Markovian random fields.
Spatial smoothing models.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theory	24,00
Laboratory	15,00
Classroom practices	6,00
Total hours	**45,00**

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	30,00
Independent study and work	12,50
Preparation of lessons	10,00
Preparation for assessment activities	10,00
Resolution of case studies	5,00
Total hours	**67,50**

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

MD1 - Theoretical activities. Expository development of the subject with the participation of the students in the resolution of specific questions. (CG05, CG07, CB5, CE05).
MD2 - Practical activities. Learning by solving problems, exercises and case studies through which competences on the different aspects of the subject are acquired (CG03, CB4, CE15).
MD4 - Laboratory and/or computer classroom work. Learning through the realization of activities developed individually or in small groups and carried out in laboratories and/or computer classrooms (CT05, CE05, CE15).

EVALUATION

SE2 - Evaluation of the practical activities based on the elaboration of the results reports. This section of the evaluation will count for 80% of the final grade of the course. (CG03, CG05, CG07, CB4, CB5, CT05, CE05, CE15).
SE3 - Continuous evaluation, based on the participation and degree of involvement of the student in the teaching-learning process, based on the resolution of questions proposed periodically. This section of the evaluation will count for 20% of the final grade of the course and is not recoverable. (CG03, CG05, CG07, CB4, CB5, CT05, CE05, CE15).

Copying or plagiarism of any activity that is part of the evaluation will result in the impossibility of passing the course, and the student will then be subject to the appropriate disciplinary procedures indicated in the ACTION PROTOCOL FOR FRAUDULENT PRACTICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA (ACGUV 123/2020).

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